

Thomastown West Primary School NEWSLETTER



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2021 IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 26 April 9am	TWPS ANZAC DAY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY. Please join us. All Welcome!
Tuesday 27 April 6:30pm	SCHOOL COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING TWPS 2020 Annual Report to be presented. Please join us. All Welcome!
Friday 30 April	Whole School Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 3 May 3:15 – 4:15pm	'Monday Muster' You are invited into your child's classroom and your child will share their learning with you. Specialist rooms will also be open.
Friday 7 May 2:30pm	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea for Prep & 1/2: You are invited into your child's classroom to celebrate Mother's Day. Mums, Grandparents, Aunties or Carers are welcome to attend!
Tues-Thurs 11–13 May	NAPLAN (Grades 3 and 5)
Friday 14 May	Whole School Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 24 May 9am – 10am	EDUCATION WEEK OPEN MORNING Grades P-2: You are invited into your child's classroom to join in with class activities.
Wednesday 26 May 9am – 10am	EDUCATION WEEK OPEN MORNING Grades 3-6: You are invited into your child's classroom to join in with class activities.
Thursday 27 May	Excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo: Gr 3/4
Friday 28 May	Excursion to Aquarium: Preps Whole School Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 7 June 3:15 – 4:15pm	'Monday Muster' You are invited into your child's classroom and your child will share their learning with you. Specialist rooms will also be open.
Friday 11 June	Whole School Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 14 June	Public Holiday <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Tuesday 15 June	Curriculum Day**NEW DATE** <i>Students do not attend school 15/6/21</i> <i>Students attend school on Thurs 17/6/21</i>
Tuesday 22 June	Semester One Student Reports available online via Compass
Wed/Thurs 23/24 June	Interpreters available at school , to help families read and understand their Semester One Student Report
Friday 25 June	Last Day Term 1 Whole School Assembly 12:15pm School finishes at 1:15pm

No. 9 23rd April 2021

From the Principal

Welcome back! We hope all students had an enjoyable and restful break over the last two weeks. How amazing was the weather? I am sure you enjoyed the beautiful autumnal days as much as the TWPS staff did. I hope that all of the Easter Eggs have now been eaten and we can settle back into school routine for the term ahead. How fortunate we have been to have a relatively 'normal' start to the term!

Can you believe, a year ago we were at the beginning of remote learning? WOW! Haven't things changed! **One thing that hasn't changed is the need for safety for children when they are using the Internet such as YouTube or social media apps such as Snapchat or messaging apps! PARENTS and CARERS** when was the last time you checked your child's device or history? Please make sure that if your child is using a device or app that accesses the Internet, that they are **properly supervised**. This supports your child's safety! If your child watches YouTube clips, remember that the advertising and other content around the actual YouTube clip or the advertisements may not be G rated!!

Thomastown West Primary School believe that supervision of children on the Internet is always necessary.

Did you know that Thomastown West turns 50 this year??? Yes, we have already started planning! More information will be published in future newsletters regarding our very special golden birthday.



Please review the important dates on the LEFT.

Did you notice some new events? **So, what's new in TERM 2?** Increasing parent engagement and connecting parents to their child's learning is a goal that has been developed as a result of our Term 1 School Review. We also received a lot of positive feedback about our 'Meet & Greet' earlier in the year! As a result 'Monday Musters' and our **2021 Education Week Open Mornings** are an opportunity for our Parents and Carers to visit their child's classroom, so students can share their learning with you. Specialist rooms will also be open!

NAPLAN

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy) testing will resume this year for all students in Years 3 and 5. **Please note the following dates and approximate times for this upcoming testing schedule.**

- ✓ Tuesday 11th May: **Language Conventions**
Before recess (Years 3 & 5)
- ✓ Tuesday 11th May: **Writing**
After recess (Years 3 & 5)
- ✓ Wednesday 12th May: **Reading**
Before recess (Years 3 & 5)
- ✓ Thursday 13th May: **Numeracy**
Before recess (Years 3 & 5)

We hope that all students will be able to sit these important tests, so that we can capture this point in time 'snapshot' of their capabilities and then use this data down the track to align with our school's own comprehensive data sets. Where students are absent for one or more tests, arrangements will be made for those students to sit the tests on the afternoon of the test days. An *Information Sheet for Parents* with more details about NAPLAN will be distributed to all students in Years 3 & 5 shortly. If you have any further questions about NAPLAN, don't hesitate to make contact with the school via your child's classroom teacher.

Thomastown West Primary School is aware that EID is falling in the same week as NAPLAN. In previous years, families who celebrate EID often make a choice for their children enjoy the celebrations at home and not attend school. **I would respectfully request that the students who are completing NAPLAN and celebrating EID could perhaps attend school to compete their NAPLAN assessment and then, if their parents choose to, they take their child home after the NAPLAN test.**

VALUE of Week 2

Next week, students will be focusing on the value of **RESPONSIBILITY**, during play times and when visiting the toilets. During play times, Grade 6 student leaders will be awarding other students, who are making responsible choices, with bonus DOJO points!

Responsibility

Students can show they are responsible by:

- ✓ Setting a good example to others
- ✓ Solving problems appropriately
- ✓ Discussing problems with friends or a trusted adult
- ✓ Accepting blame if they do not made a good choice
- ✓ letting a teacher know if someone who needs help, or if someone is not making good choices.
- ✓ Eating snacks and lunch in the correct Eating Area.
- ✓ Treating the toilets at school with the same respect that we would when we are at home.



NOW OPEN: TWPS DOJO STORE

Did you know... To create a positive culture across the school, teachers use the DOJO point system to encourage students to show positive behaviours and live the school values within the classroom and during playtime. Teachers can encourage students for a variety of skills or values whether showing personal responsibility when working hard, being kind or showing empathy to others, being respectful or demonstrating resilience when challenged by a problem. Students receive DOJO points for living the values which then translate into TWPS DOJO money for the TWPS DOJO Store. For more information about what your child can earn with DOJO points, please refer to page 6 of this newsletter.

This week the DOJO Store was OPEN for the first time this year! Congratulations to all students who were able to purchase a fun toy and celebrate their good choices! Thank you to Mr B and the Student Voice student leaders and team who managed the store on Thursday and Friday this week.

YEAR 6 TO 7 TRANSITION UPDATE

Year 6 Secondary Transition Forms Grade 6 Students' Parents are reminded that secondary school transition forms are **due back to the office by Friday 14th May**. Please note, any address changes will require proof i.e. a bill etc. If you need another copy of this form could you please see the office. Please be advised that all Year 6 students need to return their form.

SHELTER BUILDING UPDATE

The school was a hive of activity over the break! The constructions of our playgrounds and our covered walkways between the Admin building and the Junior and 3/4 building have finally begun. It is our hope that the covered walkways will be completed in the next few weeks. Building works for the HUGE shelter over the extended basketball court is due to begin in the middle of May and finish at before the beginning of Term 3. How exciting!!! Thank you Mr Rosa for your continued time and efforts with the Project Management of these much needed constructions! Enjoy the photos on the following page.

RAMADAN

Ramadan is the most sacred month of the year for Muslims. During the entire month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset. It's a time of celebration and joy to be spent with loved ones. Ramadan Mubarak !

*Education is Powerful,
Student Voice and Agency Matters,
Teachers Make a Difference
& Every Day of Learning Counts!*

Sandi Young
Principal



Building our new Sun Smart Shelters: Update



Junior School Playground ↑

Grades 3-6 Playground ↓



Covered Walk-way ↓



Hi everyone!

During Primary school, children go through many stages of making friends and along the way will experience conflict at some stage. It is very normal for children to experience conflict from time to time as this is a way of children discovering what works with friends and what doesn't.

Put simply, children are developing their social and emotional skills. Some children may get confused when they have a disagreement or conflict with another person and may call this bullying. There is a great difference between conflict and bullying and here is a simple way to differentiate between them:

- **Misunderstanding** – usually problems around communication
- **Disagreement** – do not agree on something and both want their own way
- **Conflict** – people usually want to solve the problem. Can be over a period of time if not sorted properly
- **Bullying** – repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm

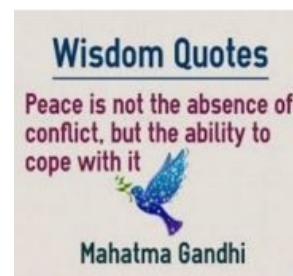
If your child does experience conflict, this is a wonderful teaching moment to guide them and help them learn about how to get along with others. Sometimes children can resolve conflict themselves, particularly as they grow into the upper years of primary,

but when they are young they may need guidance, and most importantly emotional support.

The best way to give emotional support is to use 'reflective listening'. When we practice this type of listening, we listen to the content of what your child is saying and listen for the emotion and then we reflect back what they are saying e.g. "It sounds as though that really frustrated you when you did not get to play your game". We can then try to help them problem solve the situation by giving them lots of opportunities to brainstorm a solution without stepping in too early to solve it for them.

Conflict can teach kids:

- ✓ How to give and take
- ✓ How to come to an agreement
- ✓ How to compromise
- ✓ How to solve problems
- ✓ To build empathy
- ✓ To understand others and their needs
- ✓ How to get along in a group
- ✓ How to develop successful, loving and healthy relationships as adults



Have a fantastic weekend.

Mike Palfrey

Student Wellbeing Officer



Stars of the Week



Term 2 - Week 1

Ayran	2	For practising and doing fantastic with the SSP green level sounds.
Lily	3	Working really hard to sound out 3 sound words during SSP sessions.
Ariana	5	For successfully displaying all the school values and trying her best in her lessons.
Jada	6	For being a responsible class member by helping others and always following the school
Otto	19	For being an SSP superstar and moving up to Yellow Level.
Mahdi	20	Being responsible by showing improved concentration and behaviour.
Baraa	9	For having a positive attitude and always striving to be his best, especially with his reading and handwriting.
Reuben Kruz	10	Striving to be his best with handwriting and work presentation. For showing empathy and using his initiative and helping children in the room when the need arose.
Alessandro	11	For his focused attention in all lessons and trying his very best! Keep it up!
Noah	12	For starting TWPS with a positive and I can do it attitude. He has kicked goals all week and become a valuable class member
Sohung	15	For being an active listener and responding to feedback during writing sessions to produce an excellent persuasive piece!
Austin	17	For taking on feedback and constructing an outstanding persuasive paragraph using the PEEL structure
Xaviah	18	For striving to be his best by writing a convincing persuasive text.
Aliya	PE: For striving to be her best in PE and her amazing effort during the best test.	
Feruzana	Auslan: For challenging herself to extend her Auslan learning by signing in sentences.	
Sohung	Art: For always being totally committed to his learning in Art, and looking for ways to challenge himself. Keep up the great work.	
Heather	Music: For striving to be her best on the keyboard in music and for always having a smile on her face.	

Congratulations to Room 20

You are the class with the
highest number of DOJO POINTS
this week with 265 Dojo points.



Top Dojo Earners of Term 2 Week 1

Prep	Desmond & Ansal 8 Dojos
Grade 1/2	Dwayne 19 Dojos
Grade 3/4	Istbrq 11 Dojos
Grade 5/6	Leo 10 Dojos
Top earner across the school!	Dwayne 19 Dojos

At Thomastown West Primary School we believe the following:

At this school we all have the right to do as much work and learning as possible.

At this school we all have the right to feel comfortable and safe.

We have 5 key school **VALUES** which we promote and base our expected behaviours on. As a community of learners we are:

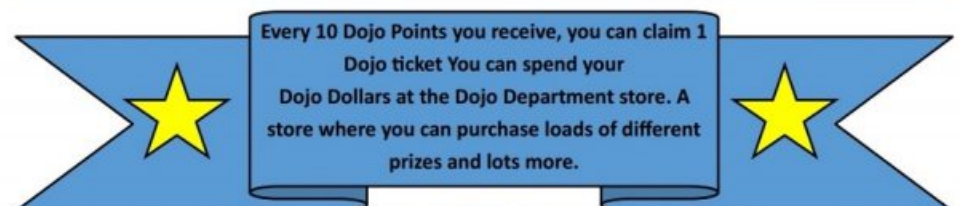
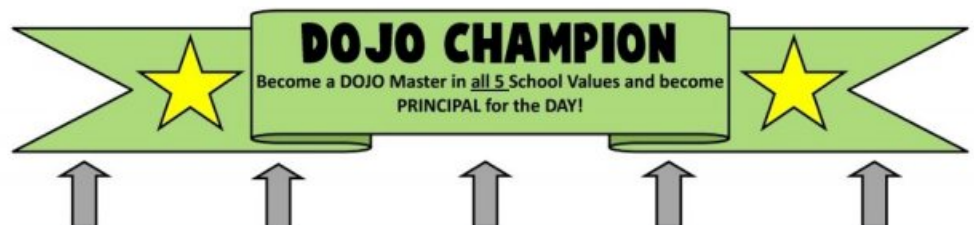
Respectful

Responsible

Resilient

Empathetic

and we **Strive to be our best.**



The class with the most amount of Dojos each week will win the Dojo Cup at our weekly assemblies. The class with the most amount of victories in a term will win a special prize to celebrate the classes success!



Every day of Learning Counts

Term 2 Week 1 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 Week	This Week	Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week
Room 2	92%	92%	Room 9	95%	94%
Room 3	74%	84%	Room 10	91%	96%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	91%	85%
Room 5	88%	82%	Room 12	88%	89%
Room 6	91%	88%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 19	89%	96%	Room 15	94%	92%
Room 20	88%	88%	Room 17	87%	91%
			Room 18	86%	95%

Cup of Life

Well done to all of the students
who have
attended school every day!

Congratulations

The class that had the
BEST ATTENDANCE
was Room 19 & Room 10



School success starts
with attendance

Arrive on Time at Quarter to Nine!



GENERAL INFORMATION

2021 Essential Resources Book Packs

Thank you to the majority of families who have paid for their Essential Resources Book Packs this year. I also am aware of a number of families who are using the payment plan option. There are a number of families who have not paid for any supplies for their child/children as yet. If you have any financial difficulties or require more time or assistance, please make a time to speak to me. We are happy to assist families where possible so your child does not miss out.

Breakfast Club

All the students have been so polite and helpful at breakfast club, thank you!

Just a reminder that the breakfast club runs from 8.00am to 8.30am and is located at the Multi Purpose Room. There is toast, cereal, fruit and Milo available.

Please note students are required to stay in the room until Mrs Young arrives on Yard Duty at 8.30am.

TWPS Fundraising

Term 2

Welcome back!! The fundraising team is organising the Mothers Day stall. Students will be able to purchase a gift for mum, grandmother or that someone special in their life. A pamphlet will be sent out next week with images of the range of gifts they can purchase.



Newsletter

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS



WELCOME TO OSHCLUB!!



On Thursday we welcomed Leslie to OSHClub for the very first time. He was welcomed by the children and had lots of fun with our Ninja Course plus much, much more.



Enrolling is easy!



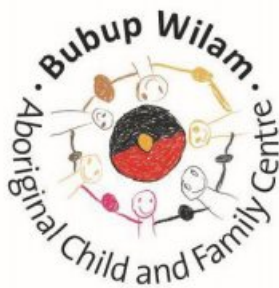
Enrolling with OSHClub is easy and completely free, just head to our website oshclub.com.au and click to register. Your child's enrolment must be confirmed before attending their first session with us.



Head Office enquiries:
1300 395 735

Program hours:
3:15 – 6:15pm

Program number:
0407 372 056



Bubup Wilam Aboriginal Child and Family Centre

NEW COURSE FOR 2021

- Impacts of inter-generational trauma in early years

3-day course commencing in May

Friday 14th, 21st, 28th May 9am to 3.30pm

**at Bubup Wilam Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, 76
Main Street, Thomastown**

This course focuses on working with Aboriginal children in early years who are impacted by inter-generational trauma and will support learners to develop skills and gain knowledge to support their holistic development. It will focus on working within the community services sector bringing awareness and developing confidence in working with vulnerable children and families.

The aim is to explore the challenges, complexities and environments, and the impact this has on early brain development, and the effect on early years education outcomes, and providing community training on supporting families right to thrive.

COST: \$200-government subsidised \$100-concession (Lunch provided)

Contact Carolyn on 8459 4800 or email carolyn.padfield@bubupwilam.org.au for enrolment details.



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Bubup Wilam Aboriginal Child and Family Centre NEW COURSE FOR 2021

- Introduction to Understanding Aboriginal Perspectives

4-day course commencing in May

Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27thth May 9.30am to 2.30pm at Bubup Wilam & Thomastown Library, Main Street Thomastown

This course will:

- Enable participants to analyse and better understand the shared Aboriginal/European history of Australia since colonisation.
- Examine how policies and practices continue to impact on the lives of Aboriginal people and influence the values and beliefs of non-Aboriginal Australians.
- Provide a pathway for people who are considering undertaking any Aboriginal and Cultural units as part of a tertiary qualification.
- Support participants in their ongoing journey towards understanding the multiple perspectives involved in learning cultural respect for all people.

COST: \$50 - government subsidised \$30 - concession

Call Carolyn on 8459 4800 or email carolyn.padfield@bubupwilam.org.au for enrolment details.



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William Ruthven Secondary College Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 27th April at 6:30pm

In our Senior School Building

We would like to invite prospective students and
their families to our College.

Dare, Connect, Learn.



Dads Building Solutions

In these sessions we will talk about what being a dad means to you. Over the six weeks we will look at the subjects which matter most to you as a dad or male carer. These topics can include communication, discipline, resilience and dealing with feelings.

This parenting programme helps you come up with solutions to common parenting challenges.

DATE: Thursdays (6 weeks)
20th May - 24th June 2021

TIME: 6.00pm - 7.30pm

WHERE: Free Online Sessions
Bookings essential

For bookings & inquiries contact: ParentZone on
03 8641 8900 or 0458 550 071
Email parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au



PARENTZONE



Tuning in to Teens

Would you like to help your teen to learn how to manage their emotions? Would you like to help prevent behavioural problems in your teen? Tuning in to Teens is a 8 week parenting programme that shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence.

Would you like to learn how to:
Be better at talking with your teen?
Be better at understanding your teen?
Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
Help prevent behavioral problems in your teen?
Teach your teen to deal with conflict?

DATE: Thursdays (8 weeks)
29th April – 17th June 2021

TIME: 10.30am - 12.00pm

WHERE: Free Online Sessions
Bookings essential

For bookings & inquiries contact: ParentZone on
03 8641 8900 or 0458 550 071

Email parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au



PARENTZONE

OUR UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Opening Times for 2021

TERM 2		
APRIL	Tues 20th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 27th 1 pm - 4 pm
MAY	Tues 4th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 18th 1pm - 4pm
JUNE	Tues 1st 1pm - 4pm	Tues 15th 1pm - 4pm
TERM 3		
JULY	Tues 13th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 27th 1pm - 4pm
AUGUST	Tues 10th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 24th 1pm - 4pm
SEPTEMBER	Tues 14th 1pm - 4pm	

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