

Dear Taylors Hill Community,

Leave and Acting arrangements

From Monday 31 August to Friday 18 September, I will be on leave. During this time, **Mr Cropley** will step into the role of Acting Principal, with **Ms Grayson, Ms Holland** and **Mrs Gillias** supporting him as our Assistant Principals.

While I am certainly looking forward to an extended break, I know that our school will be in very capable hands with this wonderful leadership team. I am confident they will continue to support our students, staff and families and keep everything running smoothly during this time. I look forward to returning and seeing everyone in Term 4!

Shop for Our School at Watergardens

As you know we are taking part in the 'Shop For Your School' competition at Watergardens Shopping Centre. By participating, we are in with a chance to win CASH for our school, and first prize is \$15,000! But the competition is in its final days, and it is going to take the effort of everyone in our community to help us win.

You don't need to do anything super special - your family and friends just need to do their normal weekly shopping and then upload the receipt to the Watergardens website. It's really easy. All of the details are on Compass, including which shops are involved and for every \$1 you spend, our school gets 1 or 2 points to add to our total.

We have until the end of August to earn points, so encourage everyone you know to do all their weekly shopping at Watergardens and most importantly, upload their receipts to the website. If you can't upload your receipts, please bring them to the office by Friday 28th August and we will do it for you.

Keep shopping THPS - let's get to the top of the Leaderboard!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 24 Aug	Book Dress Up Day ~ 9.15am Parade
Tue 25 Aug	Grade 5/6 Life Ed Commences
Fri 28 Aug	Grade 4 Werribee Zoo Excursion
Thu 3 Sept	Father's Day Stall
Fri 4 Sept	Father's Day Class Event 2.35pm
Tue 8 Sept	Animal Land Excursion Grade 1
Fri 11 Sept	Grade 6 IMAX Excursion

WHAT'S DUE

**GRADE 4 WERRIBEE
EXCURSION &
INTER SCHOOL
SPORTS ~ PAYMENT
DUE 21 August**

Book Week 2026

Our school is looking amazing with all the wonderful door displays, and I can feel the excitement building for our Book Character Dress Up Day and Parade next Monday morning!

Here are a few more details to help everyone get ready:

- Costumes must be a book character, and if you can, bring your book to school too!
- The whole school will meet in the Gym at 9:15am to begin the parade.
- Families are very welcome to join us. The gates will be open in the morning so families can enter, but we ask that all visitors wait outside the Gym until all students are seated.
- Each year level will have a chance to come to the front of the assembly, where you can dance, spin, wave and clap to show off your fabulous costume before taking your seat. So make sure you bring your confidence!
- As an audience, it is our job to cheer on our classmates, clap along to the music and try to guess all the book characters.
- There will be ONE prize winner for Best Costume for each year level – and I think the judges are going to have a very difficult job!
- The parade should finish at approximately 10:15am.

I'm so excited to see everyone dressed up next Monday and enjoying a fabulous Book Week at THPS! I know it is going to be a wonderful morning full of books, creativity, music and lots of fun!



SunSmart Hats

It's nearly September and the weather is slowly changing, so that means starting on the 1st September, we must wear our SunSmart hats for all outside activities.

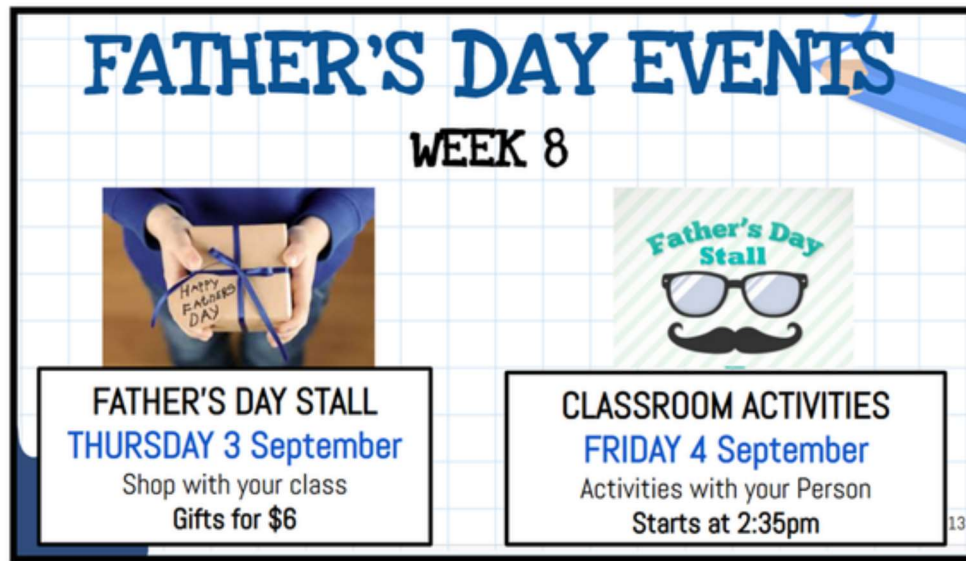
Please make sure all students bring and wear your hats at recess and lunch time and whenever you're outside.

A big reminder to please make sure your name is clearly on your hat! And all other uniform items.



Father's Day

On Sunday the 7th of September, we celebrate Father's Day in Australia and THPS have some events planned to help our special people feel valued.



THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER - Father's Day Gift Stall

We will have our Father's Day Stall on Thursday 3rd September. Our PFA volunteers organise our stall and they do a wonderful job! Classes go to the stall together throughout the morning and it's a great opportunity to shop independently (with just a little help!).

- All gifts are \$6 and students can buy one gift each (two gifts for those families with two Dads).
- Purchase a \$6 voucher through Compass from Week 6 OR Students bring money in a named wallet or zip lock bag.
- BYO shopping bag to keep gifts safe.

Also, a big thank you to our Parents and Friends group, for organising the great gifts for the Father's Day stall and for volunteering their time to sell the gifts to our students.

Friday 4 SEPTEMBER - Father's Day Event in classrooms at 2:35pm

Every student can invite their special person to school to spend time with them in class. Spending time together is one of the best things we can do to celebrate special days. This is on Friday 4 September and our classroom doors will open at 2:35pm. There will be activities set up to be done together.

All gates will be open after 2:30pm and visitors must sign in at the classrooms and put on a name tag.

Danielle Stella
Principal

BOOK WEEK 2026

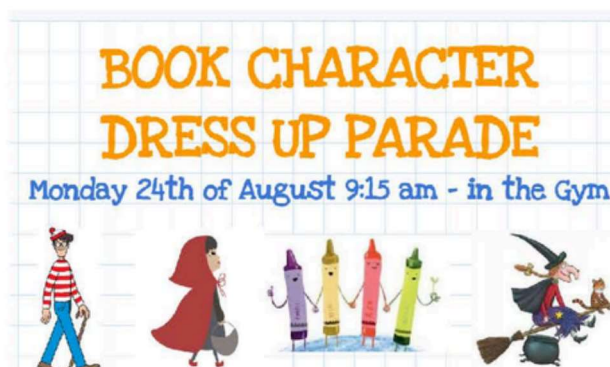
Taylors Hill Primary School will be celebrating the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week, from 24-28 of August. The theme this year is '**Symphony of Stories**' – which means reading is like an orchestra - different books, characters, and genres combine to create a rich, diverse, and magical reading experience.

We will kick off our week with our annual THPS Book Week Dress Up parade on Monday 24 August at 9:15am in the Gym! Hopefully students have started to think about the costume they will wear on the day – consider what you have at home. Homemade costumes are always great! Student's costume should be a character from a BOOK, and preferably a book you have read. We encourage students to bring the book along on the day or a copy of the book cover, so we know where the costume idea has come from.

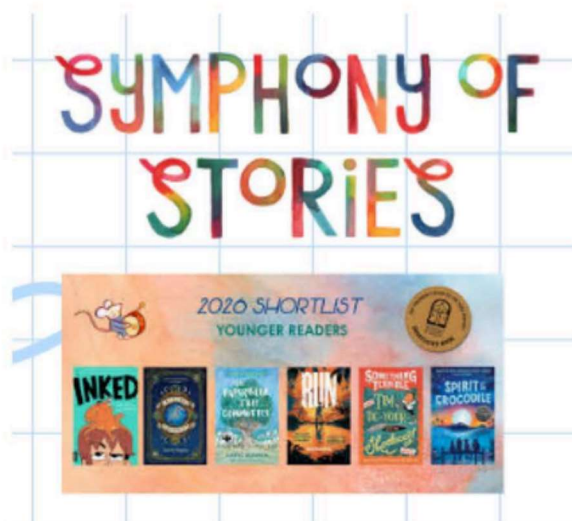
To celebrate the week, students will be exploring the 2026 CBCA Shortlisted as a class. Students will participate in activities such as, creating character portraits, designing bookmarks, making story maps and creating their own book reviews. Students will also visit the Learning Centre to read through our very own THPS class and individual student narratives for our THPS Narrative Shortlist Competition. Finally, our students will enjoy a buddy lunch and have the opportunity to go on a gallery walk to view all the classroom door displays.

Have a wonderful week celebrating Book Week THPS and we look forward to hearing all about it at our upcoming Assembly and newsletters.

-Ms Holland and Mrs McCoy



Monday 24th August	Tuesday 25th August	Wednesday 26th August	Thursday 27th August	Friday 28th August
BOOK DRESS UP DAY & PARADE 9:15 am School Gym all welcome! Students and teachers are to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and participate in the THPS Annual Book Week Parade.	INTRODUCE 2026 BOOK WEEK THEME As a class you will begin to learn about this year's theme: <i>Symphony of stories</i> which means reading is like an orchestra - different books, characters, and genres combine to create a rich, diverse, and magical reading experience.	DIVE INTO A CBCA SHORTLISTED BOOK ON STORYBOX LIBRARY AND COMPLETE A CLASS ACTIVITY As a class read one of the CBCA shortlisted books on Storybox Library and complete an accompanying task.	DISCOVER ALL THE CBCA SHORTLISTED READS! Students will continue to read and listen to more 2026 CBCA shortlisted books and complete an accompanying task.	BUDDY LUNCH Have lunch with your buddy grade and share your class or individual narrative.



Prep Firefighter Incursion

In Term 3, Prep students are undertaking the Geography unit “Our Community”.

Prep students had fun learning about fire safety and seeing the fire truck when the Caroline Springs firefighters came to THPS to visit the Preps last week. Students shared their prior knowledge of fire safety when answering the firefighters’ questions and they enjoyed seeing all the equipment the firefighters use to keep our community safe when going outside to see the fire truck.

The Prep students and Preps teachers would like to say thank you to the Caroline Springs firefighters for visiting THPS and for their work in our community.



BULLYING NO WAY WEEK

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17 - 21 August

Every small act
has a BIG IMPACT



BULLYING
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This year, **Bullying No Way Week** runs from **Monday 17 - 21 August 2026**, which is this week at THPS! The theme for this year's campaign is **Small Acts, Big Impact**. It takes a community to address bullying behaviours, within and beyond the school gate.

This Bullying No Way Week, we're encouraging everyone at THPS to embrace the theme Small Acts, Big Impact. Show kindness, support others and take meaningful steps to stand up against bullying. This week provided an opportunity for THPS to continue to create a shared understanding about bullying behaviours and share their bullying prevention strategies.

Each class had a discussion about small acts that can have a big impact and will participate in class activity to recognise the importance of Bullying No Way Week, this includes joining in eSafe Kid Webinars for Grades 3-6.

-Ms Holland and Mrs Grayson



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Small Acts BIG IMPACT

Bullying No Way Week 17-21 August 2026



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Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grade Prep to Grade 3 - Term 3 , Week 4

Prep A	Suai	For showing independence and being organised when swimming. Well done Suai!
Prep B	Dominic	For trying his best to be resilient when problems arise. Keep it up!
Prep C	Alessandro	For demonstrating confidence when talking with his peers and being a helpful member of Prep C.
Prep D	Noah	For listening and following instructions at swimming. Well done Noah.
1A	Shiloh	For trying her personal best with all learning tasks and doing a fantastic retell of her Guided Reading book. Keep it up!
1B	Aurorah	For trying her personal best this week during learning time. Keep it up!
1C	Alessia	For demonstrating THPS value of Positive Relationships when supporting a new classmate settle in to the class. Well done!
2A	Anya	For demonstrating the school values and expectations on the Grade 2 excursion. Well done!
2B	Anyang	For consistently trying her personal best and giving all learning tasks a go! Keep it up, Anyang!
2C	Oliver	For consistently displaying the THPS values and being a helpful and friendly classmate. Well done Oliver!
2D	Nathan	For completing his morning routine independently. Keep up the wonderful work Nathan!
3A	Luca	For being a great helper in the classroom who completes his morning and afternoon routines independently. Well done!
3B	Lucas	For displaying the THPS value of Honesty. Lucas, you have really demonstrated the importance of being open and honest. Keep it up!
3C	Amelia	For demonstrating the THPS value 'Positive Relationships' by always being a good and caring friend! Well done.
3D	Yasna	For your positive attitude to learning, being responsible and showing integrity in the classroom. Well done!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades 4 to 6 - Term 3 , Week 4

4A	Elena	For showing positive attitude to learning and greater confidence during mini lessons. Keep it up, Elena!
4B	Luka	For working hard to stay focused during learning, carefully checking your work, improving your handwriting and being a positive role model for others. Keep it up!
4C	Natalie	For showing great improvement in her productivity by staying focused and working hard in class. Keep up the fantastic effort!
5A	Hiba	For showing the TPHS value 'learning' by consistently focusing and putting in 100% effort to all tasks. Awesome work!
5C	Carson	For trying his personal best in all tasks and showing persistence in his learning. Fantastic work!
5D	Tom	For continuing to demonstrate his personal best in numeracy and writing. Keep up the amazing effort!
6A	Van	For showing great confidence to share your ideas in class and with the teacher. Awesome work!
6B	Victor	For demonstrating amazing confidence when reading aloud in the Learning Centre with great expression in his voice. Well done Victor!
6C	Rihanna	For using descriptive language in her writing, to create tension for the reader. Well done!
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Kiara PD	For describing the sky using the words clear, partly cloudy and overcast. Well done!
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Jade 6B	For doing a great job when applying her knowledge of soluble and insoluble substances.
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Oliver 2C	For creating a colourful water-colour painting with a crepe paper flower collage
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Joseph 5D	For participating in all performing arts role-plays with positivity, enthusiasm and a drive to motivate others!
PE Prep - 3	Ana I 1C	For demonstrating excellent control and technique when dribbling a basketball.
PE 4 - 6	Maximus 4A	For always trying his best and approaching every activity with a positive attitude
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Mia 2C	For using the phrase 'Il mio preferito' to describe her favourite sport, colour and animal. Brava!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	George 4C	For confidently expressing his favourite sports and hobbies in Italian with accurate pronunciation
LEARNING CENTRE		

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades Prep to Grade 3 - Term 3 , Week 5

Prep A	Amina	Showing confidence and sharing her letter sound knowledge with the class to help spell new words. Keep it up Amina!
Prep B	Samarpreet	For demonstrating confidence and independence during every swimming lesson. Well done!
Prep C	Kitiona	For demonstrating his personal best in Phonics Plus by following the commands and improving his letter sound knowledge.
Prep D	Andrew	For doing a fantastic job following our morning routine. Well done showing independence and responsibility Andrew!
1A	Shamim	For making amazing progress with her counting and working hard to achieve her numeracy goal. Well done!
1B	Ivan	For consistently showing whole body listening and engagement in the classroom. Well done!
1C	Xavi	For following instructions during learning to complete his tasks
2A	Zacaria	For drafting an engaging narrative that has a clear sequence of events. Well done!
2B	Ava	For demonstrating the value of learning when taking on feedback during the writing process. Well done, Ava!
2C	Elvin	For demonstrating persistence when completing his narrative plan. Keep it up Elvin!
2D	Ken	For demonstrating his learning when applying learnt strategies to solve multiplication and division problems. Keep it up!
3A	Marcus	For making a positive return to school, demonstrating his personal best efforts around the classroom. Well done!
3B	Shaqir	For displaying the THPS value of Positive Relationships by taking ownership and successfully overcoming and solving challenges. Keep it up Shaqir!
3C	Eva	For consistently using paragraphs in her writing, well done!
3D	Jordan	For always trying your personal best, and trying hard to meet all your goals. Well done!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades 4 - 6 - Term 3 , Week 5

4A	Dimitri	For showing improvement in your attendance and trying your Personal Best in drafting your narrative. Amazing work, Dimitri!
4B	Dusan	For working hard to make positive behaviour choices during lessons and taking pride in your work by always trying your best with your handwriting. Keep it up!
4C	Rawiri	For showing a great improvement in his attendance and making a wonderful effort to be at school and ready to learn. Keep it up, Rawiri!
5A	Adele	For her positive attitude at camp, following all instructions and taking risks. Amazing effort, Adele!
5B	Orlando	For his amazing attitude and trying all activities throughout camp. Well done on a positive attitude throughout. Fantastic work!
5C	Luka	For his amazing attitude throughout camp. Well done on being a team player and having a positive attitude throughout. Fantastic work!
5D	Serayah	For her wonderful attitude towards trying new things, embracing new experiences, and confidently stepping outside her comfort zone at camp.
6A	Evie	For showing a wonderful positive mindset towards her learning. Amazing work!
6B	Rihana	For demonstrating her Personal Best by successfully working through her fractions assessment and confidently showing her working out throughout her learning. Well done!
6C	Justin	For demonstrating increased confidence when faced when solving maths problems. Keep it up!
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Sebastian 3D	For making careful observations of rocks and recording their characteristics.
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Rhiaan 5A	For creating an attention grabbing sign for the protection of a First Nations peoples shell midden site.
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Thali Prep B	For creating a Piet Mondrian primary colours artwork of various animals with enthusiasm and positivity
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Tess 6A	For demonstrating the elements of drama such as brief when portraying a character in a role play with friends
PE Prep - 3	Slade 1B	For demonstrating a positive attitude, making great choices and striving to achieve his personal best.
PE 4 - 6	Sofia 5B	For demonstrating a positive attitude and flexibility when moving to a different group to support her classmates.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Adalin 3A	For correctly identifying and matching adjectives to nouns when writing in Italian. Brava!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Zac C 5A	For showing excellent effort and focus when reading an Italian text and showing understanding when answering questions. Bravo!