Principal’s Message

Dear School Community,

I am often asked by visiting parents about the programs and extra curricula activities we offer our TPS students. At Thomastown Primary School we pride ourselves on our comprehensive curriculum and its method of delivery. We do offer other services which include the following -

- Homework club Grades 3-6
- Playgroups
- Garden Club
- Camp Program
- Lunchtime Sports training
- Premier’s Reading Challenge
- Exciting Incursions and Excursions
- School Banking
- Swimming Program Grades P-6

We also provide professional services which are available to all students. These services include -

- Speech Pathologist
- School Psychologist
- Student Welfare Officer
- School Nurse
- Family Engagement Officer (Help with matters concerning school - academic, social, parenting information)

This year we have also introduced -

- A student leadership program
- A school choir
- A student resilience program
- An environment club

Plans are under way to establish a student chess club in 2017.

Students attending Thomastown PS experience a well rounded education that caters for their social, emotional and academic development.

Welcome to TPS

I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome Laura Salib to the Thomastown Primary School community. Laura has joined our school in an Education Support role and will be working in Grades 4, 5, and 6 until the end of the school year. Laura will be providing additional support for students in literacy and numeracy and providing general classroom assistance.

Please take the time to welcome Laura to our school.

Amanda Henning
Principal
Excellence in P.E. Award:

Last week there were several grades who put in fantastic performances in PE. This resulted in a four-way tie between Prep D, 2/3S, 4/5G and 4/5B. In the event of one or more grades receiving the highest score, the grades’ names are put into a “hat” for a winner to be selected. The winner of last week’s Excellence In PE award was: Grade 4/5B! Congratulations Grade 4/5B. Well done! J

AFL Clinics (Prep - Grade 6 - A five week program)

This week is the third week of a five week education program in AFL. Josh Whelan has been conducting these sessions and is providing the children with great activities to help develop their AFL footy skills. All students are continuing to embrace AFL footy and are steadily developing their skills in this sport.

Round Robins for Basketball, Kanga Cricket and Soccer

The next event will be held this Friday, 2nd of September for the Grade 5/6 boys & girls Soccer Teams.

The children involved need to ensure that they obtain the necessary permission form from Mr G.

Dates for the Round Robins are:

(Unfortunately, due to swimming commitments, Grade 3 children will not be involved in these Round Robin sports).

Kanga Cricket
Grade 4 - Grade 3s are at swimming! (1 x boy team: 1 x girl team) Due to poor weather conditions, this event was postponed and has been re-scheduled for the 9th of September.

Indoor Soccer
Grade 5/6 (Boys and Girls)
Friday 2nd September

Reminders:

Divisional Athletics are on Tuesday, 4th of October......first week back in Term 4! Children involved need to make sure they get a permission note and return it before the end of term. Names of children in the squad are up on the window near the library entrance. For those children who qualify, Regional Athletics are the following week.....Wednesday, 12th October.

The Food Justice Truck will be at Thomastown Primary School tomorrow Afternoon - Tuesday 30th August 2016
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.

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I would like to participate in the Family Cooking Program.

My Name: _______________________________________

Contact Number: _________________________________

Child’s Name: _____________________________ Grade: ________
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.

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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: ____________________________
Spring Fair – coming soon!

The Spring Fair will run from 3.30 to 5pm on Thursday 1st of September.
If you’d like to be a part of organizing the Spring Fair please phone Judith on 0419593022.

Grade 2/3 Swimming
This term the 2/3’s went to the swimming pool at Epping. We have been learning how to swim. We have been learning how to jump into the pool, float, kick our legs and hold our breath under the water. We had lots of fun swimming. I liked diving in the water the best. I can’t wait until we go again next year.
By Nora and Diana