Taylors Hill Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Taylors Hill Community,

🗓️ Student Free Days Reminder

We'd like to remind everyone of our upcoming Student Free Days next week.

- **Monday, 2 November – Curriculum Day**: No school for students as our teachers will be participating in professional learning activities.
- **Tuesday, 3 November – Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday**: School will be closed.

We look forward to welcoming all **students back to school on Wednesday, 4 November**, ready for a great rest of the week!
Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy the extended break.



🏃 Walkathon Success!

What an amazing day we had last week for our Walkathon!Everyone showed wonderful persistence, walking or running as many laps as they could. We were so pleased to see so many parents and grandparents come along to join in the fun and cheer on our students.
A big thank you to Mr Pirotta for organising such a fantastic event, and to our House Captains for their leadership and encouragement throughout the day.
We also want to congratulate the students who raised money by collecting sponsors — your family and friends were incredibly generous, and THPS is very grateful.
Our fundraising total was absolutely amazing! I would like to thank everyone who raised money towards our Learning Centre upgrade.🎉
Thank you to everyone for your incredible effort and community spirit — what a wonderful achievement for THPS!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 30 Oct	World Teacher's Day
Mon 2 Nov	**Curriculum Day**
Tue 3 Nov	**Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**
Thu 5 Nov	Grade 1 Dinner 5.00pm-6.30pm
Fri 6 Nov	PFA Meeting 9.15am
Tue 10 Nov	Prep Transition Session 3 9.15am Grade 3 Shrine Excursion
Tue 24 Nov	Italian Day
Thu 3 Nov	Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion

WHAT'S DUE

Italian Day ~ Payment Due Mon 16 Nov

Sovereign Hill Excursion ~ Payment Due Wed 25 Nov

👕 ***Uniform Expectations***
At THPS, we take great pride in being part of our school community — and an important part of showing that pride is by wearing our school uniform correctly every day.
Overall, our students do a wonderful job of wearing the correct uniform, but there are a few key details we'd like to highlight to ensure everyone is meeting expectations.

🧢 **HATS**: School hats are compulsory while outside — it's "No hat, no play!" Students without a hat will need to sit in the shade near Room 2 and the Science Space. Please remember that carrying your hat in your hand or turning up the sides won't protect you from the sun, so always wear your hat correctly.

💍 **JEWELLERY:** We've noticed a little more jewellery appearing lately. Please remember that the only jewellery permitted at school is:

- Simple studs or small sleepers for earrings
- A simple watch

That's it!
This means no necklaces, bracelets, friendship bands, or rings, and also no makeup or nail polish. We've seen a few students wearing mascara and nail polish recently — please save these for weekends or after school.

💇 **HAIR:**If your hair is long enough to tie up, it must be pulled back — into a ponytail, braids, a bun, or pigtails. A headband or half-up style isn't enough; hair needs to be fully tied back at all times.

Another part of our uniform policy is that no students can have their hair dyed a different colour.

These expectations apply to every student, every day, and reflect our THPS values of integrity, safety, and pride. Our uniform policy helps keep everyone safe and healthy, brings us together as a team, and allows us all to focus on learning.

Thank you for your cooperation and for continuing to take pride in being part of the THPS community.



🏫 **2027 Notice of School Transfer**
As planning for the 2027 school year is now well underway, we kindly ask families who are transferring to another school next year to please notify the school office in writing as soon as possible.
This information helps us plan for class placements, staffing, and resources for the year ahead.
Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Danielle Stella
Principal

Information from Sick Bay

Thunderstorm asthma – be prepared this pollen season
Grass pollen season in Victoria usually runs from October to December. During this time, asthma and hay fever symptoms can get worse. There is also an increased risk of thunderstorm asthma.

Ten years ago, Melbourne experienced the largest thunderstorm asthma event in the world. Thunderstorm asthma can be sudden and serious. It can be life-threatening, especially if a person's asthma or hay fever is not well controlled.

Taylors Hill Primary School will have measures to keep our school community safe.
Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid. We will monitor VicEmergency for thunderstorm asthma warnings. When needed, we will keep students indoors if the weather forecast shows a higher risk.

Managing asthma and allergies matters. During this pollen season, there are some things you can do to protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about your Asthma Action Plan and to make sure symptoms are well controlled.
- If your child has hay fever, talk to your pharmacist or doctor about a hay fever plan and check if you need an asthma reliever puffer.
- If your child has cough or wheeze with hay fever, talk to your doctor to make sure they don't also have asthma.
- Take asthma medication as directed by your doctor, as the good control of symptoms can prevent thunderstorm asthma.
- Follow the VicEmergency website or app. Avoid being outside during thunderstorms – especially during the winds that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.
- Know asthma first aid. If you are not sure if someone is having an asthma attack, you can still use a blue asthma reliever puffer.

Find out more
For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also:

- speak with an asthma educator on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462). This is a free service from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday
- refer to Better Health Channel. This includes information in different languages.

World Teacher's Day

Good afternoon THPS Families,

Tomorrow, the 30th of October is WORLD TEACHER'S DAY! We have lots of amazing teachers at THPS that we want your help to acknowledge and celebrate!

The theme for World Teacher's Day is – Shine a light on teachers. From lightbulb moments to helping someone find their way, teachers make a difference in ways big and small. Students are invited to share a moment when a teacher made a difference in their life and help shine a light on the amazing work they do by writing them a letter, card, drawing a picture or something else creative they can come up with.

Thank you 😊

Zoe Grayson

P-3 Assistant Principal



PUPIL FREE DAY



YMCA Outside School Hours Care is offering a full day service for **Taylors Hill** upcoming pupil free day, if we get enough children booked in, by 29/10/2026.

Children will enjoy a range of engaging activities and have the opportunity to socialise with peers from all year levels.

Date: 2/11/2026

Time: 6:30am to 6:30pm

Location: Taylors Hill PS OSHC

Session fee: $95.20

Fee after MAX CCS*: $14.28

Activity highlights: Different indoor, outdoor games, art and craft, music, cooking, board and card games.

***MAX CSS** is the out-of-pocket fee paid by families who qualify for the maximum Child Care Subsidy percentage (85%). The fee above is calculated at 80% subsidy to allow for the 5% withheld by Services Australia to reduce the chances of an overpayment.

Scan the QR code to access enrolment and booking instruction

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Congratulations to our Students of the Week
Grade Prep to Grade 3 - Term 4 , Week 2

Prep A	Gabriel	For trying his personal best in all tasks, staying focused and making positive choices. Keep it up Gabriel!
Prep B	Lucian	For trying his very best when reading. Keep it up!
Prep C	Lily	For demonstrating confidence when presenting her Show and Tell.
Prep D	Summer	For demonstrating her personal best during learning and consistently showing our THPS school values. Superstar!
1A	Lachlan	For demonstrating his personal best when completing his acrostic poem. Well done!
1B	Murphy	For generating amazing ideas when writing narratives. Keep up the excellent work!
1C	Cheryl	For actively sharing and asking questions when unsure. Keep it up!
2A	Aaron	For including adjectives and a rhetorical question in his persuasive advertisement. Amazing effort!
2B	Miles	For his amazing work with renaming 4 digit numbers and ordering them on a number line. Well done!
2C	Nicholas	For challenging himself when renaming 3 digit numbers using MAB blocks. Keep it up!
2D	Liam	For being a positive role model by consistently following expectations and routines, and always trying his personal best in all areas. Well done!
3A	Eve	For demonstrating her knowledge of procedural texts by including a title/goal, subheadings, numbered steps with bossy verbs, well done!
3B	Harnaaz	For demonstrating the THPS value of Learning by applying yourself 100% to your Reading responsibilities. You are always practising your Reading goal and ensuring you are reading at home every night. You're a super star!
3C	Samanyuram	For adding different monetary amounts and using a numberline to calculate the change. Well done!
3D	Reyansh	For responding well to feedback and making positive choices equally between during class sessions and specialist lessons.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week
Grades 4 to 6 and Specialist - Term 4 , Week 2

4A	Erik	For demonstrating the THPS value of Learning by practicing your Reading goal diligently and completing Home Reading every night. Keep it up, Erik!
4B	Jessica	For working hard on her persuasive writing and using feedback to make improvements. Keep up the great work!
4C	Aldrich	For being an exceptional student who always listens carefully and consistently shows all of our school values. Well done, Aldrich!!
5A	Riley	For his detailed and insightful contributions to his literature circle group. Amazing work!
5B	Mia	For her outstanding efforts in writing by creating an accurate, descriptive and well sequenced historical narrative
5C	Cooper	For his excellent contributions during Literature Circles and persistence in completing the weekly task to his personal best. Fantastic work!
5D	Lily	For her consistent excellence in writing and the overall effort placed into her learning. Keep it up!
6A	Alyanna	For coming to school every day with a positive mindset always willing to learn. Great work!
6B	Sherry	For showing great commitment to understanding of texts. Well done!
6C	Paige	For consistently demonstrating the THPS value of Learning by being focussed and striving to achieve her goals. Well Done!
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Mason 3B	For working hard on testing materials to see if they were solids
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Joseph 5D	For correctly identifying the properties of solids, liquids and gases
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Abhaypartap 1A	For creating wonderful alphabet abstract artworks and working as a team to organise the arts space! Well done!
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Charlotte 5B	For performing excellent patterns and beats on the electric drum kit to encourage others to try!
PE Prep - 3	Eyad PC	For demonstrating a positive attitude when learning to catch, listening to feedback and giving every attempt his personal best.
PE 4 - 6	Nathan 6B	For demonstrating his ability to strike a pitched ball with power and accuracy during softball.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Zoey 1C	For showing great pronunciation when reading numbers in Italian and performing the number song enthusiastically. Brava!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Mishri 5C	For writing clear sentences about characters from a text in Italian, showing understanding of the language. Brava!
LEARNING CENTRE	Ricky 5D	For challenging himself with a different genre choice in Learning Centre and engaging in a respectful conversation about his choice

Congratulations to our Students of the Week
Grades Prep to 3 and Specialist - Term 4 , Week 3

Prep A	Laila	For always striving to do her best and contribute to class discussions. Superstar!
Prep B	Thali	For showing increased confidence when sharing in whole class discussions. Superstar!
Prep C	Logan	For extending his understanding of letters and sounds during Phonics Plus.
Prep D	Anhad	For demonstrating her personal best and achieving her Numeracy goal. Fantastic effort!
1A	Zahra	For a fantastic week of learning and achieving her Numeracy goal. Keep up the great work!
1B	Samanvi	For continuously trying her personal best and being a role model student in and outside of the classroom. Fantastic work!
1C	Alfred	For using his knowledge of phonics to read accurately and fluently. Keep it up!
2A	Isaac	For trying his personal best and never giving up when participating in Phonics lessons. Keep it up!
2B	Neive	For her great work in creating a persuasive piece to sell her toy. Well done!
2C	Asiyah	For being a great role model when helping others and being a wonderful classmate. Well done!
2D	Alex	For continuously showing the school values and being a positive role model to his peers. Well done!
3A	Adalin	For being an active participant in class discussions and sharing her knowledge of prefixes. Keep it up!
3B	Aria	For displaying the THPS value of Learning by always seeking feedback during her TIME Numeracy tasks . Keep it up!
3C	Oleena	For demonstrating the THPS value of positive relationships by being a kind and caring friend to everyone in 3C.
3D	Raidyn	For showing persistence and personal best when tackling your goals around organisation and routines. Well done!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week
Grades 4 to 6 and Specialist - Term 4 , Week 3

4A	Elena	For demonstrating the THPS value of Learning by doing buddy reading with your peers beautifully and adding great ideas to your persuasive text! So proud of you, Elena!
4B	Castiel	For always doing his personal best, completing his tasks with care and taking pride in presenting his work with neat handwriting. Keep it up!
4C	Ngor	For demonstrating great learning by always staying focused and completing his tasks. Well done!
5A	Zac	For his improvement in demonstrating THPS school values within the classroom and staying focused during lessons. Keep up the great work!
5B	Joshua	For a more focussed approach to all learning areas and for his contributions to class discussions. Keep it up!
5C	Deena	For trying her personal best to include historical language when writing her introduction for her narrative. Fantastic work!
5D	Hailey	For consistent growth in her writing, skill development, and personal growth. Keep it up!
6A	Liam	For challenging yourself to further your numeracy skills and achieving your personal best. Well done!
6B	Alpfa	For demonstrating her understanding through a whole class learning about Language Features. Well done!
6C	Madeline	For consistently demonstrating the THPS value of Learning by being a diligent student. Well Done!
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Isaiah 1A	For describing how the position of the sun changes during different times of the day.
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Cobey 5D	For conducting the gas investigations to show that gas has mass and volume
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Olivia 2D	For creating a bright and vibrant water colour painting that has inspired others to use warm colour palettes in their art
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Athan 5B	For demonstrating excellent focus when learning how to play music on an acoustic guitar! Well done!
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Kara PA	For participating enthusiastically in Italian, sharing words such as mamma and papa' when talking about family. Brava!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Jacob 6A	For demonstrating excellent focus when working to develop his Italian vocabulary. Bravo!
LEARNING CENTRE	Hunter 5A	For consistent borrowing and always making good choices during learning centre time.