



Thomastown Primary School

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Timeline 2017

TUESDAY

19th December

- KABOOM sports program for all students P-6 and for Language School students
- Grade parties
- Year 6 Graduation 5pm

WEDNESDAY

20th December

First orientation Day for Grades 1-6 in 2018

THURSDAY

21st December

Second orientation Day for Grades 1-6 in 2018

FRIDAY

22nd December

Last day of school - 1:30pm Finish

2018

Mon Jan 29th

Teachers only

Tues Jan 30th

Teachers only

Wed Jan 31st

Grades 1-6 start school

Thurs Feb 1st

Preps start school 9:00-1:30

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members,

I can't quite believe that the last week of school is here already. I just keep shaking my head and asking "Where has this year gone?" We've had several very busy weeks as teachers have been finalising student end of year reports and finishing preparations for 2018.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week all students will work in their grade for 2018 and wherever possible they will work with their new teachers. We are still working on the appointment of one additional teacher for 2018. This appointment was necessary due to the late notification that one of our teachers would be changing schools in 2018.

Our Year Six students and their teachers are busy preparing for their Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday December 19th. The evening will be a wonderful celebration of the students' achievements over the seven years of their primary school education.

REPORTS

Student end of year reports will be distributed to students this afternoon, Monday December 18th. The reports will reflect the last 6 months of learning for our students. Each student will be taking home their 2017 individual portfolio for the family to enjoy over the holiday period.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

It is always sad to say farewell to members of staff at the end of each year. This year we say farewell to:

Mrs Celeste Watts who will be taking up a teaching position in 2018 at Rosanna Primary School
Ms Catherine Tudor who will also be taking up a teaching position in 2018 at Rosanna Primary School
Ms Neslihan Yon-Tankir who will be returning to her substantive position at Cambridge Primary School
Mrs Laura Salib who will be taking up an education support position at Meadows Primary School.

On behalf of the TPS community I thank all our departing staff for all they have done to support the education of our students and I wish them all the best for the future.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM 2018

Camp Australia will start at TPS on Wednesday 31st Jan 2018. Before school care will operate 7:00am—8:45am and after school care from 3:30pm—6:00pm. To register for the program you will need to:

1. Contact Centrelink to find out your rebate details
2. Register your child/children on the Camp Australia website:
<https://www.campastralia.com.au/>

CHANGES TO BREAKFAST CLUB IN 2018

Breakfast Club will be operating under changed times in 2018. Breakfast will be available for students in the Art Room Monday – Friday 8:40am – 8:55am.

The first day for breakfast in 2018 will be Monday 5th February.



FRIDAY 22nd December
Last day of school - 1:30pm finish



Co-operation Excellence Honesty Respect Responsibility

NEW MORNING RECESS AND LUNCH TIME IN 2018

From the start of Term 1 we will be trialling new bell times as per the Victorian Teacher Agreement. All teachers in Victoria must have a half hour lunch break free of yard duty and other commitments during the hours of 11:30am and 2:30pm. As such, we have adjusted our timetable to cater for this.

Morning recess will now be 11:00am – 11:20am
Students eat lunch in classrooms 1:20pm – 1:30pm
Students outside for lunch break 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Our starting time of 9:00am and our dismissal at 3:30pm remain the same.

CURRICULUM DAYS FOR 2018

School Council has approved the following Pupil Free/Curriculum Days for 2018:

Monday 29th January 2018

Tuesday 30th January 2018

Monday 5th November 2018

A fourth Pupil Free/Curriculum Day will be held during Term 2 2018 on a date yet to be confirmed.

MAINTENANCE OVER THE HOLIDAYS

School holidays are always busy times in schools with tradesmen scheduled to complete repairs while students are not around. This holiday is no different, with several projects organised at Thomastown Primary School. Over January the following work will be completed:

- The flooring will be replaced in the school canteen
- The outside of the main building will be painted (doors and windows)
- Painting of the entrance foyer, school office, canteen and main hall
- Top up of the soft fall under the play equipment
- Spreading of crushed rock in the back car park
- Locks replaced on cubicle doors in boys and girls toilets

To our families who are celebrating Christmas, we hope you have a wonderful celebration with your family and friends.

To all our families and especially to our families who are travelling, we wish you a safe and happy summer holiday. Lastly, to our families who are moving on to new schools, we wish you all the best for the future.

Amanda Henning



2018 PARENT PAYMENTS

A reminder to all our parents that the first instalment payment were due last Friday 15th December for stationery and book packs. Payments made after this date do not guarantee delivery of the pack to your child in the first week of school next year.

Parent Payment Costs:

Prep & Year 1	\$100
Year 2	\$95.00
Year 3	\$105
Year 4	\$100
Years 5 & 6.....	\$95

An explanation of the costs can be found on the Parent Payment Charges document that was provided to all parents in early November.

Please contact the school office if you need another copy of the Parent Payment Charges document or if you would like to make an appointment with the principal to discuss the payment request.