

# Thomastown West Primary School NEWSLETTER



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## IMPORTANT DATES:

Tues	26 June	School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Wed	27 June	Schools of Rock
Thur	28 June	Parent/Teacher Meetings 12pm -8pm
Fri	29 June	Last day of Term 2 1.15 pm Finish
Mon	16 July	Term 3 Begins

No. 17 22nd June 2018

## From the Principal

### Student Reports

Our teachers are now adding the finishing touches to the Semester One reports for our students and they will be ready for Parents and Carers on Tuesday. I know I have mentioned it before... but it's important to remember that the reporting process is quite lengthy and consumes a large amount of the teaching staff's personal time. Please join me in congratulating the teachers on their professionalism and thank them for the care, time and effort they put into the reports.

During Semester One, teachers have collected evidence **of children's learning** and have now made professional judgments about student achievement along the **Victorian Curriculum** continuum. Teachers then enter this information into our assessment and reporting program Compass. As well as student learning being plotted on the continuum, comments are added to explain to parents what their children have achieved.

**Please enjoy reading your child's reports with them** when they become available **ONLINE via Compass Tuesday 11am next week**. I hope you will celebrate their learning achievements and have a discussion with them about their opportunities for improvement.

If you do not have access to the Internet and cannot view or see your child's report online using COMPASS or you cannot access a smart phone, device, laptop or computer **and you would like the school to PRINT your child's REPORT** please return the notice that was sent home to all families on Thursday afternoon. (I have included it on page 10 of this newsletter)

### Parent/Teacher meetings

Thank you to all of the parents and families who have successfully used COMPASS to book their Parent/Teacher Interview online. **For the remaining few families, we have made appointments for you** and will be sending home your meeting time Tuesday. **Please remember, students are only expected to attend school on Thursday at the time of the Parent/Teacher Meeting.**

### Great News!

Mrs Heather Baniowski is returning from her leave and will become Room 11's classroom teacher for Term 3 & 4 this year.

### Thank you

We were incredibly fortunate that Mrs Melva Ouliaris was available to replace Heather for the semester. Melva did an outstanding job over the last 6 months and will be missed by all of the students in Room 11 and staff- especially in the Grade 3/4 team! Melva will liaise with Heather to ensure a smooth transition for the children, so that their learning is not interrupted.

Melva's last day in Room 11 will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, however I am confident you will see Melva around the school as she continues to be a highly valued TWPS replacement teacher.

### Well done

Congratulations and thank you to the entire SRC team, including Mrs Fraiia and Mrs Townsend for coordinating a successful 'Out of Uniform Day' and dynamic discos at play times on Thursday.

### World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is held every year on June 20th. It is a day to commemorate the strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees. World Refugee Day is a way we can show support for families forced to flee from their homes. Refugees can suffer from cold, hunger, trauma, despair, disease, violence and loss.

At TWPS on Wednesday, the students and staff acknowledged the importance of World Refugee Day with a special event. Our School Captains read a story "Stepping Stones" over the PA system across the entire school, while the pictures of the story were displayed in each classroom. Sarah and Jayden did an AMAZING job and yet again clearly demonstrated what fabulous role models and leaders they are.

The TWPS SRC will also be donating the funds raised \$322 from the **SRC's Free Dress Day and Disco** on Thursday to RISE. RISE supports new arrivals as well as people who have been struggling and under serviced in the community for some time. RISE helps assist refugees and asylum seekers to build new lives in Australia where they can flourish and achieve their fullest potential.



The gold coin donations from our school community will go towards supporting one of the following services currently provided by RISE:

- Welfare and crisis assistance
- Emergency settlement needs
- Legal and advocacy services
- Health and well-being services for families
- Driving lessons to attain 'L' and 'P' plates
- Recreational and employment services
- Educational mentoring, including providing school materials for new arrivals
- Public transport costs for students
- Music and arts projects for youth

### Planning Days

This week Grade 3/4 & 5/6 teachers spent a full day together planning. Planning day includes teachers; analysing and sharing data, unpacking the Victorian curriculum standards, creating engaging activities and designing assessment tasks. Planning days are a great opportunity for teachers to collaborate with their professional learning community and plan for the specific needs of their students.

Teachers in Prep and Grades 1/2 have also participated in planning a few weeks ago and Specialist teachers will plan next week.

### WOW! What a Performance!

Today at Assembly we were treated to an incredible performance from our School Choir and School Band! I am sure you will agree, they did an AMAZING job! **What talented students we have at TWPS!!** Thank you to Mr Oscar Rosa for continuing to inspire and develop our musicians at TWPS. We hope you enjoy your long service leave next week!

Next week, our School Band will participate in the **Schools of Rock**. Thomastown West has another 'Muso' (who has been trusted by Mr Rosa) who will be supporting our students on the day. I am confident that they will do an outstanding job and proudly represent our school!

*"Music can change the world,  
because it can change people."* Bono

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

Sandi Young  
Principal

### Friendly Reminder

School Council will be held this  
Tuesday 26th of June at 6.30pm in the staffroom.



We're here for your kids, if they need support they can...



Call us for FREE  
1800 55 1800



Email us



WebChat with us

Parents! For more information and resources,  
please check out our Kids Helpline parents section

[kidshelpline.com.au/parents](http://kidshelpline.com.au/parents)



**TERM 2**

## **MUSIC PERFORMANCE**





# Stars of the Week



## Term 2 - Week 10

Room 1	Kalel	Room 10	Yalda
Room 2	Hunner	Room 11	Chanel
Room 3	Dalia	Room 12	Hudson
Room 4	Fouad	Room 16	Tina
Room 5	Sussan	Room 17	Yassin
Room 6	Aliya	Room 18	Zainab
Room 8	Krystal	Room 19	Johnny
Room 9	Jonathan	Room 20	Destiny



# S R C D I S C O



21st of June 2018

# SRC DISCO



## Hi everyone!

As I mentioned in last weeks newsletter, our school are very lucky to have child psychologist Jordan Hassed available to help our students.

Jordan works for an organisation called Nirodah (see [www.nirodah.com](http://www.nirodah.com)) and spends one day a week at our school to provide counselling and extra mental health support to students.

### Here is a Q and A with Jordan !

#### Why did you choose to become a child psychologist?

I was initially interested in the area of psychology because I was drawn to understanding people. After working with children and their families in different positions, I discovered how preventative the work can be and how much change can occur when a child can create their own calm feelings and be empowered by their thoughts and feelings. When children learn the skills and strategies to deal with small problems now they develop the belief in themselves that they can handle anything when they get older. The benefit is long term.

#### What is the most rewarding part of your job?

The best thing about my job is the opportunity to be a part of a child's life in such a powerful way (as any educator does). I value building a strong relationship first and foremost. I think the most valuable aspect of counselling is giving students the opportunity to have someone just be there and to listen. Sometimes that sounds so simple, but it can be so powerful for a student to be heard and feel valued.

#### What do you like to do in your spare time?

Read books, walk and train my energetic dogs and spend time with friends and family.

#### What is your favourite movie?

I love children's movies like the Incredibles, Inside Out and Up.

#### What is your favourite food?

Popcorn.

**The service that Jordan provides is free, for further information please call me for a confidential discussion.**

With the school holidays fast approaching, here are some fantastic child friendly events happening during the holidays!

"Three Speed Crunch Box" Children's Theatre

Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, 35 Ferres Blvd South Morang

Phone: 9217 2228 Cost: \$19.50 Family of 4 \$70.00

Explore how Southeast Australian First Peoples moved across water.

Thomastown Library

Bring your own green shopping bag and turn them into something that will make all the shoppers envious next time at the supermarket.

Cost: Free

Learning about our world with terrariums

Wednesday, July 4, 2018 (3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)

Thomastown Library

Learn about how planets grown and live by making your own eco environment to take home.

Cost: Free

Make your own musical instrument

Thursday, July 5, 2018 (2:30 pm – 3:30 pm)

Thomastown Library

Beat on a bottle that has been turned into a drum, learn to play the straw and fiddle with a string. Come and make an instrument using repurposed materials and have some fun.

Cost: Free

Real Dinosaurs-Toby the T-Rex

Friday, July 6, 2018 (11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Lalor Library

Be amazed by this interactive performance of singing, dancing and interesting dinosaur facts with the life like Toby the T-Rex and his handler. The show will include a meet and greet session to take photos with Toby.

Cost: Free

Kids Yoga with Suze Male Tuesday, July 10, 2018 (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

Thomastown Library

Join us for an interactive and creative Yoga session with Suze Male from 42Yoga Studio as we do exercises to a special story.

Cost: Free

The Thomastown West Community Hub also have a school holiday program happening, check out the rest of this newsletter for more details.

**Mike Palfrey**

**Student Well-Being 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.

# Yarrabee Yesterday's World - Grade 1/2





Yarrabee Yesterday's  
World - Grade 1/2



# Hi Everyone!

## the MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING of YOUNG PEOPLE

*On Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> I attended the Generation Next "Mental Health and Well Being of Young People" conference, along with a few hundred other people at the Melbourne Conference Centre. Throughout the day we heard from nine speakers, all experts in their fields of medical research, psychology, eSafety, plus an advocate who advocate against hate and extremism.*

*I also attended a School Chaplaincy conference in May which featured Professors of Mental Health from the Royal Melbourne Children's Hospital.*

*There were many things I learnt about which schools can assist in helping children and young people to be aware of, BUT IT WAS CONSTANTLY REINFORCED THAT PARENTS NEED TO BE AWARE OF WHAT THEIR CHILDREN/TEENS ARE DOING ONLINE AND MONITOR THEIR USE.*

*ALL SPEAKERS NOTED THE MANY FUN, SAFE, AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT ONLINE GAMING, SOCIAL MEDIA AND MANY WEBSITES PROVIDE. BUT THERE IS GROWING EVIDENCE OF POOR OUTCOMES WITH MENTAL HEALTH IN YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH OVERUSE AND ACCESS TO INAPPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES.*



Brett Lee (no, not the cricketer) from *Internet Safe Education*, was one of the speakers at the conference. He is a former policeman of 22 years' service and

has a broad experience in cyber safety.

Brett recommends the following **5 Principles/ Safeguards for families to implement:**

**Safeguard 1: Set Rules and Boundaries** – For example time limits, which games/apps can be used, and where devices are kept.

**Safeguard 2: Stay Current** – Be aware of current technology and games. Ask your children to help you learn. Seek information from online reviews.

**Safeguard 3: Parents, take charge** – THIS IS A BIG

ONE BECAUSE IT CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT AND CAUSE CONFLICT. BUT IT IS BETTER THAN ALLOWING THE COMPUTER OR OTHER DEVICE TO TAKE CHARGE.

**Safeguard 4: Use Management Controls** - Prevention is easier than dealing with a big problem.

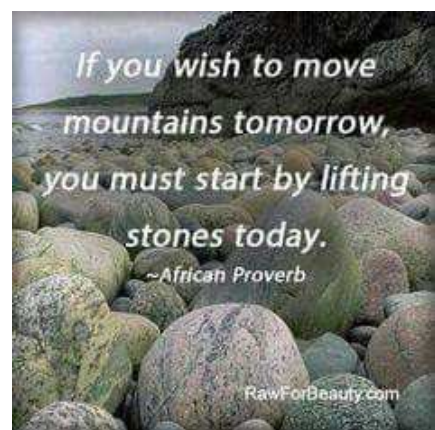
**«Safeguard 5: COMMUNICATION:** *Create an environment of openness about technology and talk about it with your kids. Play online with your children.*

Visit "Internet Safe Education" and learn more at: <https://www.internetsafeeducation.com/>

The Australian Government Officer of eSafety Commissioner website has a free parent guide to online safety for downloading, available in English, Arabic, Persian, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Turkish, Dari, Greek, Hindi, Somali, Urdu, Italian, German, Indonesian and Spanish! You can download in your preferred language at: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/resource-centre/brochure-parents-guide-to-online-safety>

*Let's work together and help our children and ourselves to enjoy this age of the worldwide web in a safe and helpful way. Take time to play online as a family.*

I will share more of what I learnt at the conference in future newsletters. If you have concerns about your child, please feel free to contact me at the school.



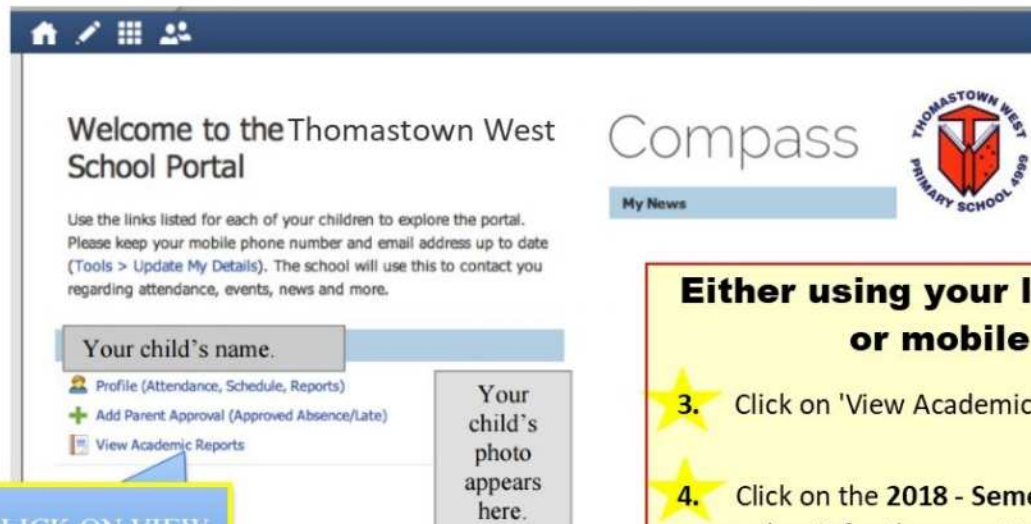
**Robyn Mulholland**

**(Student Well-being)**

# How do I access my child's Semester 1 report on COMPASS?

\*\*\* Student Reports will be available online from 11am Tuesday 26th June 2018 \*\*\*

- STEP**
1. Log in to your Compass Parent account.
  2. Click on Student Profile under the student name.



CLICK ON VIEW  
ACADEMIC  
REPORTS

## Either using your laptop, computer or mobile device:

3. Click on 'View Academic Reports'
4. Click on the **2018 - Semester One** and then 'OK' and wait for the report to load. (This may take a minute or so)
5. Click on "Open" (or 'Save').

## Or using the Compass APP:

3. Tap on your child's photo and select the 'Reports' tab.
4. Tap on the appropriate Report and wait for it to appear. (This may take a minute or so)
5. Tap on the 'send to' icon and select 'Save' or 'iBooks' or 'iCloud Drive' etc.



CLICK ON  
THE  
REPORTS  
TAB

CLICK ON  
2017 -  
SEMESTER  
ONE

**Please return the note below 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
- You would like the school to **PRINT A REPORT** for your child(ren)  
(We will send the paper report home before Thursday 28th June, 2018)

✓ **YES, please print my child(ren)'s REPORT(s):**

Name .....Room .....

Name .....Room .....

Name .....Room .....

# Art and Craft Activity Day

Come and join us for a fun day of Arts and Crafts these School Holidays!!!



**WHERE:** THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB,  
98 MAIN ST THOMASTOWN

**DATE:** TUESDAY 3RD JULY 2018

**TIME:** 10AM-2PM

**COST:** FREE, LUNCH PROVIDED

**BRING:** WATERBOTTLE

BOOKING ESSENTIAL, PLEASE RSVP BY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018

CALL: NINA 94016688 OR GEORGIANNA 94016635



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# Movie Day

**at The Hub** (Thomastown)

**Thursday 5th July 2018**



**FREE EVENT  
SNACKS PROVIDED**

**TIME 2pm to 4pm**

**Thomastown West  
Community Hub,  
98 Main Street  
Thomastown**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

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or Georgianna 9401 6635



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## WHITTLESEA EMERGENCY RELIEF NETWORK MID-YEAR FOOD DRIVE

Each year, the Whittlesea Emergency Relief Network runs a food drive to assist families in need. You can help by donating non-perishable food items, toiletries and nappies. Please see below for **wish list** of items and drop off locations.

- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Tuna
- Longlife milk
- Rice
- Canned Tomatoes
- Lentils + Chickpeas
- Pasta
- Toiletries
- Nappies and Wipes

Drop off location between:  
**28<sup>th</sup> of May – 29<sup>th</sup> of June**

### Whittlesea Community Connections

Shop 111, Pacific Epping, Epping  
(near the banks on the outside of the plaza)

Contact: Katie O'Brien  
kobrien@whittleseacc.org.au  
9401 6666

[whittleseacc.org.au](http://whittleseacc.org.au)

### Become a Teacher's Aide

#### Certificate III in Education Support: (Aug. 2018)

*THIS QUALIFICATION WILL GIVE YOU THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN A RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS. THIS INCLUDES PRIMARY, SECONDARY & SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOLS & AREAS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION*

GRADUATES WORK AS :

- ⇒ EDUCATION ASSISTANTS/TEACHER AIDES
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Course Details:

MONDAY: 6 AUG. 2018 — 1 APR.. 2019

24 SESSIONS, 2 WORKSHOPS + 100 HR PLACEMENT

9:15 AM TO 3.15 PM

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Ring **PRACE** on **9462 6077** or visit our web-site: [www.prace.vic.edu.au](http://www.prace.vic.edu.au)

## Cup of Life

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

*Congratulations*

The room in Week 10 Term 2 that  
had the **BEST ATTENDANCE** is

**ROOM 17**

# Thomastown West Community Hub

98 Main Street  
Thomastown West



## TERM 2 2018

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

For further enquiries please contact:  
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