

Thomastown Primary School

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Timeline 2017

TUESDAY

7th February

Swimming starts for students in grades 3/4, 4/5 & 5/6

- ♦ School banking begins for 2017

WEDNESDAY

8th February

- ♦ No School for Preps on Wednesdays during February
- ♦ School Council Meeting 5.15pm

THURSDAY

2nd March

3:30pm - 6:00pm

Welcome Fair

WEDNESDAY

8th March

Athletics Carnival

MONDAY

13th March

Labour Day
Public Holiday

No School

TUESDAY

14th March

Curriculum Day
Students are not required to attend school on this day

FRIDAY

31st March

Last day of Term 1 -
School finishes at 2:30pm

Welcome back

I hope your break was restful and enjoyable. I extend a warm welcome to our school community as we begin what will be a very exciting year. A special greeting to all the new children and their families who have joined us at Thomastown Primary School, we are delighted that you have joined our school community. Last week, we had twenty-eight new children begin their primary education in the Foundation (Prep) classes. There were many excited smiles from the children and a few tears from some of the parents.

We have also had several families join us with children in grades 1 – 6 and we extend a warm welcome to them.

In 2017 there are several new faces on our TPS staff:

- Robert McAlpine 2/3M
- Neslihan Yon-Tankir 3/4Y
- George Kokonis 5/6K
- Adriana Oliveri—Speech Pathologist
- Dale Saliba—Business Manager

Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new staff and to welcome them to the TPS community.

School Uniform

At Thomastown Primary School we enforce a strict uniform policy. This policy was developed by School Council in consultation with the school community. School uniform **MUST** be worn every day and during Term 1 this includes the wide brimmed school hat. T shirts, polo shirts and jumpers must have the official school logo on them. If your child is not in school uniform you need to send a note to the class teacher to explain the reasons for this.

Book Packs and Fees

IF YOU HAVENT COLLECTED YOUR CHILD'S STATIONERY/BOOK PACK YET THERE ARE STILL SOME AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE. The cost of Stationery/Book Packs and school fees is:

\$100 for students in Years Prep, 1, 2 & 3

\$95 for students in Years 4,5 & 6

The stationery/book pack fee is a once only fee. The cost of any additional stationery your child may need later in the school year will be paid by the school.

EVERY DAY COUNTS - ATTENDANCE

At Thomastown Primary School we are committed to providing your child with an excellent education. Regular school attendance is vital and missing school days can have a big impact on a child's future. Missing one day a fortnight will equate to missing four full weeks by the end of the year. Each day a student misses school puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

If for any reason your child must be absent from school, parents or guardians are required to provide written notification, stating the reason for their child's absence. This information will be retained by the teacher and archived by the school. This is a DE&T requirement.

Amanda Henning
Principal

Co-operation Excellence Honesty Respect Responsibility

2017 Term Dates

Term 1: 31st January to 31 March

Term 2: 18 April (Tuesday) to 30 June

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September

Term 4: 9 October to 22 December



P.E. Report

Monday

6th February 2017



Hi Everyone! I hope you all stayed fit and healthy over the holidays and are ready for a great term of fun and games.....and laps!!

Excellence in P.E. Award:

As this week is Planning Week, I will not start allocating scores until next week - Week 3!

This is a good time to remind students what I am looking for when considering what score to

give to each grade. When considering my score, these are the things I am looking for: Great lining-up, good listening skills, co-operative attitude, good sportsmanship, a clear effort to contribute your best, support and encouragement of others.

Please note that the District Athletics Carnival is being held on Wednesday the 8th of March.



Learning Support Teacher – Sue Lauder

Are there some things about the school that you don't understand?

Would you like some hints on how to help your child with reading, writing, maths etc.?

Mrs Sue Lauder is our Learning Support Teacher. She is at the school most Tuesdays.

Her job is to help you help your children learn.

If you would like to talk with Sue just complete and return the form below for an appointment or have a chat if you see her on Tuesdays walking around before school.

Interpreters are available.

Parent's Name: _____ Contact Number _____

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

Preferred time for an appointment. (Please Circle)

9.00

10.00

11.30

12.30

Interpreter required Yes No Language required: _____



Storytimes @ YPRL

Yarra Plenty Regional Library offers a range of activities and programs for children. Here are some details of the pre-literacy Storytimes offered across the library service.

- > Bookaroo
- > Baby Storytime
- > Toddler Time
- > Preschool Storytime
- > Bilingual Storytime
- > Weekend Storytime
- > Bedtime Storytime.

In addition to the above Storytimes, we also offer the following programs:

Just4Kids - An after school program for primary school children that can include art, craft, technology, movies and games. Throughout the year, special themed sessions are delivered.

Doggy Tales - An innovative way for children to practise their reading with a non judgemental canine audience. Our Reading Dogs are specially trained for these one-to-one sessions.

Intergenerational Storytime - Children and seniors come together to share a story.

Interactive Play, Brainy Gym and Play Date These sessions develop the skills of babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to learn through the power of play.

Numerous other child-friendly activities and programs are offered across the libraries including: Knitting Club, Sensory Storytime and LEGO Club. A Toy Library is also available at Lalor and Diamond Valley branches.

For more information on any of the above, please visit our website at ypri.vic.gov.au or ask in branch

Term 1 Swimming

Swimming will commence for students in grades 3/4, 4/5 & 5/6 this Tuesday 7th of February.

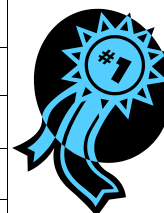
The cost of the swimming program is \$95.00 which covers the cost of bus transport to and from the swim centre as well as qualified swimming instructors.

Payment must be made no later than Tuesday 14th of February.



Value Stars for week ending : 3rd February 2017

Prep V - Jwan	Prep/1 D - Rasanjot & Gabby	1/2C - Hammad
1/2W - Bond	2/3M - Najma	2/3C - Paina
3/4Y - Michael	4/5G - Whole class	5/6K - Faizan
5/6T - Bailey	Language School -	ART -
LIBRARY -	PE -	





FAMILY COOKING PROGRAM

As part of our Learning Support program parents will be invited to come to school and cook something with their child and three friends.

Sessions will be held in the canteen on Tuesdays at 2.30 for about an hour.

Parents will be asked to provide a recipe for something simple that they can make with the children in about an hour.

THE SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT AND INGREDIENTS.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun with your child and to see how cooking 'bakes' learning. If you would like to be part of this program please complete the form below and return to school as soon as possible.

Regards,
Sue Lauder,
Learning Support Teacher.



FAMILY



COOKING PROGRAM

I would like to participate in the Family Cooking Program.

My Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

LEARNING SUPPORT

Do you have any questions about your child and school?

Sue Lauder is our Learning Support Teacher.

Come and meet her. Have a cuppa and a chat.

PARENT GET TOGETHER



Tuesday 28th February 3.00pm
in the Art room.



All parents are welcome.

Welcome



Fair 2017

Keep the date free !!!

Thursday 2nd March 3.30 to 6pm.

This year, we're having our end of year fair in first term to welcome back all our families and say a big "Hi there and welcome to our school!"
to families who are new to the school.

Planning meeting 2017

We need your help to run activities at the Fair and help with the planning so please come to the Playgroup room, the Little Red School house, next Tuesday at 2.30pm to help out.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Call Judith 0419593022

School Banking 2017



2017 Future Savers Rewards

We're excited to launch the new reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers, released Term 1
- 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case, released Term 2
- Smiley Emoji Keyring and Volt Handball, released Term 3
- Pencil + Tech Case and Epic Earphones, released Term 4

**School banking begins Tuesday 7th February
2017**



 <p>Special Introductory Programme</p> <p>ONLY \$35.00</p> <p>Includes New Uniform Ring Terry on</p> <p>9886-9025</p> <p><small>⊗ Australian Goju Karate</small></p>		<p>Mill Park Leisure Centre</p> <p>Morang Dve Mill Park</p> <p>Beginners Classes</p> <p>6:30 Tuesdays 6:30 Thursdays 10:00am Saturdays</p> <p>Martial Arts Tuition Specialists</p>
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Arabic Playgroup

When:

Wednesday 9:30am –
11.30am

Venue:

Thomastown Primary
School
18 Spring St,
Thomastown

*Caring for your children/grandchildren at home is very important.
Caring for your own health is very important too!!*

This playgroup offers opportunities to:

- *Promote your children/grandchildren's skills through cooperative play*
- *Encourage children to share play with others*
- *Develop your children's cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills*
- *Provide health information, parenting, early learning and healthy eating*
- *Share information and experiences and discuss issues of interest in a friendly environment*

For more information contact:

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Thomastown Primary School



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Arabic Playgroup

اليوم: الاثنين 9.30 صباحاً
- 11.30 ظهراً

العنوان:
Thomastown Primary
School
18 Spring St,
Thomastown

إن تقديم الرعاية لأولادكن وأحفادكن مهم جداً
وكذلك الاهتمام بصحتكن

إن مجموعة لعب الأطفال للأمهات والجندات العربيات
تتيح لكن هذه الفرصة

- تطوير مهارات أولادكن أو أحفادكن من خلال المشاركة في اللعب مع أطفال آخرين.
- تشجيع الأطفال على المشاركة والتعاون في اللعب مع أطفال آخرين.
- تنمية القدرات الذهنية والفكرية لدى أولادكن أو أحفادكن وتهيئتهم للمدرسة
- توفير المعلومات التي تركز على الشؤون الصحية والغذاء السليم والتربية
- مناقشة مواضيع تهمكن في جو ودي واجتماعي

لمزيد من المعلومات والحجز يرجى الاتصال بأي من الأرقام التالية:
شاينتي على الرقم 93535811



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