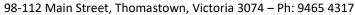
### Thomastown West Primary School

### NEWSLETTER



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### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Mon	11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday No School
Tues	19 June	CHANGE OF DATE - Gr 1/2 Yarrabee Excursion
Fri	22 June	TWPS Music Performance @ Assembly Multi-Purpose room 2:20pm
Thur	28 June	Parent/teacher Meetings 12pm Students attend at the time of their meeting with their Parents/Carers.
Fri	29 June	Last day of Term 2 1.15 pm Finish
Mon	16 July	Term 3 Begins

No. 15 8th June 2018

### From the Principal

It's been another productive and fabulous week at TWPS! My highlights include:

- ✓ Monday: I am thrilled to take a few school tours this week. I love sharing with prospective parents our amazing teaching and learning programs.
- ✓ Tuesday: Mr D our new Acting Assistant Principal joining the TWPS team.
- ✓ Wednesday: Room 17 and 20 demonstrating excellent behaviour and 'Living the Values' as well as discovering Room 3 inside a Manta Ray!
- ✓ Thursday: I had the pleasure of teaching Room 9 a new strategic card game called *Citadels*. Later that afternoon, it was great to see the exhausted smiles on the grade 5/6 students and teachers as they returned after an engaging day at Sovereign Hill.
- ✓ Friday: Grade 3/4 students have been striving to be their best. Well done to Amir, Daniel V and Dennis.

#### **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**

Just a reminder that this Monday, 11th June is a public holiday. There will be no school or OSHClub available.

#### **CSEF**

### Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Applications close on the 22nd June 2018.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camps or trips, swimming and school-organised sport programs, outdoor education programs, excursions and incursions.

### **Swimming**

I have mentioned in a previous newsletter there are changes to our TWPS Swimming program this year. **Please** save these dates below. More information will be sent home early next term.

### **Swimming Lessons**

Preps and Grades 1/2: Eight sessions from 3rd December.

Grades 3/4: Eight sessions from 7th November.

**Swimming Fun Activity Day** 

Grades 5/6: Tuesday August 28th.

### **Changes to reporting Student Absences**

From the start of term 3, all schools must advise parents and carers of unexplained absences, on the same day, as soon as practicable. Thomastown West PS will be using an automated messaging solution (SMS) via Compass as an efficient and effective method of contacting parents and carers in regards to their child's unexplained absences.

We will be sending home a more detailed letter close to the end of term 2, outlining our specific process and how you can help alert us of your child's absence.

In the meantime, the Department of Education has developed a range of advice and resources to support the implementation of the *same day notification of unexplained student absences*, these include a *Factsheet for parents/carers which* I have included later in this newsletter.



### **New Uniform Shop Owners**

I would like to confirm that **DCS Uniforms** has taken over the operations of our previous Uniform Shop: *Victorian School Wear*. DCS Uniforms is a long-established School Uniform supplier, Australian owned and operated. DCS Uniforms is a specialist supplier of school uniforms, manufacturing and suppling uniforms for many Victorian Schools.

Craig from DCS Uniforms has assured me that we will find

DCS Uniforms staff, service and products excellent. He also said that DCS Uniforms look forward to being part of our school's community. Outlined on the next page are some of the benefits of DCS Uniforms that were provided to me.

1/ All uniforms will soon be available **online** with the choice of local delivery or school shop pick up.

**Visit** <a href="http://www.dcsuniforms.com.au">http://www.dcsuniforms.com.au</a> In the next few weeks our School Uniform Price lists will be available to download from this site.

- 2/ Additional items will be available, such as school shoes. Other items will be subject to school approval.
- 3/ Professional sales people are available, accredited with the Working with Children Check.
- 4/ Increase in quality in many items
- 5/ Maintaining existing prices with the potential of price reductions on some items.
- \*\* If you have had shrinking or pilling issues with the uniforms you have purchased previously (in the last 6 months), please contact the school office to identify if the item qualifies to be replaced.

Can you believe it's three weeks until the end of term? Keep smiling!

Education is Powerful, Student Voice Matters,
Teachers Make a Difference & Every Day Counts!

Sandi Young Principal

### From the Acting Assistant Principal

It's very exciting to be part of the Thomastown West PS community for the remainder of the school year. I have been welcomed by everyone I have met so far. Thank you. I look forward to meeting everyone else. Please say hello when you see me. My first challenge is to remember everyone's name.

I have been working in Victorian Government primary schools for over 22 years, teaching across all year levels. I am a passionate educator who believes every child should be able to reach their potential. I have come from Ascot Vale primary school in the inner west of Melbourne. I have been the Assistant Principal there since January 2009. Since starting at TWPS, I have been impressed with the teaching and learning that I have seen.

I am married with two children. Both of my boys are at secondary school. They can't wait to see 'their Dad's new school.' I like good food, following sport (and playing a few) and going on holidays. I play competition tennis and support the Mighty Hawks in the AFL. I'm also looking forward to the World Cup starting soon.

Once again, thank you to everyone for making me feel very welcome. I look forward to supporting Mrs Sandi Young and the wider school community to develop the TWPS students to become to best they can be.

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.

Involve me and I learn."

Benjamin Franklin

Michael Downing. (Mr. D.) Acting Assistant Principal



### **SICK CHILDREN**

We currently have a large number of children who have not been attending school due to illness and with the onset of winter comes coughs and colds, throat/chest infections, and the flu.

Parents and Carers, **please do not send sick children to school**, as they are often miserable and unwilling or unable to participate in the regular classroom activities. There is also the possibility that they will infect other children in the classroom. Whilst we understand it is difficult for working parents when their child is sick, however if children who are sick are at school there is a greater risk to all of the other students. **If your child is not feeling well the best place for them is at HOME.** 





### SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

### **FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

- 1. Online: log the absence directly using your school's IT platform.
- 2. Telephone: the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
- 3. Email: the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

### Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

### What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

### What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

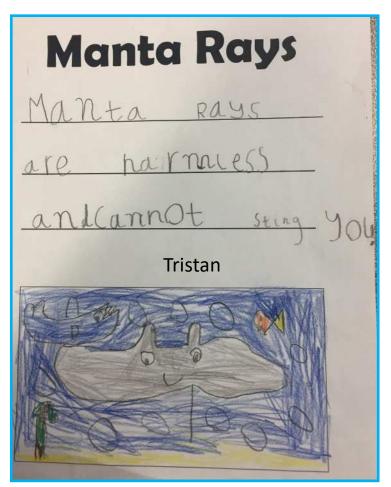
Schools will let you know either by your school's online communications app, SMS, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

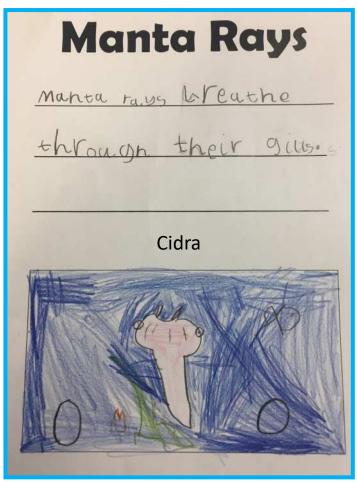
#### Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.









## ROOM 3 UNDER THE SEA



# GRADE 5/6 EXCURSION

Sovereign Hill, Ballarat



# GRADE 5/6 EXCURSION

Sovereign Hill, Ballarat





# Stars of the Week



### Term 2 - Week 8

Room 1 Alan	Room 10	Xaviah
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Room 2 Hussain Room 11 Sara

Dong Room 3 Room 12 **Destiny** 

Room 4 Room 16 **Khaled** Musa

Room 5 Room 17 Japji **Amy** 

Room 6 Mason Room 18 Elin

Room 19 Room 8 **Jamie Amanni** 

> Room 20 Khodr













### Hi everyone!

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Grades 3 and 4 DOXA city camp.

It was a fantastic experience for the students, most of whom had not been on a camp previously.

We did a number of different activities such as bowling and ice skating. We also visited the famous MCG and The Shrine, it was great to see all of the students so curious to learn about each place we visited and ask very intelligent questions.

We did a LOT of walking and I imagine there were some very tired boys and girls at the end of camp! Parents, you can be proud that all students were very well behaved and acted in accordance with our school values.

This week I wanted to share some photos of some of the special programs we are currently running at the school. We are very lucky to have Jim from Canine Comprehension with the very cute therapy dogs Ziggy and Ruby visiting us weekly. We also have Lucine from Inspired Movement running a dance program.

Last but not least Georgianna from the Thomastown Community Hub and I have been running a gardening group. Georgianna has kindly allowed us to use the Hub's gardening tools as well as supplying plants and soil. All of the programs are designed to increase resilience, confidence and teach students about the importance of team work.

Mike Palfrey Student Wellbeing Officer















### WE ARE NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR OUR 2019 PREP CLASSES

Please remind your family, friends and neighbours that if they have a child starting school next year and would like them to come to our school, then **PLEASE ENROL THEM SOON!** 

It is important that children are enrolled by the end of Term 3 so that they can participate in our successful Prep Transition program Term 4.

# PARENT-TEACHER THURSDAY 28th JUNE 2018 MEETINGS Farlier this week we sent home a notice with your LOG IN



Earlier this week we sent home a notice with your LOG IN details with very easy instructions to follow.

\*\*Similarly to last year, parents and carers will use COMPASS to book their meeting time.

### Need help with COMPASS?

You might need to reset your password... Click on: 'Can't access your account?'

You can also ask the lovely office staff for help.



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I had a little chuckle on Wednesday as I was leaving a class of 5/6s. Their teacher was preparing them for their Sovereign Hill excursion, discussing what they will see.

A student called out, "DO WE HAVE TO WALK, MISS?" Well, I turned back and asked, 'Who's complaining about walking?" and several hands flew up!! (Maybe it was the smirk on my face)

I grew up with my parents and six siblings and we never had the luxury of a car. We walked everywhere. Actually, on many Sunday afternoons we could be seen going for a long walk as a family (yes, all 9 of us!).

I still love walking, especially when I can observe our natural environment, or have my beautiful dog, Beau with me – he loves taking me for a walk! It is a form of mindfulness and keeps me fit and healthy.

### THE REAL IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISE

Regular physical activity is an important part of getting healthy and staying healthy.

Encouraging kids and teens to be active from a young age sets good habits early on and helps them develop the skills they need to stay active throughout their lives.

#### Regular physical activity helps kids and teens to:

- grow and develop healthily
- build strong bones and muscles
- improve balance and develop skills
- maintain and develop flexibility
- achieve and maintain a healthy weight
- improve cardiovascular fitness
- reduce stress and feel more relaxed
- improve posture
- boost confidence and self-esteem
- have fun with their friends and make new ones.

Kids and teens who don't get enough physical activity are at a greater risk of becoming overweight or obese. This makes it harder for them to be active and keep up in sport or play.

Being overweight can also make kids more prone to conditions such as asthma, flat feet and joint sprains. In the long term, it can contribute to conditions such as high blood pressure and cholesterol, heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and liver disease.

### **5 WAYS TO A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**

- 1.Choose water as a drink
- 2.Turn off the TV or computer and get active
- 3.Eat more fruit and vegies
- "Physical activity doesn't all have to happen at the one time.
- It can be accumulated throughout the day"
- 4.Get active each day
- 5.Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives

Helping children find activities that they like is one of the keys to keeping them active. Dancing, skipping, running, walking, playing with a ball or flying a kite – it doesn't matter what the activity is as long as they like it. It's not about being perfect. It's about keeping active, building confidence and having fun. It doesn't have to be expensive – a ball, a basketball hoop, a skipping rope, their legs, a hula hoop, etc...

Just this week a student told me that he and his Dad ride their bikes together 'because he cares about me and wants me to be healthy' – GOOD ON YOU DAD!!





**UP WITH THEM NEXT WEEK!!** 

Robyn Mulholland (Student Well-being)

### Cup of Life

Well done to all the boys and girls who are coming to school every day.

### Congratulations

The room in Week 8 Term 2 that had the BEST ATTENDANCE is Room 19



### It's EASY to BOOK your Parent / Teacher Meeting

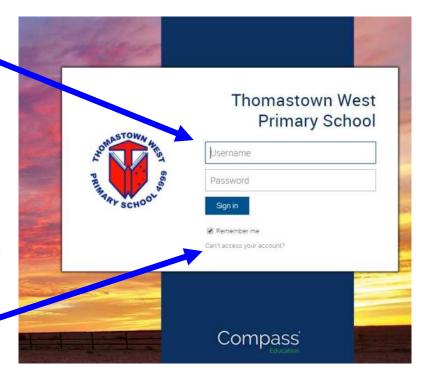
### To book a time for your Parent/Teacher meeting for Thursday 28th June:

### 1. Login to Compass:

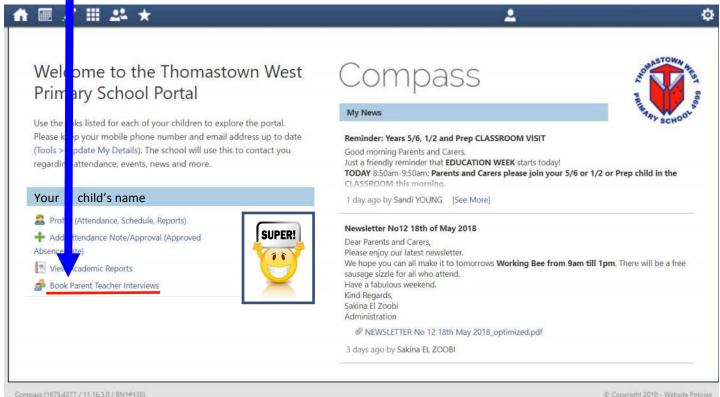
### Use your parent login details -

Your details are on the last page of this form.

- Please do not give these to your child.
- Your login details are unique to you and provide you with ongoing parent access to Compass and information about your child(ren).
- If you have problems... click on the: 'Can't access your account?'



### 2. Click Book Parent/Teacher Interviews



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### 3. If you have one child... Click here then... Go to Step 4



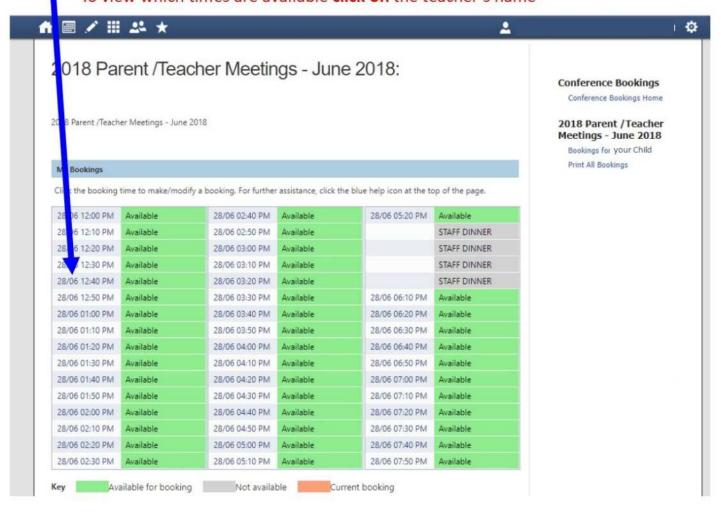
### If you have two or more children... Click on a name



### 4. Click the time you would prefer.

You might have to try a few different times—not all times are available.

To view which times are available click on the teacher's name



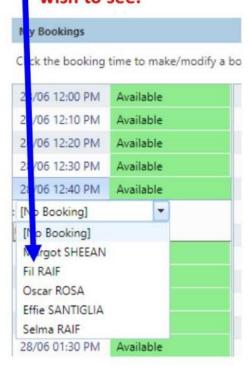
### 5. Once you have found an available time... Click on the time.

### My Bookings

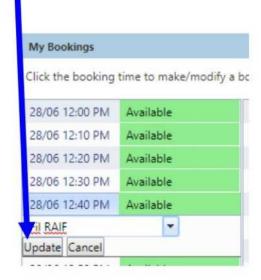
Click the booking time to make/modify a booking for further assistance, click the blue help icon at the top of the page.

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28/06 12:30 M	Available	28/06 03:10 PM	Available		STAFF DINNER
28/06 12:40 PM	Available	28/06 03:20 PM	Available		STAFF DINNER
[No Booking]	▼	28/06 03:30 PM	Available	28/06 06:10 PM	Available
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28/06 12:50 PM	Available	28/06 03-50 DM	Available	28/06 06:30 DM	Available

### 6. Click on the teacher you wish to see.



### 7. Click on the UPDATE button



### 8. Success! The teacher's name



 To make a meeting time for your other children...
 Click on their name and go to Step 4.

Should you experience any problems logging on please retry three times before contacting the school office for assistance.



### OSHClub AFTER CARE NEWS

8/6/18



This week we celebrated World Environment Week by focussing many discussions and play around the awareness of taking care of our planet. The children learnt that this day is the 'people's day' for doing something to take care of the Earth or become an agent of change.

World Environment Day is the 5th June and the children enjoyed dramatic play by camping and toasting marshmallows. Their play was imaginary and creative.

The children also enjoyed hula hoop tricks, outdoor play and an active indoor favourite of their choice, Poison ball.



Our Cooking Club activity this week was Vegetable Salad Creations. The children were encouraged to try different types of vegetables and fruits to promote healthy eating.

We created Mediterranean Salad. Tuna Salad and Fruit Salad.

Our goal was successful as everyone enjoyed eating our creations. Parents were happy knowing that their children tried and liked something new.



### OSHClub AFTER CARE NEWS

8/6/18

Program Theme		
	Fitness Week	

Goal: To take responsibility for their health and physical wellbeing.

### Next Week's Activities 12/6/18-15/6/18

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After Care Activities	Public holiday	Wheel of fitness	Cooking club Vegetable lasagne	Fitness word search	Fitness chatterbox

Activities Public Fitness dice circuit fi	Timed fitness hallenge	Group fitness
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### Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0407 372 056

Coordinator: Desiree Bustos Assistant: Carmen Bellofiore

OSHClub Customer Service and Billing Team: 1300 395 735

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.



Fun, Educational, Safe School Holiday Programs that foster a sense of Identity & Belonging

School Holiday Programs Children aged 5–9 years
Our program offers flexible activities, adventures and educational experiences for your children to explore. They include indoor and outdoor activities, swimming, cooking, incursions, various excursions and theme days.

Junior Leadership Program Children aged 10–14 years
This program is an extension of the core School Holiday Program, catering for
10 – 14 year olds. It offers children in their middle years a range of opportunities
designed to increase their capacity to be involved with their local
community and gain independence through greater responsibility.
Participants will also contribute ideas to fundraising efforts and
activities within the Whittlesea community.









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<sup>\*</sup>The figures are estimates, based on your entitlement to Child Care Benefit/Child Care Rebate, as assessed by Centrelink. Daily fees could be even lower if you have more than one child. If you know your CCB/CCR rate, feel free to contact us to discuss how your fees will be reduced. If you have not been assessed for CCB/CCR, please contact Centrelink on 13.61.50. Multi-lingual helpline 13.12.02. Prices for excursions may vary - please refer to the program for the set price.

### Winter School Holiday Program

Monday 2nd July

Art Attack!

- -Jewellery making
- -Dream catchers
- -Making pinwheels

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 000



Swimming (remember your bathers) Trivia competition.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 0000

Incursion - Marine Mania

Come and dive into Port Phillip Bay for the Marine Mania Show. There are true hidden treasures just below the surface such as temperate coral reefs, port Jackson sharks, sea urchins, sea stars, puffer fish and much more!

Thursday 5th July 006

Swimming (remember your bathers)

Science Thursday!

- -making slime using different methods
- -soap powered boat
- -make your own bouncy ball

Friday 6th July W (0)



Excursion - Bupa Aged Care

We are going to visit the residents of Bupa Aged Care. Join them for an afternoon of playing games, reading books and story telling Please arrive by 9.00am Additional Cost \$25.00

Please note limited spots for this excursion

Exclusive Basketball Workshop offer running Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this week! Bookings essential! Terms and Conditions apply.

Monday 9th July

Kidz Kitchen - Cupcake making and decorating Incursion - Safety Around Water Workshop

Water safety is important for all children to learn. In this land based incursion the children will learn about how to be safe around water.

Tuesday 10th July 0000

Swimming (remember your bathers)

Yoga at the library

We are off to the library for an interactive and creative Yoga session with Suze Male from 42Yoga Studio

Wednesday 11th July 2000

Excursion - YMCA Plenty Valley Spend the day explore the Brand New YMCA at

Plenty Valley! Ninja Gym, Dance class and much more all run by our qualified instructors.

Thursday 12th July 000

Swimming (remember your bathers)

Naidoc Week Activities

- -dot art painting
- -Dreamtime stories

Movie and Popcorn Afternoon!

-a relaxing time before the holidays end.

Friday 13th July 000

Come and celebrate at the end of Program Party! Food, Disco, Games and Prizes!

#### LEGEND

- Children
- (Aged 5-9 years)
- (Aged 10-14 years)
- Incursion
- Excursion Swimming

### GENERAL INFORMATION

### WHAT TO BRING

Nutritious NUT FREE lunch and snacks

Water bottle

SunSmart hat (compulsory from September until the end

Weather appropriate clothing and shoes

#### ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Children with additional needs are welcome and encouraged to attend our programs.

Families are required to contact the Children's Programs Director at least four weeks prior to requiring care of the School Holiday Program to discuss the individual needs of your child and complete any funding applications.

### OPERATING HOURS

7.30am – 6.00pm A late fee of \$5 per minute applies when a child is picked up after 6.00pm.

### BOOKINGS AND FEES

Bookings can be made at any time throughout the year and are subject to availability. The booking can only be confirmed once you have submitted all enrolment information for your child via My Family Lounge or our website: www.childrensprograms.whittlesea.ymca.org.au.

YMCA Whittlesea utilise Ezidebit for all payments, unless a prior agreement is arranged with the Children's Programs Director, You will directed to complete an Ezidebit Direct Debit Request Form.

Bookings will not be accepted on the day unless places, adequate staffing and resources are available.

Additional permissions are required if your child is attending an excursion.

Cancellations must be in writing and received two weeks in advance.

# Thomastown West Community Hub

98 Main Street Thomastown West



### **TERM 2 2018**

Day	Time	Program
Monday	3:30 - 4:30	Club EAL (TWPS students only)
Tuesday	4:00 - 6:00	Refugee Support Group Conversational English Class
Wednesday	9:00 - 1.30	Learn English (PRACE) Conversation Class
	1:30 - 2:15	Board Games @ the Hub
	3:30 - 5:00	Homework Club @ the Hub
Thursday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Cool Learning Club (TWPS students only)

For further enquiries please contact: Georgianna on 9401 6635 gbrooks@whittlesea.org.au

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