

Thomastown West Primary School NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES:

Fri	29 June	Last day of Term 2 1.15 pm Finish
Mon	16 July	Term 3 Begins
Wed	18 July	NAIDOC TWPS Activity Day
Wed	18 July	Special NAIDOC Assembly
Mon	30 July	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 6:30pm

No. 18 29th June 2018

From the Principal

The semester has come to an end and this is our last Newsletter for the term. I would like to thank you all for your support once again this term. I really do love being the Principal of our school! We have a fantastic school with extremely hard working, dedicated, passionate teachers and ES staff, a caring parent community and wonderful students who love learning!

Congratulations to you all!

Well done to the entire school community who participated in our assessment and reporting initiatives:

- ✓ Booking Parent/Teacher meetings via COMPASS
- ✓ Reading Student Semester 1 Reports using COMPASS

Special thanks to our amazing Office staff who were very busy as they supported our parent community with the new process.

Last night our Parent/Teacher meetings were also a huge success! If you were unable to attend, please ensure you make a time to chat with your child's teacher about their learning and progress.

VIP at TWPS

On Wednesday we were very lucky to have Bronwyn Halfpenny MP tour our school. We had a very serious conversation about our school grounds (including the rocks!) and the limited flat space children have to play.

We also spoke about the problem of TWPS only having a small Multi-Purpose Room and not having a school hall/gym!

Bronwyn Halfpenny MP, was very supportive of Thomastown West PS many years ago when the school was rebuilt. We look forward to working with Bronwyn again and definitely appreciate any support she can give us.



Arrive on time at quarter to nine!

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, from the beginning of term 3, all schools must advise parents and carers of unexplained absences on the same day.

From Monday 16th July, at 9:15am each day an SMS message via Compass will contact parents and carers in regards to their child's unexplained absences. (We had very positive results from our trial that began today.)

This means... **From next term** Compass will contact parents and carers if their child is absent and parents and carers have not contacted the school explaining the reason for the absence.

If your child is absent, please contact the school to explain the absence by:

1. Using the link provided on the Compass message you receive.

OR

2. Calling the school: 94654317

Well done Mrs O

Congratulations to Melva Ouliaris who was the successful applicant for the part-time teaching position that was advertised at TWPS recently. Melva is replacing Val while she is away on Family leave and will share the grade with Alicia Bartholomew.

Goodbye Miss Fraiia

It is with sadness we farewell Mrs Rhiannon Fraiia, who will not be returning for the remainder of the year due to personal reasons. In six short months, she has made a significant impact on our entire school community. Miss Fraiia is a talented teacher who builds genuine relationships with her students. She creates a dynamic and active classroom whereby she effectively personalises learning for all children. She will be dearly missed by students, staff and parents. We wish Rhiannon the best of luck in her future endeavours!

Schools of Rock

On Wednesday our School Band travelled to Tullamarine to perform. Thank you to Mr Palfrey and Mrs Santiglia for accompanying the students in Mr Rosa's absence. Our students did an outstanding job and represented our school superbly! Well done!!

Question...

Have you read your child's report? If the answer is no... It's not too late! Please use the instructions on [page 7](#) to access the Semester One report **or** please return the slip of paper requesting for the report to be printed.

Schools of Rock!



NAIDOC WEEK @ TWPS

Thomastown West PS will acknowledge NAIDOC week when we return in Term 3.

This year's theme celebrates the essential role that women have played - and continue to play **'Because of her, we can!'** For this reason we are inviting significant role models from our community to join us in a special assembly on Wednesday 18th July at 2:30pm. **We hope you can join us!**



I hope you are able to have a wonderful holiday break with your children and enjoy their company. See you all Monday 16th July!

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

Sandi Young
Principal

Another great term of Achievements!

Let's celebrate Term 2:

Teaching & Learning	Positive Climate for Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learning Intentions & Success Criteria implemented in all classes. ✓ Teachers' Professional Practice days utilised for assessment and moderation of learning tasks. ✓ A successful curriculum day with Reading as our focus. ✓ A special Music performance from band and choir students who also participated in Schools of Rock ✓ Grade 3 & 5 students completing NAPLAN assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Playground folders utilised to support student behaviour & increase communication. ✓ Positive results achieved from SWPBS audit completed ✓ Wellbeing programs offered - Tri-tactics, Canine, Bolt, Inspired Dance, Mindfulness ✓ Buddies ✓ Our Student Voice Team defined our Student Leadership roles. ✓ OHS training for staff ✓ Attitudes to School Survey data was collected.
Excursions/Incursions	TWPS Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Preps visited the Aquarium ✓ Grade 1/2 had the Pet Ownership Program and visited Ziebel Farm House, Yarrabee Yesterday World ✓ Grade 3/4 enjoyed the City Doka Camp and the Convicts and Captains Incursion ✓ Two students represented our school in the District Cross Country ✓ G-Tac Science Incursions were held in Grade 5/6. ✓ Grade 5/6 also visited Sovereign Hill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SRC leaders successfully held a free dress and disco day ✓ Activities held each day at our Community Hub ✓ Successful April & May School Council meetings ✓ Kinder Visits ✓ Visit from Bronwyn Halfpenny MP ✓ SSP information sessions ✓ Fundraising Parent meetings ✓ Increased participation with Parents using Compass

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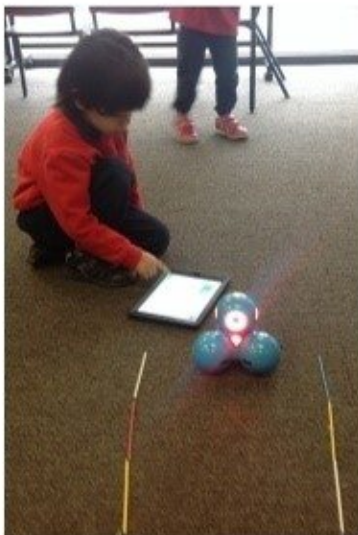
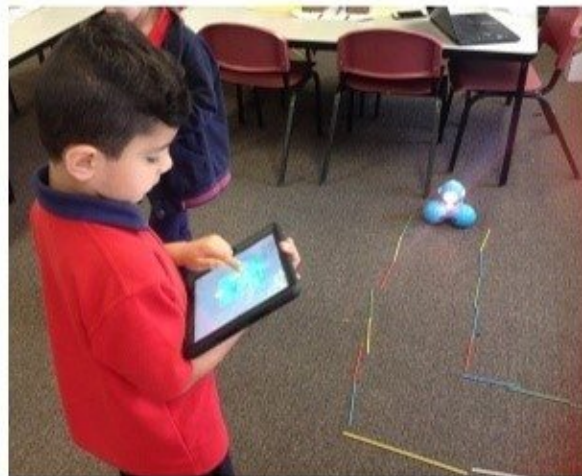
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Parents! For more information and resources,
please check out our Kids Helpline parents section

kidshelpline.com.au/parents



Meeting **DASH** the Robot!



Hi everyone!

Yesterday I had the pleasure of attending "Schools of Rock" with the school band. It was fantastic to see so many future rock stars, the talent displayed throughout the day was amazing.

Of course, Thomastown West Primary's band were the best of all on the day! The band really brought the house down and the crowd went wild for them, what an incredible experience !

Mr Rosa has done a really great job of working with the band to get them to the high level they are at. Well done Mr Rosa !

Following on from this experience, I thought this week I would talk about the benefits of learning a musical instrument for children.

What are the benefits of learning an instrument?

It improves academic skills

Music and math are closely related. By learning scales and time signatures a child learns to divide, create fractions and recognise patterns.

It develops physical skills

By learning an instrument, kids improve their motor skills and physical coordination.

It helps with social skills

By performing as part of a group, kids learn about team work and how to relate to others.

It helps build self esteem

By taking on board constructive criticism kids learn how to accept feedback, learn from it and get better as a result.

And perhaps most importantly.... **IT'S A LOT OF FUN !!**

I hope all students and parents have a safe holiday break, I look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

Mike Palfrey

Student Well-Being Officer

School Holiday Activities

Activities running daily at Melbourne Museum

11 Nicholson St, Carlton

Cost: Museum ticket prices apply

Glam Bags and Green Monsters print workshop

Tuesday, July 3, 2018 (2:30 pm – 3:30 pm)

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

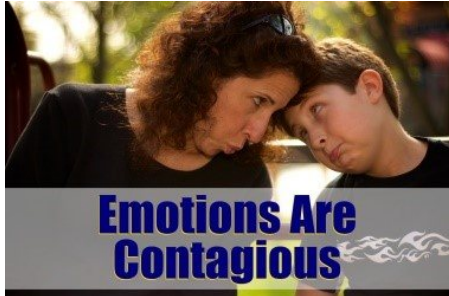
The Thomastown West Community Hub also have a school holiday program happening, check out the rest of this newsletter for more details.



Hi Everyone!

Think of a time when you had a BIG emotion... POSITIVE or NEGATIVE.

- Why did you react emotionally like that?
- What was the impact of the emotion on your behaviour?
- How did it affect others?



Another quality speak from Generation Next Well Being Conferences :

Dr Justin Coulson is one of Australia's leading parenting experts and is a highly sought-after international speaker and author. He and his wife Kylie are the parents of six daughters.

Justin is an Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Positive Psychology in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Melbourne. He is a consultant to the Federal Government's Office of the Children's e-Safety Commissioner, and has acted (and continues to act) in an advisory capacity to well-known organisations including Beyond Blue, the Raising Children Network, Life Education, Intel Security, and the Alannah and Madeline Foundation.



More and more social media and gaming are determining both our children's and our emotions. BUT "catching" emotions begins when we are babies and continues into adulthood.



Have you smiled at a baby and the baby smiled back at you? Did it create feelings/emotions of joy and love for both you and the baby?

All emotions, both positive and negative, are learnt from a young age.

Our emotions can determine what kind of day we and those around us may have. For example, if someone has been angry with us, we may resent it and pass our negative feeling to those around us through our words and actions.

When working with students I try to explore their emotions with them, and try to help them firstly to identify the emotion they are feeling; then secondly, look at what may have caused them to feel that way.

Students often identify how others around react and express emotions. Sometimes they 'don't know' because it has become a learnt behaviour.

Dr. Justin Coulson says:

- Be aware of your emotions. Monitor them
- Remember, calm is contagious... but so is crazy
- Stay in control
- They're children and they'll act like one. You're an adult. How will you act?
- **Connect before you correct**
- **Empathy** is the key. Label their emotions. Be ok with emotions. Set limits on behaviour when things are calm
- For long-term relationships, keep the relationship primary

Maybe use the school holidays to check in on your own emotions – are they impacting those around us. Did 'I wake up on the wrong side of the bed' and allowing that to control my actions and reactions.

Look back at your own upbringing. I often hear, 'Oh, I am becoming my mother/father!'. That's great if we have been nurtured positively and with understanding.

Our children are looking to us as models. Again COMMUNICATION IS KEY – TRY TO EMPATHISE AND SEE THINGS FROM THE OTHER PERSON'S POSITION/POINT OF VIEW.

HAVE A RELAXING AND FUN HOLIDAY BREAK!!



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 11 Term 2 that had the BEST ATTENDANCE is

ROOM 20

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.

Welcome to the Thomastown West School Portal

Use the links listed for each of your children to explore the portal. Please keep your mobile phone number and email address up to date (Tools > Update My Details). The school will use this to contact you regarding attendance, events, news and more.

Your child's name.

- Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
- + Add Parent Approval (Approved Absence/Late)
- View Academic Reports

Your child's photo appears here.

CLICK ON VIEW ACADEMIC REPORTS

Compass

My News



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.

Student: Your child's name, grade and year level.

Dashboard Schedule Learning Tasks Attendance Reports Analytics Insights

Reports

Reporting Cycle

2017 - Semester One

CLICK ON THE REPORTS TAB

CLICK ON 2017 - SEMESTER ONE

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.

AFTER CARE NEWS

Goal of the week: To be effective communicators

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After Care Activities	2 Snap	Hello Uncle Jack	Trivia	Pupil Free Day	Party Time

After Care Activities	Traffic Lights	Ship, shark, Shore	Freeze Tag	No School	Last Day Of Term
Parent Information OSHC program phone: 0407 372 056 Coordinator: Desiree Bustos Assistant: Carmen Bellofiore OSHClub Customer Service and Billing Team: 1300 395 735 <i>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.</i>					

Friday is the last day of Term 2, OSHclub will be operating from 1.15pm-6.15pm.

OSHclub wishes all children, parents, carers and extended family, a very happy and safe holiday.

We look forward to seeing you all back for another term full of fun, experimenting, cooking and active games.

Take care, from the team at TWPS OSHclub.



Cooking Vegie
Soup sure was
fun!!



Talent week was
such fun! We got to
sing, play guitar,
dance and much
more.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WEEK 1

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 28TH JUNE 2018

CALL: NINA 94016688 OR GEORGIANNA 94016635



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

WEEK 1



Whittlesea
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**FREE
EVENTS**

whittleseacc.org.au

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

Contact Nina 9401 6688
or Georgianna 9401 6635



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Thomastown West Community Hub
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PARENTING IN THE EARLY YEARS

Would you like some new strategies on parenting children in the early years?

Would you like to meet with other parents to find out what they are doing?

Parentzone Northern are presenting two sessions on parenting children in the early years based on the Parents Building Solutions program.

Come along to one or both of the sessions, it's your choice. All sessions are free but bookings are essential



SESSION ONE:

Understanding Childhood Development

DATE: Tuesday 24th July 2018

TIME: 10 am -12 noon

SESSION TWO:

Managing Challenging Behaviours

DATE: Tuesday 31st July 2018

TIME: 10 am-12 noon

WHERE: Parentzone 10 Hurtle Street Lalor

To Book: Contact Parentzone on 03 9465 0322 or email parentzone.preston@anglicarevic.org.au

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**BETTER
TOMORROWS**

Moreland Children's Services Unit presents

Great kids have great dads

A series of three interactive parent sessions for dads

Great parents bring up great kids and you can be that father or father figure you've always wanted to be.

In these sessions we will talk about what being a dad means to you and the ways you can raise healthy, happy kids. The sessions will be based on the 'Parents Building Solutions' package which delivers the topics participants want to discuss. These topics can include communication, discipline, resilience and feelings.

These sessions will be facilitated by Joanne Templeton from Parentzone Northern and Cal Revell from Brotherhood of St Laurence. Parentzone Northern is the regional parenting service for the Northern Metropolitan area of Melbourne. Parentzone and the programs it offers are funded by the State Department of Education and Training and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



DATE: Wednesday 5, 12 and 19 September 2018

TIME: 7 – 9 pm

VENUE: Coburg Early Years Centre
1 Wardens Walk
Coburg

COST: Free

BOOKINGS:

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

For more information or to make a booking visit moreland.vic.gov.au/parent-information-sessions, email the Children's Services Unit at childrensservices@moreland.vic.gov.au or phone 9240 1111 by Wednesday 21 August 2018.



Moreland City Council



Circle of Security

A relationship-based parenting program for Dads of children 0-5 years

The Circle of Security helps Dads to understand their child's behaviour and to strengthen their relationship with their child.

For more information see www.circleofsecurity.net

Dates

From 30 July to 17 Sept 2018
Monday evenings (8x2hour sessions)
6.30pm to 8.30pm

Venue

Eltham War Memorial Hall
903 Main Road, Eltham

Bookings & Further Information

Julie Graney on 0418 364 399
or jgraney@cps.org.au

*Note: This program is free and for dads only.
Bookings essential. We regret childcare cannot be provided.*



Our Term 3 short courses are beginning soon

Hospitality Basics

Develop the basic skills needed to work as a Kitchen Hand or Front of House service in a café or restaurant. Starts 19 July

Introduction to Basic Bookkeeping and MYOB

A short course for those who want to learn how to use a computer-based accounting system (MYOB) to perform basic bookkeeping procedures. Starts 19 July

Computers for Beginners

This beginners' course will give you the confidence to perform a range of basic tasks on a computer. Starts July 23

**SEMESTER 2
BEGINS
MONDAY 16TH JULY**

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IN REAL THEATRE?**

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