

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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No.6 Friday 10th May 2024

2024 IMPORTANT DATES:

Thur	16 May	EDUCATION WEEK OPEN MORNING 9-10am <i>Parents are welcomed to visit our classrooms!</i> <i>Students dress up as the job they would like to have in the future.</i> 1:30pm Chess Club
Mon	20 May	Whole School Monday Muster/School Hub Anniversary 3.35pm-4.35pm
Tue	21 May	School Council meeting 6:30pm at TWPS
Thur	23 May	1:30pm Chess Club
Fri	24 May	2:30pm Whole School Assembly
Thur	30 May	Prep - 2 Excursion Royal Melbourne Zoo 1:30pm Chess Club
Thur	6 June	Sovereign Hill Excursion 1:30pm Chess Club
Fri	7 June	2:30pm Whole School Assembly
Mon	10 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tue	11 June	Curriculum Day (Students do not attend school)
Thur	13 June	1:30pm Chess Club
Tue	18 June	School Council meeting 6:30pm at TWPS
Fri	21 June	2:30pm Whole School Assembly
Tue	25 June	Schools of Rock
Wed	26 June	Reports shared with families via COMPASS
Fri	28 June	Last Day Term 2 Students dismissed 1.15pm
Mon	15 July	Term 3 begins: <i>Arrive on time, ready to learn at quarter to 9! (8:45am start)</i>
Wed	11 Sept	WHOLE SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY: PLANNING DAY for Term 4. <i>Students do not attend school.</i>
Thur	19 Sept	PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES <i>Students only attend school at the time of their conference meeting</i>
Fri	20 Sept	Last Day Term 3 Students dismissed 1.15pm
Mon	07 Oct	First day of Term 4: <i>Arrive on time, ready to learn at quarter to 9! (8:45am start)</i>
Mon	4 Nov	Curriculum Day <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Wed	11 Dec	Grade 5/6 Celebration: Funfields
Tues	17 Dec	Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
Fri	20 Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2024

From the Principal

School Pride

School photos were taken yesterday and our students looked fabulous! Thank you for ensuring your child/ren were wearing their full school uniform and that they arrived at school on time.

Students wearing our compulsory school uniform **fosters pride in the school and unifies students from various backgrounds into a more cohesive school community.** It also encourages children to live our school values, identify with the school, and helps to break down discrimination by removing peer pressure to conform to passing fashion trends.

Reminder for Year 6 students

Year 7 Transition forms must be returned to TWPS as soon as possible. Parents can find their designated neighbourhood school by visiting:

www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au

Make it Right Club

During lunchtimes, a dedicated staff member facilitates Make it Right Club to assist individual students who have exhibited behaviours inconsistent with our school's values. These students are given the chance to reflect on their actions and brainstorm ways to restore any relationships that may have been affected. In cases of more serious incidents, parents will receive written notification when their child is required to participate in the Make it Right Club.

We strongly encourage parents to engage in discussions about the Make it Right Club with classroom teachers, emphasising our shared commitment to your child's success. We firmly believe in the importance of collaboration between home and school in supporting students' growth and development.

Education Week

Celebrating Education Week in 2024 takes place from 13 May to 17 May and schools showcase and celebrate excellence in education through open mornings, and events. **Thomastown West Primary School is inviting you to come along on open morning this Thursday 16th May from 9am-10am to observe and acknowledge your child's great work.** It does mean a lot to your child, to have you come and see them 'in action' learning at school. Please keep in mind that this is not parent teacher interview time, but an opportunity to see your child in their class during the day. **We hope you can join us!**

Every school changes the lives of its students and has an impact on their future careers. In 2024, Education Week focuses on the **Spotlight on STEM**, which highlights the importance of **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)** in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond. This year, we will have a dress up day on Thursday 16th May and encourage children to dress up as the job they would like to have in the future. **Mr Crotti and I will be looking out for the children who are excited about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).**

Every Day of Learning Counts

School attendance is important. We all want our students to get a great education. The building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future. **A student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year.** By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- ✓ Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- ✓ Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

If your child must miss school or if you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher, Mr Crotti or myself know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Arriving on time to school is incredibly important!

Students who arrive on time will be there for the 'introductions' to the lesson with focused teaching and a learning intention. If a student arrives late, they have missed an important part of the lesson. This can impact their learning! Please parents, have your children at school on time, ready for their learning. Thank you.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY AND CHILD SAFETY PRINCIPLES

Thomastown West Primary School is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families.

We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students.

We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environments.

We promote positive relationships between students and adults and between students and their peers. These relationships are based on trust and respect.

We take proactive steps to identify and manage any risk of harm to students in our school environment. When child safety concerns are raised or identified, we treat these seriously and respond promptly and thoroughly.

Particular attention is given to the child safety needs of all students experiencing risk or vulnerability. Inappropriate or harmful behaviour targeting students based on these or other characteristics, such as racism or homophobia, are not tolerated at our school, and any instances identified will be addressed with appropriate consequences.

Child safety is a shared responsibility. Every person involved in our school has an important role in promoting child safety and wellbeing and promptly raising any issues or concerns about a child's safety.

Thomastown West Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

We are committed to regularly reviewing our child safe practices, and seeking input from our students, families, staff, and volunteers to inform our ongoing strategies.

At Thomastown West Primary School, our approach to creating and maintaining a child safe school environment is also guided by our school values. At Thomastown West Primary School our motto is *Together Working on Pathways to Success*. At Thomastown West Primary School, *we respect ourselves, our school and each another, and understand that our attitudes and behaviours have an impact on the people around us.*

Resilient: Resilience is what helps you to cope, get through hard times and recover. Sometimes it makes you even stronger than you were before. It means we bounce back after difficult times.

Responsible: Being responsible means, you do the things you are expected to do and accept the consequences (results) of your actions. It means you do what is right.

Empathetic: Empathy is the ability to understand how someone else is feeling or to understand the situation they are in. It means 'putting yourself in someone else's shoes.'

Respectful: Respect is thinking and acting in a positive way about yourself and others. It means you behave in a way that shows you care about the feelings and wellbeing of other people.

We will **strive to do our best**: Striving to be your best is the ability to keep working towards a goal, overcoming challenges and sticking with it even when it's hard. It means believing in your heart that you can make choices you are proud of, and always trying your best.

Prep 2025

We are now taking tours and enrolments for our 2025 Prep classes. Please remind family, friends and neighbours that if they have a child starting school next year and would like them to come to our school to enrol them soon. **It is important that children are enrolled by the end of Term 2** so that they can participate in our excellent Prep School **Readiness Program** in Term 3.

Mother's Day

Thank you to all the students that purchased a Mother's Day item at our Mother's Day store this week. We hope that all mothers enjoy their present on Sunday!

A big hug to all the wonderful women in our lives! Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, step-mothers, carers, grandmothers, aunties, sisters, carers and friends. We hope that you have a lovely weekend with your families and you are reminded how essential you are in the lives of your children.

Mrs Young's Games Corner



In the game "**Azul**," you get to pick **colourful square tiles** and try to fill up your board to make a cool design in a 'palace'. You have to think carefully about where to put your tiles because you can get extra points for certain patterns or filling up areas. (HINT: completing a column scores more points than a horizontal row) If you take too many tiles you can't use, you'll lose points. Whoever has the most points at the end of the game wins and becomes the best palace decorator! Azul is a easier than the next game.

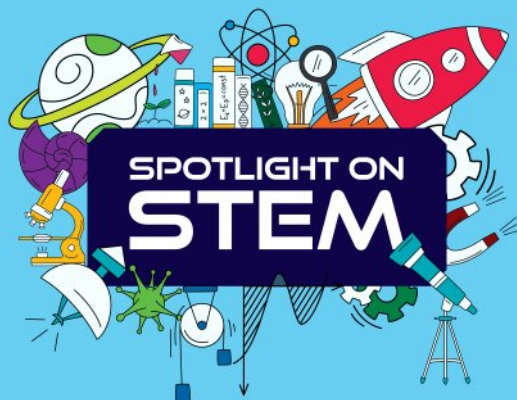


MRS YOUNG'S NEW FAVOURITE (TILE) GAME is "**Azul: Summer Pavilion**," where you pick up and place different coloured **diamond shaped tiles** on your board to get points, making it through six rounds. At the start of each round, spaces on the board get filled up with new tiles. You choose tiles from these spaces, grabbing all of one colour and sometimes a special wild tile too. Your board has stars on it, and you want to fill these up with the right number of tiles. Every time you place a tile, you could score points, especially if you put it next to others or complete certain designs. There are extra points if you completely fill up the stars or make cool patterns by the end of the game! In this game, if you have tiles you didn't use, you can save four of them for the next round.

Why don't you play a board game on Mother's Day?

Sandi Young
Principal

THOMASTOWN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



EDUCATION WEEK 2024
13 - 17 May

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN MORNING

Please join us

and visit

your child's classroom

9am - 10am

Thursday 16th May

Students come to school dressed up as

the job they would like to have in the future.



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:

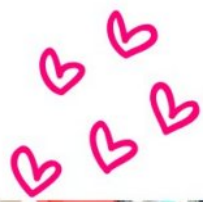
- ✓ Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy.
- ✓ Ensure their child/children are punctual to class.
- ✓ Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview.
- ✓ Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference.
- ✓ Discuss issues 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.



Mother's Day

morning tea





Stars of the Week



Term 2- Week 3

Jayden	2	For striving to be his best during Maths and taking on all challenges.
Georgiana	3	Always working to the best of her ability.
Rakan	5	For striving to be best when sounding out unfamiliar words during reading group activities
Aysha	6	For always striving to be her best in all her work.
Ahmed	9	Welcome to TWPS. He has a positive attitude to learning and is willing to give things a go. Well done!
Latoiya	10	For always striving to do her best when completing her work
Dion	11	For his positive attitude and commitment in all areas of his learning. His efforts in completing and presentation of Homework is to be congratulated.
Asra	12	For demonstrating responsibility and for completing all tasks including homework. Well done on being an excellent role model in our class.
Muhammed Ali	15	For your outstanding efforts during Explore time in Maths and then sharing your learning so confidently with the class.
Liam	16	For striving to be his best and showing progress in his reading. Well done Liam.
Adem	17	By showing resilience. Welcome to room 17
Otto Rm 17		STEM: For striving to be his best and adding great detail in his work when learning about bridges! Keep up the great work Otto!
Dion Rm 11		PE: For striving to be his best during our inter school volleyball match. You were a super star!!
Alex K		MUSIC: For doing extra practice and making sure he knows his parts for band rehearsals.

Stars of the Week

Term 2 - Week 3



Term 2 - Week 4





Stars of the Week



Term 2- Week 4

Supreet	2	For striving to be her best during reading and learning her sounds.
Gursees	3	Working hard to catch up after returning from India.
Zakariya	5	For settling into his new class with a smile on his face.
Dian	6	For always coming to school ready for learning and trying his best.
Joana	9	For showing resilience when faced with a challenging situation.
Aria	10	Welcome to Thomastown West Primary School.
Zahra	11	For her efforts writing a convincing persuasive text, including persuasive language and text features to convince the reader of her point of view.
Atilla	12	.For striving to be his best, demonstrating a growth mindset during Maths sessions and sharing his strategies and explaining his thinking. Well done!
Leila	15	For good comprehension skills and always taking part in class discussions.
Halani	16	For striving to be her best in reading groups his week and being able to identify verbs in fiction texts. Well done Halani.
Leslie		For striving to be his best and coming to school everyday this week and participating in all activities.
Adem	17	By showing resilience. Welcome to room 17
Crew Rm 6		STEM: For always giving everything his best go and contributing insightful facts and ideas in the science classroom!
Crew		PE: For striving to be his best and participating in all activities. Well done Crew!!
Zainab Rm3		MUSIC: For always trying her best in music classes. Well done Zainab!



EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 2 Week 4 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	82%	90%	Room 9	90%	92%
Room 3	87%	93%	Room 10	89%	88%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	89%	92%
Room 5	85%	94%	Room 12	92%	 96%
Room 6	78%	88%	Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week
			Room 15	87%	86%
			Room 16	90%	86%
			Room 17	87%	 96%

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 2 Week 4 is Room 12 & 17

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



 **HAPPY** 
MOTHERS
DAY 



Top Dojo Earners



Congratulations to Room 16 with 392 Dojo Points

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

	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Prep/1	Adam 11 Dojo Points	Zainab 6 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Julian 15 Dojo Points	Aaron 6 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Jasmine, Luli & Halani 4 Dojo Points	Gurases 25 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Aala, Dakota & Jamie 10 Dojo Points	Marcus 12 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Julian 15 Dojo Points	Gurases 25 Dojo Points
The classroom with the most Dojo points	Room 06 207 Dojo Points	Room 16 392 Dojo Points

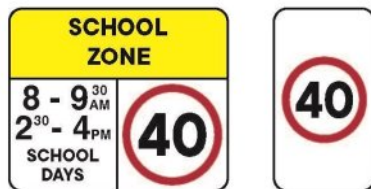
ASSEMBLIES

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	

Parking and safety around schools

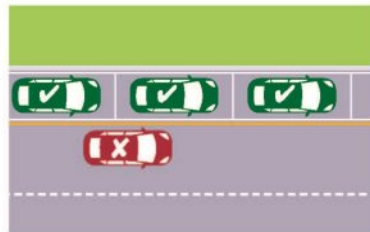


Speed



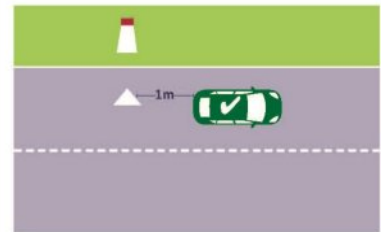
Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

Yellow edge line



A driver must not stop on the side of the road marked with a yellow edge line.

Fire hydrants



1 Metre clearance is required for fire hydrants, fire hydrant indicators or fire plug indicators.

School crossings



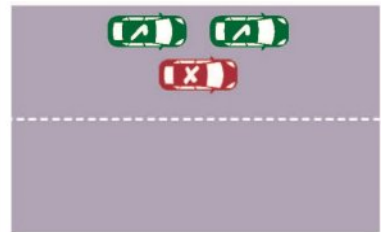
- Look out for flags and crossing supervisors.
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

No crossing on nature strips/footpaths



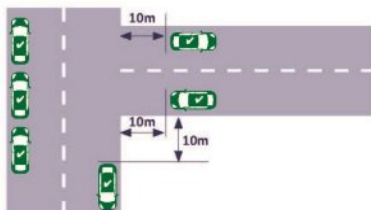
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

Double parking



It is illegal to double park at anytime. This affects the flow of traffic.

Within 10 metres of an intersection



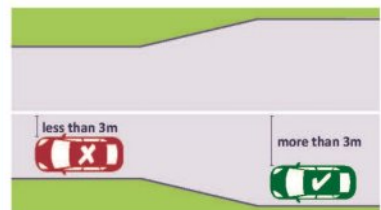
A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

Stopping across driveways



It is illegal to stop/park across a driveway unless you stay in the car and are there for no more than two minutes and move immediately if required to do so to allow entry or exit by the owner/occupier.

3 Metre gap from white line



At least 3 metres must be left between your vehicle and the centre dividing line to allow other vehicles to pass safely and not obstruct traffic.



Free telephone
interpreter service
131 450

العربية 9679 9871
Ελληνικά 9679 9873
हिंदी 9679 9879

Italiano 9679 9874
Македонски 9679 9875
简体中文 9679 9857

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தமிழ் 9679 9879
Türkçe 9679 9877

Tiếng Việt 9679 9878
Other 9679 9879



**City of
Whittlesea**

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

TERM 2

MONDAY

RECESS

- FUN MATHS CLUB

LUNCH

- YOUNG INFLUENCERS

**THE HUB WILL BE CLOSED
AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY 13th & 20th MAY**

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.