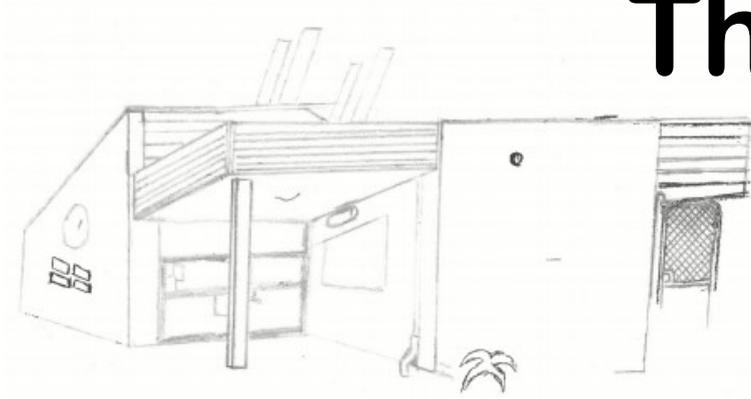


Thomastown Primary School



Illustrated by Kamal Kamal s/o A

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello everyone,

What a delightful introduction to Thomastown Primary School I have during the last 2 weeks. The staff have been friendly and helpful, the students warm and welcoming, families happy and pleased to meet me. This all means we are off to a great start working together as a team at Thomastown PS. I come with the experience of a Principal, Assistant Principal, Leading teacher, worked in regional office with curriculum development and worked in both Primary and Secondary schools. I'm very excited to be here and am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with this great school with great students, great staff and great families.

I love the school values of Effort, Respect and Responsibility. If we apply these three things to what we do every day, we will be the best version of our selves. Please say hello and introduce yourself if you see me out and about.

Kind Regards
Marion

SWPBS

We are so excited about our new School Wide Positive Behaviour System (SWPBS) that is rolling out in all of our classrooms. Teachers are looking out for students who are showing our school values of Effort, Respect and Responsibility and rewarding them with Dojo Points. Our students are so excited because they can not only earn Dojo Points in the classroom, but also in the school corridors, during specialist programs and even outside at Lunch and Recess.

Watch this space for more exciting SWPBS news!

-The SWPBS Team



KEY DATES

3rd March Swimming G3—6

3rd March Muffin Day

9th March Labour Day—

No school

10th March Swimming G3—6

17th March Swimming G3—6

20th March Athletics Day

24th March Pizza Day

27th March Last day of Term 1

THOMASTOWN P.S KINDERGARTEN

Don't forget to check out the progress of our new kinder! Stage two is currently underway with the slab being poured. We can't wait to see what happens next.

SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget to bring your school banking every Thursday!



RESPECT EFFORT RESPONSIBILITY

2020 SCHOOL LEADERS

School Captains: SRC

Tony Cheng

Najma Mohamed

Vice Captains:

Bella George

Heman Kumar

Sports Captains:

Mohamed Al

Bahrani

Kaylan Melone

ICT Leaders:

Zaid Chabani

Ning Lee

Environmental

Leaders:

Katerina Nako

Aya Tanny

Art Leaders:

Elizabeth West

Imogen Gilbert

Representatives:

Crystal Compton-

Robins (SRC Captain

5/6A)

Mya Tanny 1/2A

David Arevalo Prieto

1/2B

Abdulahi Mohamed

1/2C

Ishreet Sibia 3A

Arvin Armian 4/5A

Khaled Kheb 4/5B

Liam Capaldo 5/6B

Interviewed by Tony Cheng and Najma Mohamed

GETTING TO KNOW... Mrs Wetherbee



What were your first impressions of the school? It is a very friendly,

welcoming school. The buildings and grounds are in excellent condition and the students, staff and parents are fantastic.

How do you feel about being part of T.P.S? Grateful and privileged to be a leader of a school as great as Thomastown Primary School.

What do you hope to achieve while being at this school? To support students to be engaged in their learning and to achieve their goals.

What are your interests? Reading, sewing and gardening. I also love the Richmond Football Club.

Who are the members of your family? A husband, Tony, one son Lewis who is 25 and a daughter called Shannon who is 17.

How long have you been a teacher? Seventeen years of teaching and five years as a principal.

Do you hope to become a principal and why? Yes, because I love working in schools and making a difference.



READING

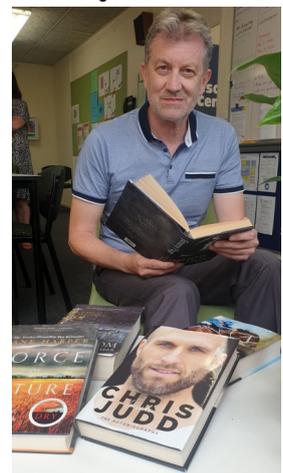
At Thomastown Primary School we are constantly striving to improve our teaching and learning so that all students achieve success. This year one focus for improvement will be reading.

At TPS, we believe that students learn to read by spending lots of time reading books they enjoy. In every classroom we have established wonderful libraries full of new and exciting books that we know children will want to read. We provide all students with the chance to choose their own books and give them time every day to practise their skills while reading independently and with teacher support. Your child will bring home books from the library to share and read with you. We hope that together we can make our children skilled readers who love reading.

SPOTLIGHT ON...Mr G

Interviewed by Tony Cheng and

Najma Mohamed



What do you like listening to? Podcasts, audiobooks, music and radio.

Do you have a favourite band? Buddy Guy, Jimi Hendrix and Black Sabbath.

What books are you reading at the moment? Dominion by C.J. Sansom, Guilty, Not Guilty by Felix Francis and audiobook Life by Keith Richards.

Can you tell us a little bit about what you read? The books are often based on historical fiction. I enjoy horse racing stories and Australian fiction. I also enjoy crime books and stories about sports people.

Who are your favourite authors and why? Felix Francis and Jane Harper. They write about crime and horse racing. They develop the characters and tell very good stories.

What books would you recommend for students? Jumanji, The Last Fig and The Polar Express. I would recommend the author Chris Van Allsbury.