



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dear Taylors Hill Community,

Welcome Back to Term 4!

Welcome back! I hope you and your families had a relaxing and enjoyable break. This term is packed full of exciting learning opportunities and special events for our students, so we hope everyone is well-rested and ready to take full advantage of what's ahead.

SunSmart Hats – Stay Protected!

During Term 4, it's time to get our SunSmart hats back out for all outdoor activities. Please remember to:

- Wear your hats at recess, lunch, and any time you are outside.
- Wear your hat properly to cover your neck, ears, and face.
- Ensure your hat is clearly named — this helps us return lost items!

Remember: No hat, no play!

Fri 16 Oct	Grade 2 Day Camp
Tue 20 Oct	House Walkathon
Tue 27 Oct	2027 Prep Transition 2, 9.15am
Wed 28 Oct	Prep Zoo Excursion
Fri 30 Oct	World Teacher's Day
Mon 2 Nov	Curriculum Day
Tue 3 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday



WHAT'S DUE

Grade 1 Dinner ~
Payment Due
Tue 20 Oct

Prep Melbourne
Zoo ~ Payment Due
Wed 21 Oct

Grade 3
Remembrance
Excursion ~
Payment Due
Fri 23 Oct

Get Ready for the House Walkathon!

We're excited to remind you that our School Walkathon will be held on Tuesday the **20th of October!**

HOUSE WALKATHON				12 October	
TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER				TOTAL \$10,404	
	NAME	CLASS	DONATIONS	YEAR LEVEL	Number of STUDENTS
1st	Sage	2D	\$1040	Grade 2	16
2nd	Oliver	3C	\$950	Grade 1	15
3rd	Mila	PA	\$590	Grade 4	13
4th	Ilyas	2A	\$430	Prep	12
5th	Anastasia	2C	\$350	Grade 3	11
				Grade 5	9
				Grade 6	7

- **Prep–Year 2 will walk before recess from 9:45am to 10:45am**
- **Years 3–6 will walk after recess from 11:45am to 12:45pm**

It's a great day for our students to get active, have fun, and show the school spirit. Parents and families are welcome to come along, cheer the students on, and even join in for a few laps!

Remember to wear something in your House colour. This could be a t-shirt, arm band, socks or shorts. Whatever isn't your house colour must be school uniform. Wear runners, bring your drink bottle and your school hat out to the oval when it's your turn to walk.

Our House Captains will be helping to lead this event and remember that you will be trying to walk your personal best - so with one week to go, you could practice by walking a few laps of the oval each day at play time or go for a walk with your family after school to build your stamina.

In the lead up to the Walkathon, your job is to get people you know to sponsor you for your walk. Our TARGET for our fundraising is \$20,000 and I am very pleased to say that we are just over halfway to our target because we have raised \$10,404 so far!

Well done and thank you to the 83 students who have raised that money - it's an amazing effort. But if only 83 students have raised money so far, that means there are 476 students who need to make a big effort this week!

There are instructions on Compass for setting up an online profile to collect donations and set prize goals. There are some awesome prizes that you can get, depending on how much money you raise.

There are students who have already done a great job to collect sponsors ... let's have a look at the leaderboard for this week:

- In first place, well done to Sage in 2D who has raised \$1040!
- Congratulations also go to Oliver 3C, Mila PA, Ilyas 2A, and Anastasia 2C for being the top 5 fundraisers so far - what an amazing effort and good to see a couple of new names on the leaderboard.
- Well done to these students for being the top 5 fundraisers this week who together have raised \$3360.
- Congratulations to the Grade 2 classes again who have the highest number of students involved in fundraising.

We also have a special competition - any student who raises \$20 BEFORE the walkathon will go into a draw to win a canteen lunch on Walkathon Day! So, if you raise \$20 online by next Monday morning, your name will go into the draw, and you could be one of two lucky students to win a free canteen lunch!

There are just a few more days to collect your sponsors online! There are great prizes to win if you raise money.

Talk with your family for help and collect donations this week. Come on Taylors Hill - I'd love to see all students get involved with this fundraising. If we all give a small amount, we can all benefit.

Important Term 4 Dates

October



Fri 16 – Grade 2 Onsite Day Camp



Tue 20 – House Walkathon



Tue 27 – Prep 2026 Transition Session 2



Fri 30 – World Teacher's Day

November



Mon 2 – Curriculum Day (No school)



Tue 3 – Melbourne Cup Day (No school)



Thu 5 – Grade 1 Dinner, 5:00pm



Fri 6 – PFA Meeting, 9:15am



Tues 10 – Grade 3 Excursion to The Shrine of Remembrance



Tue 10 – Prep 2026 Transition Session 3



Wed 11 – THPS Remembrance Day Service, 10:45am



Tue 24 – THPS Italian Day & Prep 2026 Parent Info Night, 6:00pm

December



Fri 4 – PFA Meeting, 9:15am



Mon 7 – Assembly in the Gym, 2:45pm



Tue 8 – Grade 6 to Year 7 Orientation & Prep 2027 Transition Session 4



Thu 10 – Carols Night, 5:00-8:00pm



Mon 14 – 2026 Class Visits and Reports Open on Compass



Tue 15 – Grade 6 Graduation, 6:00pm



Thu 17 – End of Year Class Parties & Grade 6 'Big Day Out'



Fri 18 – Final Assembly, 1:15pm & School Ends at 1:30pm

2027 Notice of School Transfer

As we plan for 2027, we kindly ask families who intend to transfer their children to another school to notify us in writing at their earliest convenience. This helps us greatly with planning and resource allocation.

Please email the school office at: taylors.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your cooperation.

Danielle Stella
Principal

We are celebrating what is happening in the ARTS @THPS!

Our grade prep artists have embarked on their first few weeks of Visual Arts. Our new artists have enjoyed creating little hungry caterpillars with textured papers and drawing their self-portraits as new artists! Well done preps!



Our grade 1 artists have completed their first element of line project by exploring all different kinds of lines that they can draw to create an artwork. Our grade 1 artists have also enjoyed mixing primary colours with acrylic paint to create secondary colours!



Our grade 2 artists explored shape, colour and line as part of their first project in term 3 for Visual Arts. Each artist learnt about colour families such as warm and cool colours and have enjoyed representing them within shapes and objects.



Our Senior School Musicians in grades 3 to 6 have had a fantastic start to Music this term, diving into playing rhythmic patterns on percussion instruments, reading musical notation and playing music as a whole class band. Our musicians will work on developing their piano playing skills and techniques by playing a range of songs on the piano as practice. They will then learn to compose their own music notation to create their own songs, play music by others and understand how music is created.



On Tuesday the 24th of November, our school community will come together for a vibrant celebration of Italian language, culture and traditions! Students will enjoy a day of music, live performance, hands-on activities, sport, art, history and delicious Italian food, as they explore the rich cultural heritage and traditions of Italy.

A coffee van will be available for parents at drop-off, serving delicious Italian-style coffee. Students can also enjoy a hot chocolate to kick-start the day! Dress in the colours of the Italian flag – green, white and red – or come dressed in a creative Italian-inspired costume.

The Italian Day event has now gone live on Compass for parents. Please head to Compass to access further information, including details about the day and payment.

We are excited to celebrate 'la cultura italiana' together!



thps Walkathon

DATE

**TUESDAY 20TH
OCTOBER, 2026**

REMINDERS



**BRING YOUR
WATER BOTTLE!**



**WEAR YOUR
RUNNERS!**



**WEAR YOUR
HOUSE
COLOURS!**

PREP - GRADE 2:

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

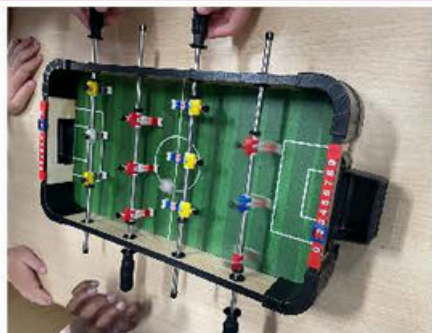
GRADE 3 - GRADE 6:

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

**LET'S WALK
TOGETHER!**



Taylors Hill PS YMCA OSHC



Date: 12th October 2026

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO



Hope everyone had a nice school holiday break, although we had a lot of rain, windy and sunshine, good old Melbourne weather.

We ran a school holiday program which was fun and lots of activities, incursions and excursions.

Our buddy system to help new children to settle in to our program is working well.

We are continuing to have a leader's board for all children who wish to participate in running games and activities with support of educators.

REMINDERS



Just a reminder Monday 2nd November is a pupil free day and Tuesday 3rd November is a public holiday.

Don't forget your hats.

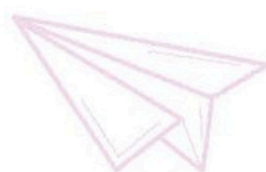
WHAT'S COMING UP



Each afternoon our educators run an art and craft activities with the children which they enjoy, drawing, chalk drawing, recycle box art, painting, origami, magic painting, mindful colour in, jewellery beads, UNO and Chess Challenge, leaf stencil rubbing, card games and more!!

Down Ball, balancing games, ball games and group games.

As well as a variety of board and card games, block construction, recreational activities, imaginary play opportunities are available.



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*Available for new families only. Subject to availability.



**OUTSIDE SCHOOL
HOURS CARE**

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grade Prep to Grade 3 - Term 3 , Week 10

Prep A	Shivaay	For showing confidence when sharing his ideas and always trying his personal best during independent tasks. Keep it up Shiavaay!
Prep B	Zahvia	For having an awesome end of term by following instructions and entering the classroom independently and safely. Well done!
Prep C	Aurora	For demonstrating her personal best in all learning tasks.
Prep D	Noah	For doing a fantastic job helping your teacher and peers during learning time. Well done for being a caring and responsible member of Prep D!
1A	Malik	For his efforts in reading and counting and for settling into his new routines. Well done Malik!
1B	Austin	For trying his personal best to complete his morning and afternoon routines promptly. Keep it up!
1C	Arlia	For consistently demonstrating her personal best and thoughtfully applying teacher feedback to improve her learning.
2A	Lincoln	For trying his personal best when identifying fractions of a collection. Keep it up!
2B	Alyssia	For showing her personal best in all learning tasks and giving everything a go. Well done, Alyssia!
2C	Mason	For consistently doing his personal best in his learning. Well done Mason!
2D	Elena	For always being a positive role model to her peers and demonstrating her best learning. Keep it up!
3A	Catalina	For making a dedicated effort to improve her focus and behavior throughout the day. Well done!
3B	Shaqir	For showing a positive attitude to learning and adapting brilliantly to changes in routines. You have been a great role model for other 3B students this week, well done!
3C	Stefan	Making a wonderful return to THPS, by following classroom routines and demonstrating kindness to his peers.
3D	Emma	For your kindness to others when offering to be a buddy to our newest member of the class. We are lucky to have you in 3D!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades 4 to 6 and Specialist - Term 3 , Week 10

4A	Adam	For demonstrating Positive Relationships in helping his peers with Technology. You are such an amazing helper, Adam!
4B	Eilinaur	For making a wonderful start at our school and demonstrating our value of Positive Relationships by making new friends, showing respect to others and enthusiastically embracing school life. Keep it up!
4C	Sulaiman	For putting extra effort into Numeracy lessons and challenging himself to extend his learning. Well done, Sulaiman!
5A	Xavier	For his consistent focus during class time and his dedication towards all learning activities. Amazing work, keep it up!
5B	Miya	For her excellent commitment to all learning in term three especially in the VHAP program. Keep it up Miya!
5C	Ellie	For demonstrating her personal best in Numeracy when working with a budget. Keep up the awesome work!
5D	Selina	For demonstrating her personal best and creating an impressive information report.
6A	Katelyn	For demonstrating confidence when presenting at live school assemblies and in front of the whole class. Amazing work!
6B	Alina	For using emotive language to create an engaging poetry, producing her Personal Best. Well done!
6C	Saimon	For writing descriptive language that engaged the audience in his poems. Well done Saimon.
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Remi 2D	For recording the location that foods were made or produced and indicated their 'food miles'
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Hunter 5A	For recording the benefits of 'cool burning' as relating to cultural, environmental and economic benefits
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Stephen 2C	For independently using his problem solving skills when creating a 3D interactive artwork
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Ana 6B	For her outstanding commitment to performing arts learning in all drama, dance and music classes with great positivity
PE Prep - 3	Louis - PA	For listening carefully and consistently following instructions during Physical Education.
PE 4 - 6	Olivia - 6A	For timing her runs well and moving into open space during handball activities.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Tiana - 1A	For confidently recognising, reciting and understanding Italian colours when actively listening to an Italian story. Brava!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Ruben- 6B	For showing a positive attitude and great effort when translating Italian words into English. Bravo!
LEARNING CENTRE	Noah M Prep D	For making good choices and being respectful during Learning Centre time

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades Prep to 3 and Specialist - Term 4 , Week 1

Prep A	Hannah	For demonstrating fantastic whole body listening and trying her best to listen and follow all instructions. Keep it up Hannah!
Prep B	Angelina	For being a happy and caring member of Prep B by making new friends and following the THPS values. Well done!
Prep C	Mikyo	For settling very well into THPS and for demonstrating the THPS school value of personal best.
Prep D	Andrew	For having a positive start to Term 4 and demonstrating his personal best during learning time. Well done!
1A	Siana	For adding lots of interesting detail to her Show and Tell and confidently sharing about a special experience she enjoyed during the holidays. Well done!
1B	Eva	For always striving to do her personal best in all areas of her learning and treating others with respect. Keep it up!
1C	Zoey	For being independent and resilient during the Swimming Program. Well done!
2A	Scarlett	For applying her comprehension skills to make inferences when reading. Keep it up!
2B	Jay	For always contributing to class discussions and working collaboratively with his classmates. Keep up the great work!
2C	Mia	For being a positive role model by consistently following the expectations and trying her personal best in all areas. Well done!
2D	Mazen	For trying his personal best when writing his narrative. Well done!
3A	Ali	For showing his knowledge of procedural texts by including bossy verbs such as snap and must. Well done!
3B	Isaac	For displaying the THPS value of Learning by ensuring he is completing all tasks on time and trying his personal best. Keep it up Isaac!
3C	Milana	For demonstrating persistence in Numeracy and working hard to achieve her Numeracy goal. Well done!
3D	Indie	For your splendid start to the Term and your journey at THPS, taking on new learning goals and applying feedback to grow. Well done!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week Grades 4 to 6 and Specialist - Term 4 , Week 1

4A	Mehmet	For demonstrating a fantastic improvement in your attention in class and making better choices on the playground! Keep it up, Mehmet!
4B	Lilly	For working hard to stay focused during learning, listening attentively and following instructions to make positive choices in the classroom. Keep it up!
4C	Elyssar	For always being such a kind, caring and supportive member of our class. Well done, Elyssar!
5A	Nikita	For including the elements of Historical Fiction throughout her writing pieces and selecting descriptive language to engage the reader. Super work!
5B	Charlotte	For her focus and accuracy when calculating budgets in Numeracy. Amazing work!
5C	Pransh	For demonstrating his personal best in writing to include descriptive language to describe a historical setting. Fantastic effort!
5D	Joseph	For demonstrating integrity and serving as an outstanding role model during buddy sessions.
6A	Tiana	For consistently presenting neat, organised work and taking great pride to produce your personal best. Well done!
6B	Ruben	For demonstrating amazing learning during our Prism and Pyramids lesson. Please keep up the great effort!
6C	Lachy	For consistently demonstrating the school values, particularly Integrity and encouraging his classmates to do the same. Amazing work, Lachy!
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Idris 3B	for classifying objects and substances as solids, liquids or gases
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Sofia I. 5B	for identifying the observable properties of solids, liquids and gases
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Jordyn 2A	For creating a multi-layered artwork by using a variety of crafting materials to create art to inspire others
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Ayman 6A	For demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning by helping others and discovering new ways to play instruments
PE Prep - 3	Isaiah 2B	demonstrating his ability to change direction quickly and move with control during Physical Education.
PE 4 - 6	Vivaan 5B	For confidently sharing his knowledge and contributing during our discussion about striking and fielding sports.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Jaxon 3B	for putting in maximum effort and showing great focus when working on his Italian personal profile. Bravo!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Victoria 4C	for thoughtfully exploring and sharing differences between Italian and Australian culture in her work. Brava!
LEARNING CENTRE	Noah M Prep D	For making good choices and being respectful during Learning Centre time