Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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2024 IMPORTANT DATES:

No.18 Thursday 19th December 2024

		12pm WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Fri	20 Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2024
		Students dismissed at 1:15pm

2025 IMPORTANT DATES:

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Tues	28 Jan	Curriculum Day Students do not attend school
Wed	29 Jan	Term 1 Begins for students in Years 1-6
Fri	31 Jan	Term 1 Begins for Prep students
Mon -Fri	10 - 14 Feb	Cottage By the Sea Grade 5/6 Camp
Tues	18 Feb	Kaboom Sports Family Fun morning 9am - 10:45am Please join us!
Tues	18 Feb	School Council 6:30pm
Tues	25 Feb	Grades 3-6 Brainstorm Production incursion: Being Brave
Wed	26 Feb	TWPS Review Day One: Validation Day
Tues	4 Mar	Grade 5/6 GRIP Leadership Conference
Mon	10 Mar	Public Holiday Students do not attend school
Wed	12 Mar	TWPS Review FIELD DAY #1
Wed	13 Mar	TWPS Review FIELD DAY #2
Wed	12 - 21 Mar	NAPLAN Grades 3 and 5
Tues	14 Mar	Grades P-2 Brainstorm Production incursion: Being Brave
Tues	18 Mar	School Council 6:30pm
Fri	21 Mar	SRC EVENT: HARMONY DAY
Wed	26 Mar	TWPS Review Final Day
Thur	27 Mar	Curriculum Day Students do not attend school
Wed	2 Apr	PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES Students only attend school at the time of their conference.
Fri	4 Apr	12pm WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Last day of Term 1, 2025 Students dismissed at 1:15pm

From the Principal Team

As we reflect on this year, Mr Crotti and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the incredible staff at Thomastown West who always go the extra mile in supporting our students and families. Thank you to our talented teachers, wonderful Wellbeing team, dedicated Education Support staff, and the exceptional Office team! To our fabulous parents, carers, and school community – thank you for your ongoing partnership and support throughout 2024. At Thomastown West, we know that working together enhances student learning and wellbeing. A special thank-you to the parent and carer helpers who generously give their time to assist with school programs and fund raising events.

Finally, a huge thank-you to our amazing students for striving to be their best and living our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, and Empathy. We are so proud of your achievements in learning, wellbeing, and leadership this year!

School Council

On Tuesday 10th December, School Council met for the last meeting of 2024 and reviewed our draft 2025 budget and reviewed one final policy for the year. School Council will meet again in February, before elections in March 2025. We would like to thank all the School Council members for their work over 2024. They have been dedicated and committed to continuing the effective governance of our school, especially with the 38 policies they have reviewed and approved this year!

Parent Representatives

- Paul Johanson (School Council President)
- · Caz Dunnell · Zac Evans · Emily Calogero
- Liz SkitchHusam Assi
- Beck Edgell Community Member
- Slav Ilic Community Member

Department Representatives

- Suzi Ilic
 Violeta Colakovski
- James Crotti
 Sandi Young

Term	Starting date	Finishing date
Term 1	Students in Years 1 - 6: Wednesday 29th January Prep students: Friday 31 st January	Friday 4 th April
Term 2	Tuesday 22 nd April	Friday 4 th July
Term 3	Monday 21 st July	Friday 19 th September
Term 4	Monday 6 th October	Friday 19 th December

Our School Review will be held in Term 1 2025

All schools must participate in a school review every 4 years. You will notice that I have included the allocated days in our important dates calendar. A school review evaluates the school's performance and informs the development of the school's 4-year School Strategic Plan. WHAT HAPPENS DURING A SCHOOL REVIEW?

- 1. **Validation Day**: The panel reviews the school's selfevaluation, identifies focus areas for investigation and plans evidence-gathering activities.
- 2. **Fieldwork**: The panel gathers evidence through classroom visits, document reviews, and interviews with staff, students and parents. (We will send home invitations early next year.)
- 3. **Final Panel Day**: The panel reviews findings, identifies strengths and areas for growth, and develops goals and strategies for the next School Strategic Plan.

The Review process ensures continuous improvement in student learning and wellbeing.

Child safety and wellbeing at Thomastown West PS information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new <u>Child Safe Standards</u> to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Thomastown West PS has had a very busy semester collaborating with staff and School Council updating our Child Safety school policies. You can find all of our policies on our school website:

https://www.thomwestps.vic.edu.au/page/101

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing. We welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions in relation to our child safe policies and practices, please contact thomastown.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

CCTV at our school

Thomastown West Primary School has made the decision to install a CCTV system that captures the school car park and the entrance to the school. This request has been approved by the Department of Education Security Unit and was endorsed by School Council on Tuesday 10th December at our final School Council meeting for the year.

Our school has an obligation to ensure the school environment is safe and secure, and fulfil our duty of care to students, staff and visitors. The CCTV system will assist our school to fulfil these obligations and to prevent and manage other inappropriate behaviour on school grounds. CCTV will also provide enhanced capability to protect our school's assets against vandalism and theft.

We will follow Department of Education and Training policy requirements for the design, installation, management and use of the CCTV systems. This policy is available at: CCTV in Schools — Installation and Management. The CCTV policy can also be found on our school website:

https://www.thomwestps.vic.edu.au/page/101

We will also place a CCTV Privacy Notice on our school website with more information about our school's use of CCTV before it is rolled out in early February 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns at this stage, please phone Sandi Young or James Crotti on 94654317 or email: thomastown.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

SEMESTER 2 STUDENT REPORTS

Yesterday, your child's Semester 2 report can be accessed via COMPASS. The instructions have been sent home earlier this week and are also included on page 5 in this newsletter. Please let your classroom teacher, the Office staff, Mr Crotti or myself know, if you would like any help in accessing or reading the report online.

MUSIC 2024

Thomastown West continues to be recognised for the exceptional musical and instrumental talents of our students! Last week was no exception, with the annual student instrumental performances and the Choir's annual performance at the Barry Road Community Centre for the Intergenerational day. Sincere thanks to Oscar Rosa for giving up many lunch times to teach instrumental music, band and choir to many of our students while supporting them to perform at their best in front of a large audience. Thank you to Mrs Jones who has also been supporting the school choir.

YEAR 6 2024

Last Wednesday 11th December our Grade 6s (with their Grade 5 classmates) attended Funfields to celebrate their final days in Primary School. The weather was perfect, everyone has told me about how the TWPS students represented our school superbly and fun was had by all!

On Tuesday night, our Grade 6 students celebrated their official graduation from primary school with a memorable ceremony at Ferraro Reception Centre in Campbellfield. This was followed by a delicious dinner with friends and the traditional graduation disco to finish off the evening! On behalf of the entire Thomastown West community, Mr Crotti and I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the 2024 graduating Grade 6 class. We wish all of our Grade 6 students continued success in the future, knowing that hard work and resilience will support and challenge them to achieve great things!

MEET THE TEACHER

This afternoon, our students finally met their 2025 teacher and class mates. Transitioning through change is difficult! Some children find this time of the year and the first few weeks of term next year, quite challenging. We completely understand! Students are leaving a

classroom where they have spent a year consolidating their relationships with their teacher and friends. I have explained to students that the teachers have been collaborating with Mr. Crotti and I. While we have been working very hard creating the 2025 classes, at times, there can be errors but there are also times, when we do need to separate friendships to maximise learning opportunities for students. We have spoken to the students about keeping an open mind, growth mindset and focus on the positive thoughts only. We have explained to the students that we would like them to 'Give it a go!' for the first 3 weeks of school. Then, if there is still a significant concern, we will arrange a Parent/Carer meeting to discuss additional supports.

Congratulations & Farewell

As the year draws to a close, we bid farewell to several valued members of our leadership and teaching team who have been appointed to positions in other schools. While it is always hard to see colleagues move on, we are proud to celebrate their achievements and the new opportunities that await them.

- Mr Josh Fielding has been appointed Assistant Principal at Deer Park Primary School.
- Mrs DeNiese has been appointed as a teacher at local Catholic school.
- Mr Nick has been appointed as a graduate teacher at school closer to his home.
- Miss Halabi's contract has come to an end, but I am sure we will see her again from Term 2, 2025.
- Ms Sheean will be taking leave in 2025.

Mr Crotti and I extend our heartfelt thanks for the dedication, expertise and care the above teachers have brought to our school community. Their tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on the lives of our students, colleagues, and families. Whether it was through inspiring lessons, innovative programs and timetables, or the countless ways you supported our school culture, your contributions have been deeply appreciated.

While you will be greatly missed, we know you will continue to shine in your new roles. We wish you every success and fulfillment in this next chapter of your careers. Thank you for being an integral part of our school family.

Best Wishes

We sadly say goodbye to some families this year who are moving houses, some in Victoria, some interstate and others to some of the new schools which are closer to their homes. We wish you all well for the future.

Welcome!

We welcome a number of new families to our school for the first time in 2024. We met many of our new students YESTERDAY afternoon for our MEET THE TEACHER intra-school transition session #6. Many have joined us because they have heard great reports about our wonderful school. I know you will join me in welcoming both students and their families to our community.

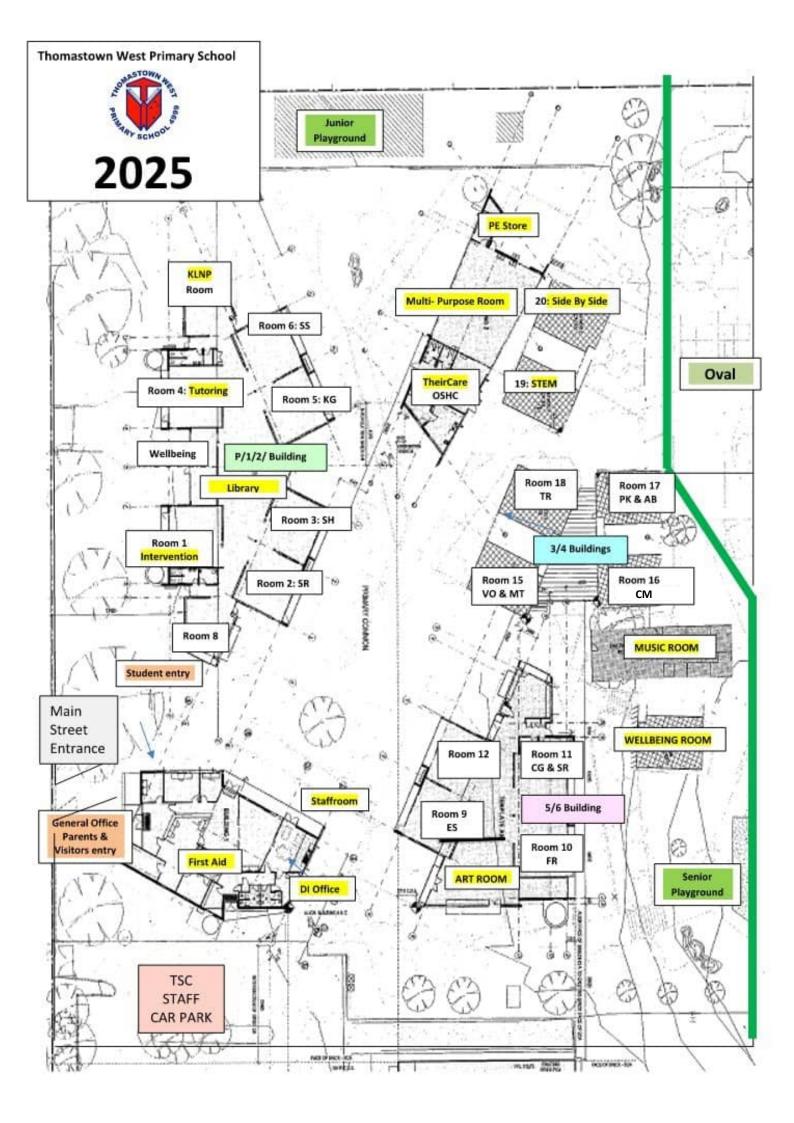
UNIFORMS & LOST PROPERTY

It can be heart breaking to see the amount of almost brand new pieces of clothing that come through lost property that cannot be identified and returned to its owner in a timely manner. If you get the chance, please check the lost property. If the weather is fine, lost property will be displayed outside tomorrow.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas! Looking forward to seeing you refreshed and recharged in the new year.

Sandi Young James Crotti Principal Assistant Principal

2025 classes	Names	2025 Rooms			
Prep/One	Samantha Rovtar	2			
Prep/One	Sue Hrovat	3			
Grade 1/2	Kiara Galea	5			
Grade 1/2	Silvana Skender	6			
Grade 3/4	Val Orsillo & Milly Taylor	15			
Grade 3/4	Christine McPhee	16			
Grade 3/4	Penny Koullinos & Alicia Bartholomew	17			
Grade 5/6	Effie Santiglia	9			
Grade 5/6	Fil Raif	10			
Grade 5/6	Connie Gaeta & Selma Raif	11			
Acting Learning Specialist	Tiz Rocca	18			
Visual Arts	Nour Ibrahim	Art room			
Music	Oscar Rosa	Music room			
PE	Selma Raif	MP room			
Science / STEM	Mr Rosa: Prep - 2s Mr Crotti: 3 - 6s	STEM room (Room 19)			
AUSLAN	ALL TEACHERS	Classrooms			
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader Nour Ibrahim & Violeta Colakovski		Intervention Office			
Student Welfare	Teacher Aides	Room 1			
Tutor	Tiz Rocca	Room 18 Room 8			
Teacher Aides	Genella Irons Carmen Bellofiore Chantelle Caruana Emily Kealy Kellie Firth Penni Vamvas	Room 1			



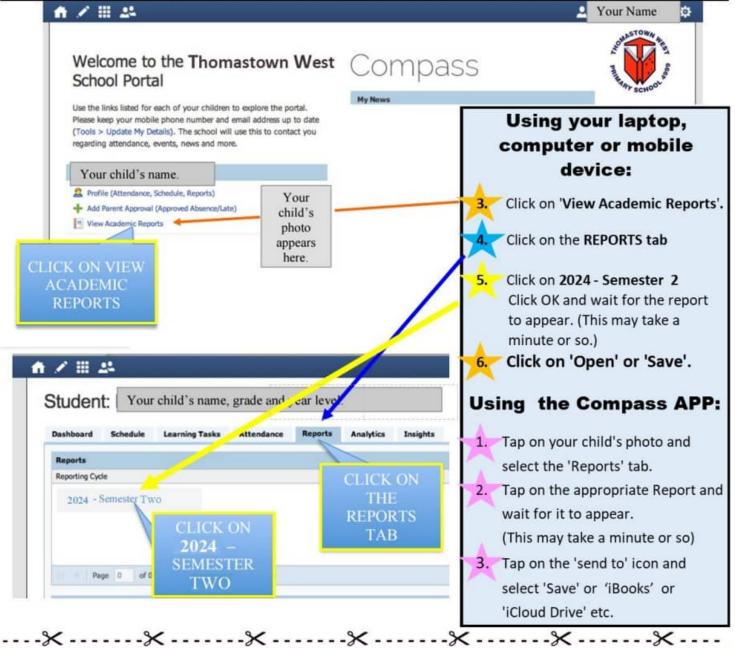
How do I access my child's Semester 2 Report on COMPASS?

Student Reports are NOW available on COMPASS



Log in to your Compass Parent account.

Click on Student Profile under your child's name.



Please return the note below if you...

If you:

- . DO NOT have access to the Internet and CANNOT view or see your child's report online using COMPASS
- CANNOT access a smart phone, device, laptop or computer

And as a result, you would like TWPS to PRINT A REPORT for your child(ren). We will send home the paper Semester Two Report with your child tomorrow.

✓ YES, please print my child's Semester 2 Report:

Name:	Room:
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Some children look the same. But some of us are a little bit...

Different!



Some are super energetic and love moving around.







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!



Education and Training





2024 Year 6 Graduates













Grade 6 Graduation photographs can be purchased online. To access the images please visit:

www.hmphotos.com.au

Password: TWPSG171224



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:

- Improve and monitor skin cancer prevention awareness, knowledge, attitudes and behaviour
- 2. Support priority populations to detect cancers earlier.
- 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 sunprotective 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/



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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 +

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Term 4 - Week 10

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Billy Cart Race Winners

What an incredible afternoon at the Billy Cart Race! Congratulations to our top three winners: King of Spades, Fiery Wolves of the Skittles and Bananaramas. They zoomed across the finish line with impressive skill and determination!

A big shout-out to everyone who participated—you all did your very best, and the energy and excitement were infectious. Beyond the race, we celebrated creativity with special prizes awarded for the Most Creative Logo and Most Creative Name.















Billy Cart Race







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.

Chicken Pox	Until fully recovered. Please note some remaining scabs are not an indication for continued exclusion.
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.
COVID-19	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.
Head Lice	Until treated with solution as recommended by the City of Whittlesea, Health Office.
Impetigo	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.
Measles	For at least seven days from the appearance of the rash or until medical certificate of recovery is produced.
Mumps	Until fully recovered
Ringworm	Until appropriate treatment has commenced and is supported by a medical certificate.
Rubella	Until fully recovered and at least 4 days from the onset of the rash.
Scarlet Fever	Until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.
Viral Hepatitis	Until a medical certificate of recovery is produced, or on subsidence of symptoms but not before seven days after onset of jaundice.
Whooping Cough	For four weeks or until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.

Every day of Learning Counts

Term 4 Week 10 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	83%	78%	Room 9	87%	66%	
Room 3	86%	81%	Room 10	85%	87%	
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	84%	** 88%	
Room 5	84%	83%	Room 12	83%	82%	
Room 6	m 6 72% 87%		Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week	
			Room 15	84%	83%	
			Room 16	84%	86%	
			Room 17	85%	84	

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 <u>but</u>

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 su child off to a	uccess. Gets your flying start!	Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress. Your child will find to make progress		The state of the s	



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 10 is Room 11

TWPS CUP OF LIFE UPDATE

Congratulations to Room 12 for winning the free bowling excursion!

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	Term 4 Wk 9				
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	Term 4 Wk 10				
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			

100% Attendance Term 4

Congratulations to the following students who have had 100% attendance for Term 4.

✓ Ava - Room 2 Aishe - Room 3 Krista – Room 3

✓ Aivana – Room 5 Jasmina - Room 5 Rakan - Room 5

✓ Steven – Room 6 Zarah - Room 16 Aysha - Room 6

✓ Alex - Room 9 Chloe - Room 10 Eric - Room 12

✓ Alexander – Room 16 Belal - Room 16 Well done to all

students who improved their attendance this

year!

100% Attendance Semester 2

Congratulations to the following.

✓ Krista – Room 3 Rakan rm – Room 5 Zarah - Room 16

✓ Alex – Room 9 Eric – Room 12

100% attendance for the entire year!

☑ Alex - Room 9 ☑ Eric - Room 12

Encouragement awards

Prep: Lujane – Room 3

Grade 1: Mieke-Room 5

Grade 2: Zakariya—Room 5

Grade 3: Emaan - Room 15

Grade 4: Liban - Room 16

Grade 5: Ahmed – Room 9

Grade 6: Harry – Room 11





Congratulations Room 12 who WON the Cup of Life and went bowling!

Top Dojo Earners



Congratulations to Room16 with 80 Dojo Points

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



	WEEK 9	WEEK 10
Prep/1	Room 03 All Students) 5 Dojo Points	Hunter Rm 3 11 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Julian 6 Dojo Points	Robbie Rm 5 4 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Liban 9 Dojo Points	Molly Rm 16 14 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Diana G 45 Dojo Points	Djaron Rm 10 5 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Diana G 45 Dojo Points	Molly Rm 16 14 Dojo Points
The classroom with the most Dojo points	Room 10 160 Dojo Points	Room 16 80 Dojo Points



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 TOMORROW 20/12/24 12.00pm



NEWSLETTER December 2024

Wow it's December!

Hi everyone,

As we approach the festive season, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the past term and express our gratitude for the wonderful journey we've had together at TheirCare. We have enjoyed engaging with the children and creating a supportive and fun environment for them during their time at TheirCare.



This week at Thomastown West Their Care our theme was "Holiday week". The children had so much fun creating vibrant artwork.

The children were reminded to protect themselves while enjoying the sun like staying hydrated and wearing hats and sunscreen when outdoors.



The children shared what they had planned for the upcoming Summer holidays.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families for your support and trust in TheirCare. Your feedback and involvement are invaluable to us and help us to continually improve our programs.

Wishing you all a joyful and safe holiday season. we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Special dates for the holidays



Holiday Program - 6th of January-28th January 2025. First day back to Term 1 2025 will be 29th January 2025.



From everyone at TheirCare, we wish you and your family a safe and happy holidays!



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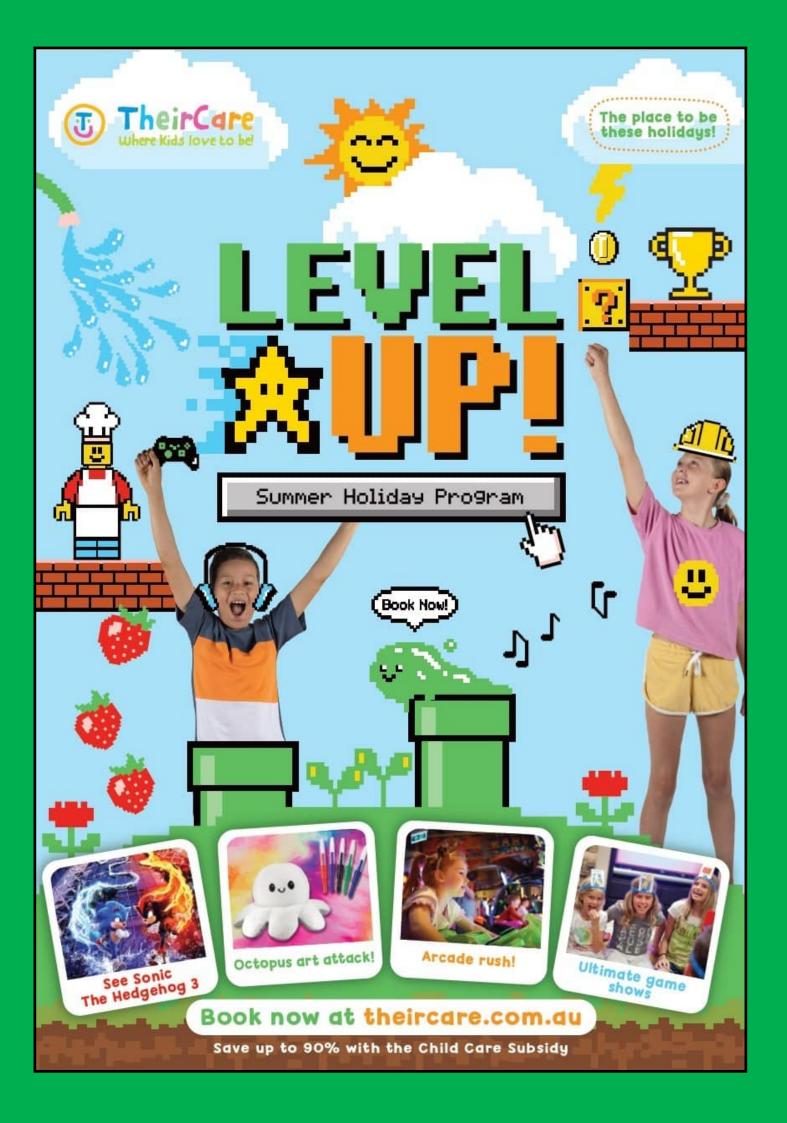














Uniform Shop OPEN!

THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE

BELEZA TRADING HOURS

		TERM 1 2025						
JANUARY	Tues 21st	Wed 22nd	Thurs 23rd					
JANOAKI	10am - 3pm	10am - 3pm	10am - 3pm	_				
	Tues 28th	Wed 29th	Thurs 30th					
	10am - 3pm	10am - 3pm	10am - 3pm					
FEBRUARY	Tues 4th	Tues 11th	Tues 18th	Tues 25th				
	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm				
MARCH	Tues 4th	Tues 11th	Tues 18th	Tues 25th				
MARCH	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm				
APRIL	Tues 1st	1						
APRIL	1pm - 4pm							
		TERM 2 2025						
ADDI	Tues 22nd							
APRIL	1pm - 4pm							
	Tues 6th	Tues 20th						
MAY	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm						
JUNE	Tues 3rd	Tues 17th	JULY	Tues 1st				
	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm		1pm - 4pm				
TERM 3 2025								
JULY	Tues 22nd							
3021	1pm - 4pm							
AUGUST	Tues 5th	Tues 19th]					
AUGUST	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm						
	Tues 2nd	Tues 16th						
SEPTEMBER	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm						
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Emergency Relief Support Services

Below is a list of Emergency Relief services that operate in the City of Whittlesea to provide support to the community.





Food hampers & material aid Bundooru: Tues & Wed, 9am – 3pm Mernda: Tues, 9:30am – 11:30am

Community Café - Free morning tea Bundoora: Tues, 10:30am - 12:30pm

3 0422 461 847 (Mon-Fri, 9am - 3pm)

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

- Food and material aid
 Information, advice and referral
- Monday Friday: 9am 5pm Please call to book an appoints
- whittleseacc.org.au

9401 6666

Food Share Whittlesea Township

Tueday: 11am - 2pm esday: 11am - 2pm Health care or pension card required

3 0417 652 753

Big Group Hug

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Material Aid support for families and children aged 0-16 years

Please contact Whittlesea Community Connections for more info/referral

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From Us 2 You ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

Catholic Care ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

Financial or material aid To make an appointment please call

Monday - Wednesday: 9:30am - 11:30am

@ 1800 223 650 Hope Centre

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

(Frozen meals available) Pickups 10am – 11am Wednesdays only

Country Wide Community Missions

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

Food hampers Thursday: 10am - 4pm Call on Wed to make an appointment

O 0411 394 494

Whittlesea Community

Pet food relief (dog & cat), Pantry

Packs (subject to availability) Big Blokes Brunch* (every Tuesday) Womens Lunch* (fortnightly Thursday) Call for more information/referral *gold coin donotion

39716 3361 (Mon - Thu, 10am - 3pm)

Encompass Care

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

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Food hampers Please call or text on Wednesdays or enquire via website

0 0413 220 015

Salvation Army

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Please call to check what assistance can be provided Tuesday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm

O412 042 069 Shared Community Pantries

Open Pantry - Give what you can take what you need

To find your nearest pantry call Encompass Care

Monday to Sunday: Bam - 1pm

3 0422 461 847 (Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm)

O 0423 165 320

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: South Asian/Indian food hampers

Please call to book an appointment

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St Vincent De Paul

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Food hampers, material aid & educational support

Monday - Friday: 10am - 3pm

C 1600 305 330

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Free community lunch

Saturday: 1pm (Bookings appreciated)

theshak@miliparkbaptistchurch.org.au

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ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

Food Hampers Sunday: 11am -1pm Walk-in/No appoints

3 0405 557 713 (text message only)

Uniting Financial

Information and support to people experiencing difficulties managing

(Please note: No food or bill support is available)

1800 685 682

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

Food vouchers, material aid & bill support Monday – Friday: Sam – 5pm Eligibility: Aboriginal or Tomes Strait Islander

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Food hampers (5ubject to

- availability/Appointments required)
 Monday Friday: 9am 5pm
 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at Spring St, Community Hall Lalor
- Q 0420 821 646

Emergency Relief Support Services

Emergency Relief Services City of Whittlesea





Closing 24th December Reopening 6th January

Big Group Hug

Closing 20th December

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Country Wide Community Missions

Closing 30th November Reopening TBC

Encompass Care

Closing 18th December Reopening 28th January

Closing 19th December Reopening 20th January

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Closing 7th December Reopening 1st February Reopening 6th February

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Reopening 15th January

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Please call to confirm

Catholic Care

Public Holidays only

From Us 2 You

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Closing 24th December

Reopening 4th January

Uniting Financial Counselling

Closing 24th December Reopening 6th January

Hope Centre Closing 27th November Reopening 5th February

St Vincent De Paul

Closing 20th December Reopening 13th January

Clasing 22nd December Reopening 12th February



School Crossing Supervisor positions now available

Enjoy the benefits of permanent part-time work!

There are so many great reasons to join the City of Whittlesea team as a Crossing Supervisor:

- Join the City of Whittlesea's active social club and attend organised events
- Starting hourly rate of \$35.02 (work 40 weeks but be paid for 52 weeks a year)
- Work 15 hours per fortnight during school terms (Annualised salary paid 12.6hrs per fortnight)
- Paid public holidays that fall during school terms
- · 11.5% superannuation and pro-rata sick leave
- Receive on-the-job training and uniform is provided

- Reduced price memberships available at Mill Park Leisure and Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre
- · Health & Wellbeing Programs available

TO APPLY



Complete the application form on the reverse side of this flyer or online at

www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/

For further information please contact the School Crossing Team on 9217 2170 or email school.crossing@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



Apply to become a School Crossing Supervisor

Join the City of Whittlesea and make a difference in our community!

This very rewarding role helps the most vulnerable members of the community, our children. Assist school aged children and other pedestrians to cross the road at designated school crossings.

ABOUT YOU

To be considered for this job you need to:

- · be medically fit
- · have your own transport
- · be of good character
- relate well to children and be able to talk to children's parents and teachers
- be available to work for 1.5 hours per day, generally between 8am-9am and 3pm-4pm on weekdays during school terms
- be able to obtain and retain a Working with Children Check (WWCC)

If this sounds like you, then you should definitely apply! Complete the application form below or online at

www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings



Please send your completed form to: City	y of Whittlesea, Locked Bag 1, Bundoora MDC VIC 3083
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If you have any further questions, please contact our School Crossing Team on 9217 2170.

