

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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2024 IMPORTANT DATES:

No. 16 Friday 22nd November 2024

Mon	11 Nov 18 Nov 25 Nov 2 Dec 9 Dec	P-4 Swimming Lessons Sessions
Mon	25 Nov	Monday Muster: Writer's Festival Parents please attend 3.15pm -4.30pm
Wed	27 Nov	Whole School Colour Fun Run Fundraiser
Fri	29 Nov	Grade 1/2 Dinner & Grade 2 Sleep over
Fri	6 Dec	Whole School Billycart Race 2.30pm Parents and Carers are most welcome to attend.
Tue	10 Dec	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wed	11 Dec	Grade 5/6 Celebration: Funfields
Wed	11 Dec	3/4 Class Parties
Thur	12 Dec	P 1/2 & 5/6 Class Parties
Mon	16 Dec	Whole School Semester 2 Student Reports shared via Compass
Tues	17 Dec	Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
Thur	19 Dec	Meet the Teacher for 2025
Fri	20 Dec	12pm WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Last day of Term 4, 2024 Students dismissed at 1.15.

From the Assistant Principal

Prep 2025 Transitions

We have hosted our Preps for 2025 for three transition sessions now, and we have very much enjoyed meeting our new students and families. We look forward to them starting school, and were very impressed with their play and learning together for the last three Friday mornings.

Whole-School Transition

Safely navigating transition from year to year is crucial to a child's healthy development and wellbeing. This can lay the foundation for a future of learning and better outcomes. Likewise, children are able to grow, develop and learn best when they are feeling safe with a sense of belonging. At TWPS we pride ourselves on the purposeful and carefully planned transition sessions we facilitate at the end of each year. This week our students had their first session on Thursday afternoon, where they learnt about what to expect next year and some highlights to look forward to. We are looking forward to seeing a boost in their confidence and preparedness for a new year and a new teacher in 2025!

Writer's Festival Monday

This coming Monday, 25th of November we will be holding the first TWPS Writer's Festival. Our students cannot wait to showcase their love of language, literacy and expression in this open evening. The Festival will be held in classrooms around the school. On Monday, families are invited to come to the school between 3:15pm to 4:30pm to celebrate their child's writing. Please join us to have a look at some more wonderful, rich, writing our amazing authors have produced.

Student Support Group Meetings (SSGs)

We have finished our final SSGs for Term 4, and what a success they were! It was a wonderful to hear about so many successful meetings. Thank you to the classroom teachers, Mrs Colakovski and Miss Chantelle, who worked with our students and their teachers and parents/carers on their learning and wellbeing goals.

Congratulations to Miss Chantelle!

Next week, Miss Chantelle is getting married! She will be going on her honeymoon to the USA and Canada after that, so we wish her all the best in her exciting wedding and honeymoon ahead. We look forward to seeing her back in 2025 as Mrs Chantelle!

James Crotti

Assistant Principal

Some children look the same. But some of us are a little bit... **Different!**



Being different means you can be your true self.
Friends will like you for who you really are.
You will find your own creative ways of doing things
and can bring new ideas to the world!

If everyone was the same, the world would be really boring!



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FRIENDLY REMINDER:

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL HATS WHEN OUTSIDE.

If your child has lost their hat, they can be purchased at the office for \$14.

Thomastown West Primary School is pleased to announce that we are now a SunSmart School.

The SunSmart program is dedicated to reducing skin cancer incidence, illness and mortality through a targeted prevention and early detection program.

The objectives of the SunSmart Program is:

1. Improve and monitor skin cancer prevention awareness, knowledge, attitudes and behaviour
2. Support priority populations to detect cancers earlier.
3. Advocate for strategies that aim to reduce the health and economic burdens of skin cancer.

Thomastown West Primary School recommends that from September 1st to end of April, and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above, students come to school wearing sun-protective clothing such as:

- loose, cool, closely-woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and skirts
- **a wide brim hat/ bucket or legionnaire style hat to be worn in September 1st to the end of April.**

For the best protection use all five forms of sun protection-clothing, sunscreen, a broad brim hat, shade and sunglasses-when the UV is 3 and above.

For more information on how to be SunSmart, click on the link below.

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/>



**THIS MONDAY
WE ARE CELEBRATING
OUR STUDENTS' WRITING**

***TWPS - MONDAY
MUSTER-STUDENT
WRITING SHOWCASE***

*You're invited to meet with
our talented writers and
read their amazing work.*

***When: Monday 25th November,
2024***

Time: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Where: In your child's classroom

From Term 4: Free Breakfast Club at the Hub from 7:45am



What about Before School care?

From Term 4, there will no longer be Before School Care at the Multi-Purpose Room.

Instead, TWPS will offer a FREE Breakfast Club at our Community Hub from 7:45am.

Thomastown West Primary School will return to our traditional TWPS Breakfast Club but with a few necessary changes!

- Breakfast Club will open at 7:45am.
- Breakfast Club is FREE.
- Breakfast Club will operate from our Thomastown West Community Hub.
- **Students will enter Breakfast Club via the single Hub gate on Main Street.**
- From 7:45am - 8:15am parents or carers must drop their child at Breakfast Club and sign them in.
- From 8:15am students may arrive at Breakfast Club in the Hub and sign in without their parents or carers.
- Students are encouraged to bring a small toy or game to play. There are plenty of books to read at the Hub.
- The Breakfast Club will close at 8:30am and the single Hub gate on Main Street will be closed.
- At 8:30am the double gates at the front entrance of our school will be opened for students to enter.



Stars of the Week



Term 4 - Week 5

Aliyah	2	For her fantastic persuasive writing piece convincing her readers why winter is the best season.
Brian	3	For being responsible at swimming and getting dressed all by himself. Great work Brian.
Khadija	5	For showing resilience when completing challenging tasks. Well done for having a go!
Aysha	6	For showing reliance when building friendships with her peers.
Baraa	9	For striving to be his best during his reading test and progressing 2 levels. Well Done!!
Latoiya	10	For exhibiting responsibility as Class Captain while mentoring classmates interested in pursuing leadership opportunities.
Jamie	11	For using thoughtful strategies to calculate volume in Maths with accuracy and confidence. Your book is neatly organised with clear steps—fantastic work!"
Diana	12	For striving to be his best and for explaining and justifying his mathematical thinking during spotlighting.
Hannah	15	For consistently demonstrating respect towards classmates and teachers by listening attentively, valuing others' ideas, and showing kindness in all interactions
Gurasees	16	For putting in a pleasing effort during online Maths testing, staying focused and determined—well done Gurasees!
Christian	17	For showing empathy towards his classmates and being a great friend.
Emaan Rm 15		STEM :For being a responsible helper in the STEM room!
Fonzie		ART : For being a creative, original thinker when designing an amazing Guiseppe Arcimboldo fruit and vegetable face. What a star!

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Term 4 - Week 5



Term 4 - Week 6





Stars of the Week



Term 4 - Week 6

Julian Zara	2	For being a responsible role model in our classroom taking pride in our learning space.
Nardin	3	For being responsible in her learning and stepping up and tackling all work more confidently.
Isabel	5	For striving to be her best when creating a persuasive writing showcasing her opinion on which is the best season.
Julian	6	For Striving to be his best when completing his Essential Assessment learning task. Keep up the great work Julian.
Aala	9	For striving to be her best and participating in class discussion and sharing her ideas in Maths.
Ahmad	10	For demonstrating strong leadership as a Class Captain and providing guidance to peers aspiring to take on leadership roles.
Diana	11	For using thoughtful strategies to calculate volume in math's with accuracy and confidence. Your book is neatly organised with clear steps—fantastic work!
Albraa	12	For striving to be his best during his reading test and progressing 4 levels. Well Done!!
Sara	15	For showing responsibility by always completing tasks carefully, and with consistent effort.
Imran	16	Imran has made impressive progress in handwriting, with much clearer and more consistent lettering—great job!
Aryan	17	For making great progress with his reading. Keep it up.
Jenna Rm 16		STEM: For being an enthusiastic student and aiming to code cool Lego designs using Spike Essentials.
Ahmed (9)		ART: For demonstrating a real talent and desire to learn how to sew different stitches. Sensational effort Ahmed!

It's NOT OK to BE AWAY UNLESS YOU ARE SICK!

Please support our school community by keeping your children at home while they are unwell. The table below indicates the duration of your child's recovery period and the period during which they should refrain from attending school while infectious.

<i>Chicken Pox</i>	Until fully recovered. Please note some remaining scabs are not an indication for continued exclusion.
<i>Conjunctivitis</i>	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.
<i>COVID-19</i>	Your child's safety is our priority. Thomastown West PS has a COVID-Safe Plan. Up-to-date Department of Health instructions will be shared by the school, when needed. Please contact the school if your child has Covid.
<i>Head Lice</i>	Until treated with solution as recommended by the City of Whittlesea, Health Office.
<i>Impetigo</i>	Until sores have fully healed. The child may be allowed to return provided that appropriate treatment is being applied and that sores on exposed surfaces such as scalp, face, hands and legs are properly covered with occlusive dressings.
<i>Measles</i>	For at least seven days from the appearance of the rash or until medical certificate of recovery is produced.
<i>Mumps</i>	Until fully recovered
<i>Ringworm</i>	Until appropriate treatment has commenced and is supported by a medical certificate.
<i>Rubella</i>	Until fully recovered and at least 4 days from the onset of the rash.
<i>Scarlet Fever</i>	Until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.
<i>Viral Hepatitis</i>	Until a medical certificate of recovery is produced, or on subsidence of symptoms but not before seven days after onset of jaundice.
<i>Whooping Cough</i>	For four weeks or until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.

Every day of Learning Counts

Term 4 Week 6 Student Attendance Report

As part of the Department of Education *Every Day Counts* initiative, schools report attendance in percentages. **The Government regard 95% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for a school student.**

The percentages in the table below indicates the average attendance for each class for this week.

The shaded boxes below indicate which classroom has the highest level of attendance for their year level.

Prep	Last Newsletter	This Weeks newsletter	Year 5/6	Last Newsletter	This Weeks Newsletter
Room 2	88%	84%	Room 9	86%	88%
Room 3	85%	87%	Room 10	93%	 96%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	88%	90%
Room 5	80%	82%	Room 12	91%	91%
Room 6	78%	84%	Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week
			Room 15	81%	85%
			Room 16	84%	86%
			Room 17	90%	89%

Every day of learning really does count!

At TWPS we want every child to achieve their full potential and we know that parents share this goal. There is a clear link between good attendance and educational achievement. If your child is not in school, on time, as often as possible they will be missing out on many important parts of their education.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day...

✓they learn better ✓they make friends ✓they are happier ✓they have a brighter future

If your child is sick, of course it is appropriate to keep your child at home but

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start!		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress.	



Cup of Life

Well done to all the boys and girls who are attending school every day.

Congratulations

The room that had the BEST ATTENDANCE
For Term 4 Week 6 is Room 10

TWPS CUP OF LIFE UPDATE

Who will win the free bowling excursion at the end of the year??

Room 2	Term 1 Wk 4	Term 1 Wk 5	Term 4 Wk 1						
Room 3	Term 2 Wk 9								
Room 5	Term 2 Wk 6	Term 3 Wk 7	Term 3 Wk 8	Term 3 Wk 9					
Room 6									
Room 9	Term 3 Wk 1	Term 4 Wk 5							
Room 10	Term 2 Wk 8	Term 3 Wk 4	Term 4 Wk 4	Term 4 Wk 6					
Room 11	Term 2 Wk 5	Term 3 Wk 2	Term 3 Wk 6						
Room 12	Term 1 Wk 6	Term 1 Wk 7	Term 1 Wk 8	Term 2 Wk 1	Term 2 Wk 2	Term 3 Wk 10	Term 4 Wk 3		
Room 15									
Room 16	Term 2 Wk 7	Term 2 Wk 10	Term 2 Wk 11						
Room 17	Term 2 Wk 3	Term 2 Wk 4	Term 3 Wk 3	Term 3 Wk 5	Term 4 Wk 2				

Top Dojo Earners



Congratulations to Room 16 with 125 Dojo Points

You are the class with the highest number of Dojo points this week!



	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
Prep/1	Aishe 7 Dojo Points	Jayden 5 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Amaanat 4 Dojo Points	Isabella 7 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Alex A 10 Dojo Points	Molly 8 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Chloe & Abbie 5 Dojo Points	Dalia 5 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Alex A 10 Dojo Points	Molly 8 Points
The classroom with the most Dojo points	Room 3 105 Dojo Points	Room 16 125 Dojo Points

Assemblies

TEAM ASSEMBLY In your child's building	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Multipurpose Room/ Basketball court
Term 4 Week 1 Friday 11th October 2:30pm ✓	Term 4 Week 2 Friday 18th October 2:30pm ✓
Term 4 Week 3 Friday 25th October 2:30pm ✓	Term 4 Week 4 Friday 1st November 2:30pm ✓
Term 4 Week 5 Friday 8th November 2:30pm ✓	Term 4 Week 6 Friday 15th November 2:30pm ✓
Term 4 Week 7 Friday 22nd November 2:30pm	Term 4 Week 8 Friday 29th November 2.30pm
Term 4 Week 9 Friday 6th December 2:30pm	Term 4 Week 10 Friday 13th December 2:30pm
Term 4 Week 11 Friday 20th December 12.00pm	

COLOUR FUN RUN

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few weeks ago, we sent home an information brochure about our **Term 4 fundraiser: our Colour Fun Run. This fundraiser celebrates the diversity of our students!** We've noticed that many families have not had the chance to set up their online COLOUR FUN RUN profile yet, and we understand that it might have been a bit tricky.

Great news! We've made it easier for your child to join the fun and support our school fundraiser. **Simply complete the form below and return it along with a \$10 participation donation per family.** Every participant will receive a **FREE icy pole** on the day!

Thank you for supporting our school! Funds raised will go toward **upgrading our basketball court** and purchasing new **sports equipment**.

WHEN: Wednesday 27th November

TIME: 2:15pm

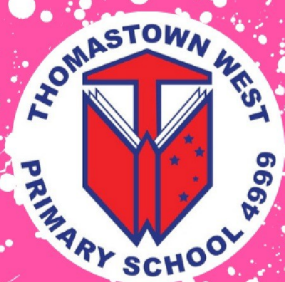
LOCATION: TWPS Oval

CLOTHING:

☒ Casual clothes with a white T-shirt.

YOUR NEXT STEP:

☒ Complete the form below and return it to school with your fundraising donation.



Parents
and Carers are
welcome to attend!

*If your family has already set up an online profile, there's no need to fill out this form.



WEEKLY RECAP



Term 4 Week 5

This week at Thomastown West PS Their Care...

MINION Week .

This week at Thomastown West Their Care our theme was Minion week .The children had so much fun creating Minion Crafts. They created such beautiful MINION Puzzles using popsicle sticks. The children collaborated quite beautifully when drawing together discussing their imagination. I created a beautiful booklet showcasing all their creative work from the week and gave it to them at the end. They felt so proud, and the parents really appreciated it as well.

Looking forward to next week with them .I hope everyone has a lovely weekend!

•Photo highlights of the week!!



Next week's theme a Thomastown West Theircare....



- ✓ **Thomastown West Theircare open from 3:15pm to 6:15pm.**
- ✓ *Please ensure that you are cancelling your booking 24 hours prior to the session to avoid paying. Please ensure to add children in for a session or let us know beforehand to make necessary changes as early as possible.*

Thank you

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Term 4 Week 6

This week at Thomastown West PS Their Care...

SUMMERS

This week at Thomastown West Their Care our theme was “Summers” .The children had so much fun creating vibrant artwork. The kids were excited about summers and shared stories about their upcoming holiday plan. The children collaborated quite beautifully when drawing together discussing their imagination. The kids were also reminded to protect themselves while enjoying the sun like staying hydrated, wearing hats and sunscreen.

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Thank you

Thomastown West Coordinator Annie.



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TERM 4 2024				
OCTOBER	Tues 8th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 15th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 22nd 1pm - 4pm	Tues 29th 1pm - 4pm
NOVEMBER	Tues 12th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 19th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 26th 1pm - 4pm	
DECEMBER	Tues 3rd 1pm - 4pm	Tues 10th 10.00am - 4.30pm	Tues 17th 1pm - 4pm	



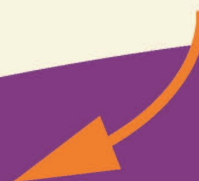
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4 December**

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