

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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2024 IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	2 Dec 9 Dec	P-4 Swimming Lessons Sessions
Fri	6 Dec	Whole School Billycart Race 2.30pm <i>Parents and Carers are most welcome to attend.</i>
Tue	10 Dec	School Council Meeting 6.30pm Final meeting for the year
Wed	11 Dec	Grade 5/6 Celebration: Funfields
Wed	11 Dec	3/4 Class Party
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 <i>Students dismissed at 1.15.</i>

No. 17 Friday 29th November 2024

From the Principal Team

School Captains for 2025

We are very proud and excited to announce that, after 21 amazing speeches in front of all our grade 2-6s by our 5/6 students, 10 interviews from outstanding candidates and votes cast by students and staff, we have some exciting news:

- ✓ **Our School Captains for 2025 are:** Chloe and Denison
- ✓ **Our Student Voice Captains are:** Yosra and Raphael
- ✓ **Our Student Representative Council Captains are:** Maria and Dakota

Congratulations our new 2025 Captains, and to everyone who bravely wrote and spoke to the large audience and were interviewed. You should all be very proud, and the high quality made it very hard for all of us to choose. We will introduce our 2025 Captains at the final assembly of the term 4, 12pm Friday 20th December.

Colour Fun Run Success

A huge thank you to our families and students for your understanding and flexibility with the last-minute time change for our Colour Fun Run! There were storms predicted with a high pollen count and a thunderstorm asthma warning, so we decided to move it earlier in the day. The event was an incredible success, filled with laughter, energy, and plenty of colourful fun. It was heartwarming to see students, parents, and staff coming together, enjoying the day, celebrating the diversity in our school community and creating lasting memories. Every

student received a pair of sunglasses, and students that raised money will receive their prizes once they are delivered to the school. Your support and enthusiasm made it all the more special—thank you for making it such an unforgettable experience! We hope you enjoy the photos in this newsletter!

Intra-School Transition: Preparing for 2025!

Smooth transitions between year levels are vital for a child's development and overall wellbeing, laying the groundwork for future learning and success. At TWPS, we understand that children thrive when they feel safe and have a sense of belonging. That's why we take pride in our thoughtfully planned transition sessions held at the end of each year. This week, students participated in their third session on Tuesday afternoon, where they explored what to expect next year and the exciting highlights ahead. We look forward to seeing their confidence and readiness grow as they prepare for 2025 with a new teacher and fresh opportunities!

Year 1/2 Dinner & Year 2 Sleepover Tonight

Last night, the Year 1 Dinner and Year 2 Sleepover took place with much excitement! It was a fantastic evening, with the P-2 building packed with sleeping bags, teddies, and eager students. Pizza and chips were enjoyed before games and a disco lit up the night. A BIG thank you to our amazing Year 1/2 teachers and Selma Raif for making the evening so special!

Parent Contributions and Payments for 2025

IMPORTANT REMINDER: To ensure your child's BOOK PACK is **delivered on time, ready for the first week at school, orders must be placed before 15th December 2024.** The 15th December is the last day to order to guarantee student's pack is delivered to the school before Term 1 begins.

Orders will be accepted over the December/January holidays HOWEVER, orders after 15/12/24, MAXIM will charge a LATE FEE of \$15.00 and items will be delivered during the first 2 weeks of Term 1 instead.

The LAST CHANCE to order your child's BOOK PACK is the last day Term 1 Week 1 in 2025. Orders will not be accepted after 31st January 2025.

Financial Support for Families is available!

Thomastown West Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options. For a confidential discussion about accessing support, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, phone 03 9465 4317.

Sandi Young

James Crotti

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



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COLOUR FUN RUN

Thank you for all your support. It is with great pleasure to share that our Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun was a huge success.

It is fantastic to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school. Seeing the smiles on the student's faces and everyone coming together as they ran /walked was truly amazing!

We raised **\$3,868.27**, which will go toward Funds raised will go towards our basketball court and purchasing new sports equipment.

The incentive prizes have been ordered and are on their way. Once we receive the prize order at the school we will sort and distribute them in a timely manner.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your support and fundraising efforts.

More photos throughout the Newsletter.



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/>



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.



2024



T.W.P.S
Colour Fun Run





Stars of the Week



Term 4 - Week 7

Kenan	2	For showing empathy and being a great friend and helping the new student in our grade.
Charlotte	3	Challenging herself when writing and extending her sentences to make them more interesting.
Rakan	5	For striving to be his best by contributing to class discussions about healthy eating.
Giselle	6	For striving her best while working independently by staying focused. Keep it up Giselle!
Alex	9	For always showing integrity and being a leader in the classroom.
Krystal	10	For always striving to be her best. You are an excellent role model for your classmates. Well done Krystal.
Dakota	11	Congratulations on your fantastic explanation text about the digestive system! Your detailed explanation and creative approach showcased both your knowledge and hard work. Well done!
Viva	12	For demonstrating her creativity and striving to be her best in Maths especially during spotlighting!!
Emaan	15	For having a go at difficult tasks, being willing to make mistakes and listen to teacher feedback to grow her learning.
Leslie	16	For doing a great job with comparing and contrasting non-fiction texts.
Adem	17	For showing enthusiasm during Maths lessons and always willing to share his reasoning.
Emad Rm 11		STEM :For working really hard to build the billy carts and helping other teams!
Yousif Ali		PE : Congratulations on achieving the highest beep test score at TWPS 9.7 Well done!
Zara R2		ART :For working patiently and carefully when cutting out fruit and vegetables to make a funny face! A fantastic effort Zara!

Stars of the Week

Term 4 - Week 7



Term 4 - Week 8





Stars of the Week



Term 4 - Week 8

Helda	2	. For showing Resilience and being brave during her first weeks of school.
Elexyo	3	Attempting all set tasks to the best of his ability.
Aisla	5	For striving to be her best when creating diagrams of halves and quarters in her Maths book.
Ali	6	For showing resilience while settling into your new school and classroom.
Elena	9	For always striving to be her best in learning tasks and being a responsible member of the classroom.
Abbie	10	For showing resilience and a growth mindset after receiving disappointing news. Well done Abbie.
Fatima	11	For delivering a thoughtful speech and demonstrating incredible resilience when she didn't advance to the next round. Your determination and grace are admirable!
Harraz	12	For consistently demonstrating respect towards his teachers and classmates.
Baria	15	For making an effort to write meaningful sentences in writing.
Alexander.M	16	For reading so beautifully and answering questions about the text so confidently.
Shakira	17	For always trying hard with her work and going that extra mile.
Victoria Room 11		STEM: For being a great leader in her team and leading the billy cart build!
Joyce Room 16		ART: For taking great care designing and making a delicious, colourful ice-cream sundae! Yum! Yum!
Xander Lam		PE For showing great resilience during our cricket session. Great to see you never giving up and trying your best. Well done!



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 8 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	84%	83%	Room 9	88%	 87%
Room 3	87%	86%	Room 10	96%	85%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	90%	84%
Room 5	82%	84%	Room 12	91%	83%
Room 6	84%	72%	Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week
			Room 15	85%	84%
			Room 16	86%	84%
			Room 17	89%	85%

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 other 'days off' school add up to lost learning. See below:

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 8 is Room 9

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	Term 4 Wk 7					
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	Term 4 Wk 8						
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 Room11 with 287 Dojo Points

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



	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
Prep/1	Krista 15 Dojo Points	Elexzyo 10 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Israa 15 Dojo Points	Israa 6 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Steven 18 Dojo Points	Emaan 20 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Room 9 (All Students) 45 Dojo Points	Abbie & Chloe 25 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Room 9 (All Students) 45 Dojo Points	Abbie & Chloe 25 Dojo Points
The classroom with the most Dojo points	Room 9 865 Dojo Points	Room 11 287 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	



WEEKLY RECAP

TERM 4 WEEK 8

This week at Thomastown West PS Theircare...

“KIRBY WEEK”



Kirby Week was an engaging and fun-filled celebration that allowed children to explore creativity, teamwork, and the joy of play through various Kirby-themed activities.

Children created their own Kirby characters using arts and crafts materials. They used paper, markers, and other supplies to design unique versions of Kirby and his friends.

Kirby Week was a delightful success, promoting creativity, teamwork, and healthy eating in a fun and interactive way. Future programs could build on this success by introducing more themed weeks that explore different characters and stories.

Photo Highlight



Next Week's Theme: **UNICORN**



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! Thomastown West Coordinator **ANNIE**

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THEME THIS WEEK

"KIRBY"

This week at Thomastown West PS was all about "KIRBY" while we wrap up Kirby Week, we want to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic experiences we shared together. This week has been filled with creativity, teamwork, and fun as the children engaged in various activities inspired by the beloved Kirby character. The activities provided opportunities for children to express themselves and communicate effectively, enhancing their social skills and confidence. We encourage everyone to share their thoughts on what they enjoyed most about Kirby Week and any suggestions for future themed weeks

REMINDER:

Please ensure that you cancel 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.



A few Positives

Dedicated a small area on the wall to display each child's creative imagination according to each week's theme.

The idea that their work gets displayed on the wall encourages them. They were all thrilled with the display. Their work was also being labelled by asking them about their creations, and they felt confident and proud.

Additionally, conclude the week by providing them with a take home booklet featuring all of their creations based on the week's theme.



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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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