

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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2024 IMPORTANT DATES:

Wed - Fri	1-3 May	3/4 Doxa Camp
Tue-Wed	7-8 May	<i>Mothers day Stall</i>
Thur	09 May	WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Fri	10 May	<i>Whole School Assembly</i>
Tue	21 May	<i>School Council</i>
Wed	22 May	<i>Lalor District Cross Country</i>
Thur	6 June	<i>5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion</i>
Tues	11 June	Curriculum Day 3 <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Fri	28 June	Last day of Term 2
Mon	15 July	First day of Term 3
Wed	11 Sept	Whole School Professional Practice Day <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Thur	19 Sept	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences Students only attend school at the time of their conference.
Fri	20 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Mon	07 Oct	First day of Term 4
Mon	4 Nov	Curriculum Day 4 <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Fri	20 Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2024

No.5 Friday 26th April 2024

From the Assistant Principal

We hope you had a lovely break, and for those that celebrate Eid it was a special time, as well as for families who celebrated Easter. My family and I went to Marysville for 3 nights over the Easter long weekend, then spent 3 nights camping at Lake Eildon. It was a lot of fun, and the weather was perfect, except for one night when we were meant to be in our tent but there was 40mm of rain, including thunder and lightning. We booked a cabin in the caravan park that night. It was the correct decision. Term 2 is starting off with an action packed first few weeks. There are excursions, incursions and camps throughout the school in the first 3 weeks back. Mrs Young is back after a week of long service leave in week 1, seeing family up in Sydney.

Grade 3/4 Camp

In week 3, the grade 3/4 students are going on their 2-night camp at Malmsbury. Students are excited and so are the teachers that are going along. Camps are all about building friendships, relationships, resilience and independence. They are so much fun and full of activities and outdoor education experiences that students would never experience anywhere else. We know that some students may have never been away from their family home for this long before, and this is part of the experience also. Please refer to our updated Camps policy, which includes a camp support plan. If your child is going on camp, they are in safe hands and you will be contacted if there are any issues or concerns while the students and teachers are away together.

STEM

We have had the STEM grade 5/6 excursion to the Victorian Space Science Education Centre at Strathmore Secondary College in week 1. Students dressed up as astronauts and explored a replica of the Mars surface, then switched to commanding each other from Earth, giving instructions to the astronauts on Mars. There was also a lab where there was a robotic arm, and students had to experiment with plants and chemicals to see how we could live on Mars and grow food and have clean water. Thank you to Miss Halabi who organised this fun and free excursion for the grade 5/6 classes. It was great to hear how much the students learnt and enjoyed themselves.

There was another incursion in week 2, with the Prep-2 classes visited by Yarra Valley Water, to learn about how we get lovely clean water from our taps, after it is rained down into Melbourne's water storage.

Hats

A reminder that hats are to be worn outside at all times until April 30. This is the SunSmart policy for all government schools. Students are allowed to wear school hats outside after this, but it is optional in the colder months of the year.

School Photos

All students and classes will have their photos taken on May 9. Please ensure that your child is in their full school uniform. Compass and page 14 has all the information on how to order printed copies of photos, including sibling photos.

Mr Crotti's Maths Challenge

Estimate an answer and show Mr Crotti, and you will get a prize at our whole school assembly.

Time for another Fermi problem. What is a Fermi problem? Well, Enrico Fermi was a famous mathematician and scientist. He estimated huge numbers, and a Fermi problem is designed to get you thinking about big numbers and have your best guess.

Here is your Fermi problem: How many soccer balls could fit in your house?

Parent Code of Conduct at Thomastown West PS

A code of conduct for parents, carers and visitors, ensures that communications with our staff or anyone who visits our school site (including an online environment, such as Zoom, Class Dojo, our School Facebook page and emails) is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner. This ensures that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to inappropriate, aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

At Thomastown West Primary School we believe the following:

- ✓ We all have the right to do as much work and learning as possible.
- ✓ We all have the right to feel comfortable and safe.



We have 5 key school VALUES which we encourage everyone to *live* by our school values:

Respect **Responsibility** **Resilience** **Empathy** and **Strive to be our best**

We teach the children that:

- ✓ *Values guide the way we think, speak and behave.*
- ✓ *Values help us to decide what is right and what is wrong.*

At Thomastown West Primary School, Parents and visitors are expected to:

- ✓ Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy.
- ✓ Ensure their child/children are punctual to class.
- ✓ Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview.
- ✓ Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference.
- ✓ Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures.
- ✓ Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed.

Under no circumstance are parents to approach another student or parent regarding any incidents or issues.

Your co-operation is sought in maintaining a safe and happy school.



This updated Parent Code of Conduct was approved by TWPS School Council in October 2021.

ROOM 9





Stars of the Week



Term 2- Week 1

Zainab	2	For showing responsibility during learning time and giving all tasks her best work.
Hunter	3	Following instructions and organising himself in the mornings.
Isabel	5	For being a respectful learner by being an active listener and participating respectfully during all class activities.
Steven	6	For taking on the responsibility of being the phone monitor with enthusiasm.
Aala Sattar Sarom	9	For having a positive growth mindset and always putting in 100% when completing her school work.
Harmony	10	For being a positive role model inside and out of the classroom. You are always living the school values.
Dakota	11	For her consistent approach to all tasks including Homework, which was detailed and beautifully presented.
Yousif	12	For demonstrating greater responsibility with his learning and a growth mindset.
Mariam	15	For showing confidence and enthusiasm when sharing her learning during reflection time.
Jenna	16	Well done Jenna for consistently showing the school values. What a great start to Term 2.
Shakira	17	For writing a convincing persuasive text about whether everyone should learn how to cook.
Amaanat Rm 5		STEM: . For always taking responsibility in science by helping and supporting the teacher and her peers! Such a good role model!
Boutros rm 9		Art :For being a focused, enthusiastic Art student who completed all set tasks. You can be proud of yourself Boutros!

Stars of the Week

Term 2 - Week 1



Term 2 - Week 2





Stars of the Week



Term 2- Week 2

Kenan	2	For showing responsibility during learning time and giving all tasks her best work.
Ripeta	3	Sounding out words for our posters when working as a team.
Wafa	5	For striving to be his best when using adjectives to describe leaves and animals in his Autumn writing.
Fateh	6	For making a great start at TWPS. Welcome to Room 6 Fateh.
Raphael	9	For your positive attitude to learning. You're always ready to have a go. You're always striving to be your best.
Ahmad	10	For being responsible and showing leadership as Class Captain. You used your initiative to create the Google Slides for Morning Circle and independently organise yourself to lead it. Well done.
Lucas	11	For his consistent approach to all tasks including Homework, which was detailed and beautifully presented.
Rafid	12	.For demonstrating respect towards his teachers and classmates.
Jasmine	15	For being a good listener and striving to be her best.
Steven	16	Steven's perseverance in tackling the multiplication tasks led to fantastic results. We're incredibly proud of your efforts. Keep it up!
Ali-Reza	17	For trying hard with all his school work and having a go.
Lily Rm 17		STEM: For striving to be her best and adding great detail in her work when learning about bridges! Keep up the great work Lily!
Ella Rm 17		Art: For being a positive role model, taking great care to create an ANZAC wrist band. A superb effort!

ROOM 10



EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 2 Week 2 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	90%	82%	Room 9	91%	90%
Room 3	86%	87%	Room 10	90%	89%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	91%	89%
Room 5	80%	85%	Room 12	92%	 92%
Room 6	85%	78%	Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week
			Room 15	72%	87%
			Room 16	86%	90%
			Room 17	89%	87%

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.	

ROOM 11





Top Dojo Earners



Congratulations to Room 16 with 115 Dojo Points

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

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Prep/1	Aliyah 8 Dojo Points	Nevaeh 3 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Aiyana & Alana 9 Dojo Points	Rakan 7 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Kendrick & Ayva 11 Dojo Points	Halani 7 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Elissa 7 Dojo Points	Destiny & Rafid 6 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Kendrick & Ayva 11 Dojo Points	Rakan & Halani 7 Dojo Points
Classroom With the most Dojo points	128 Room 05 Dojo Points	115 Room 16 Dojo Points

Assemblies

TEAM ASSEMBLY In your child's building	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Multipurpose Room/ Basketball court
Term 2 Week 1 Friday 19th April 2:30pm ✓	Term 2 Week 2 Friday 26th April 2:30pm ✓
Term 2 Week 3 Friday 3rd May 2:30pm	Term 2 Week 4 Friday 10th May 2:30pm
Term 2 Week 5 Friday 17th May 2:30pm	Term 2 Week 6 Friday 24th May 2:30pm
Term 2 Week 7 Friday 31st May 2:30pm	Term 2 Week 8 Friday 8th June 2:30pm
Term 2 Week 9 Friday 15th June 2:30pm	Term 2 Week 10 Friday 22nd June 2:30pm
Term 2 Week 11 Friday 28th June Time: TBC	

ROOM 12





ELITE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY

PO Box 332 East Bentleigh VIC 3165 • 03 9570 9311 • www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au

THOMASTOWN WEST PS PHOTO DAY IS COMING

The official School Photos will be taken by Elite School Photography on Thursday 9th May 2024

All orders are to be completed online, via the Elite School Photography website, prior to the day

You can order your photos by using the login code ESP202515 and follow the easy to use steps to order

Please ensure all relevant student details (including class), are filled out correctly.

Family Discount - If you have more than two children attending this School, please list all their First Names and their Classes and select 2 as the quantity, for the Deluxe and Standard packs. Your third and subsequent Child will receive their packs free of charge, but you must list all your children's names & classes. This family discount will only apply to the Deluxe & Standard Packs.

If you have any queries regarding School Photos, please contact our friendly team at ESP directly on (03) 9570 9311

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THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE

BELEZA TRADING HOURS



OPEN!

TERM 1 2024

JANUARY	Tues 23rd 10am - 3pm	Wed 24th 10am - 3pm	Thurs 25th 10am - 3pm	Tues 30th 10am - 3pm
FEBRUARY	Tues 6th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 13th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 20th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 27th 1pm - 4pm
MARCH	Tues 5th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 12th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 19th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 26th 1pm - 4pm
APRIL	Tues 16th 1pm - 4pm			

TERM 2 2024

APRIL	Tues 16th 1pm - 4pm	
MAY	Tues 7th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 21st 1pm - 4pm
JUNE	Tues 4th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 18th 1pm - 4pm

TERM 3 2024

JULY	Tues 16th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 30th 1pm - 4pm
AUGUST	Tues 13th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 27th 1pm - 4pm
SEPTEMBER	Tues 10th 1pm - 4pm	

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	

TWCH 2024



Whittlesea
Community
Connections
Making a positive difference everyday

MONDAY

RECESS

- **FUN MATHS CLUB**

LUNCH

- **YOUNG INFLUENCERS**

AFTER SCHOOL

- **FUN LEARNING CLUB**

TUESDAY

RECESS

- **FUN READING CLUB**

LUNCH

- **STEAMING**

AFTER SCHOOL

- **GARDENING CLUB**

THURSDAY

LUNCH

- **CHESS CLUB**

FRIDAY

LUNCH

- **KOORIE KIDS CLUB**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
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Children & Young People Public Position Statement

Whittlesea Community Connections prioritises children's safety and wellbeing with zero tolerance for child abuse. Our mandatory child safe training across the organisation ensures everyone is committed to this mission. We actively listen to and empower children and young people's voices, enabling them to thrive.