

Dear Taylors Hill Community,



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 7 Aug	Grade 2 Melbourne Excursion Principal's Day
Mon 10 - Wed 12 Aug	Grade 5 Mt Evelyn Camp
Wed 19 Aug	Possible Industrial Action (Teachers Strike)
Thu 20 Aug	Curriculum Day - No students at school
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

Support Taylors Hill Primary School in the Watergardens 'Shop For Your School' Competition!

Taylors Hill Primary School is taking part in the Watergardens 'Shop For Your School' competition, and we need your help!

By participating, our school has the chance to win cash prizes, with first prize worth \$15,000.

HOW YOU EARN POINTS FOR OUR SCHOOL:

1. Shop at Watergardens participating retailers between 3 August and 13 September (make sure you keep your receipts.)
2. Visit <https://watergardens.qicre.com/promotions/shop-for-your-school-2026/> and log in using your email address. (the campaign page will go live on 3 August).
3. Upload your receipt and proof of purchase details to your profile every time you shop.

Full details, including participating stores are available on Compass. Please spread the word to your extended family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. They don't need to have a child at our school to help us earn points—any eligible receipt uploaded for Taylors Hill Primary School counts towards our total.

The competition has already begun, so start shopping, uploading your receipts, and helping us give Taylors Hill Primary School the best chance of taking home a fantastic prize!

WHAT'S DUE

**LIFE ED PAYMENT
DUE 20 AUGUST**

**GRADE 4 WERRIBEE
EXCURSION &
INTERSCHOOL
SPORTS ~ PAYMENT
DUE 21 AUGUST**

Men's Shed Mentoring Program



Last Monday, eight of our Grade 6 students began their Men's Shed Mentoring Program at the Taylors Hill Men's Shed.

Over the next six weeks, the students will attend the Men's Shed every Monday, where they will work alongside experienced mentors to develop a range of practical skills, build confidence, and create their own projects.

We are very grateful to the volunteers at the Taylors Hill Men's Shed for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students. We look forward to hearing about their experiences and can't wait to see the fantastic projects they complete throughout the program.

We wish all of our participating students the very best and hope they enjoy this valuable learning experience.

Book Week 2026



To kick start Book Week 2026, we will have our Book Character Dress Up Day on Monday 24th August. Our Parade starts at 9:15am in the Gym and all families are welcome to join in the fun. Hopefully you have started to think about the costume your child will wear on the day – consider what you have at home and what you can create together. Home made costumes are always great! Your child's costume should be a character from a BOOK, and preferably a book they have read. We encourage you 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.

Information about other activities during Book Week are included later in this newsletter.

Danielle Stella
Principal

VHAP - Term 2

Ranvir : 6A - My personal highlights from the program. I enjoyed what we learnt, for example ciphers and codes. My favourite cipher was the pig pen. It's quite an odd name but it was something that international spies used during World War 2. I also really enjoyed working with the teacher and other students who encouraged me to do my personal best in VHAP. In the classroom this term I will use the skills I learnt to benefit my numeracy by implementing what I learnt, especially by my base numbers.



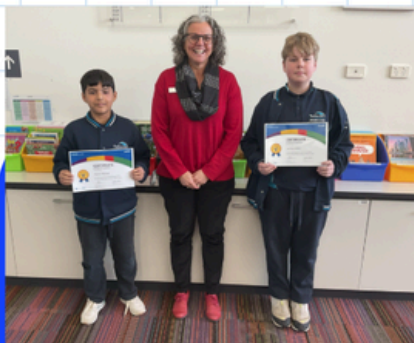
Lachy : 6C - My personal highlights were learning about the Babylonian numerals and different ancient numerals, such as Chinese and Egyptian. I enjoyed the fact that you could convert the numerals into a code. In the classroom this term, I will use my knowledge of base numbers to help me solve equations in class.



VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM

Congratulations to
Ranvir and **Lachy**.

We wish you all the best with your future
learning endeavours.



Visual Arts

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!



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.



THPS ART COMPETITION

THANK YOU TO ALL STUDENTS THAT SUBMITTED AN ARTWORK IN THE THPS ART COMPETITION!

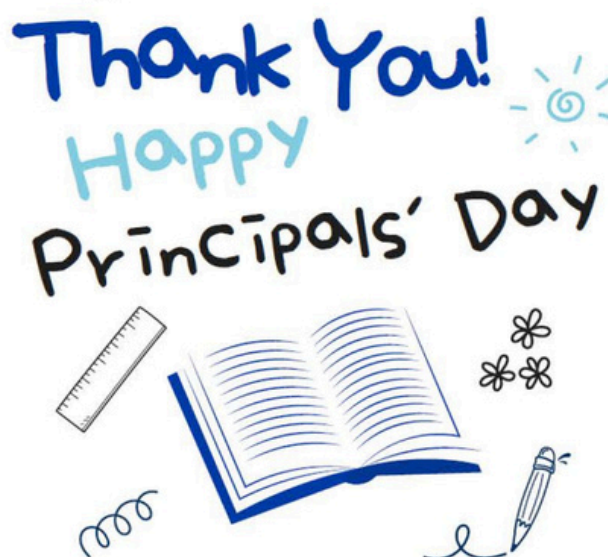
OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, MRS LUZAR AND OUR ART LEADERS WILL JUDGE THE ARTWORK ENTRIES, AND THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A SCHOOL ASSEMBLY. EACH WINNER WILL BE AWARDED A VISUAL ARTS PRIZE.

MRS LUZAR

PRINCIPALS DAY

Happy Principal's Day 2026

Friday August 7



We are very excited to share that this Friday, the 7th of August is Principals Day for 2026! This day is initiated and supported by the Victorian Principals Association and is a day to recognise the valuable work performed by Principals and Assistant Principals in Victorian Government Schools - especially here at THPS!

It will be a day we recognise and take a moment to thank Mrs Stella, Ms Smith, Mr Cropley and Mrs Grayson for everything they do for our school. They work hard every day to make our school a safe, welcoming and positive place where we can learn, grow and succeed. They support students, teachers and families, often working behind the scenes to make sure our school runs smoothly each and every day.

On behalf of all the students and teachers, thank you for your leadership, kindness and dedication. We appreciate everything that you do for our school community. We are really looking forward to celebrating and showing our appreciation for all the hard work and dedication of our four amazing principals...Happy Principal's Day for Friday!

-Ms Holland and Mrs McCoy



VICTORIAN
PRINCIPALS
ASSOCIATION



Department
of Education

Friday 7 August 2026 Principals' Day

Celebrating educational leadership
across Victorian Government Schools

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Book Week at THPS

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

Book Week at THPS is fast approaching. Celebrations begin on Monday 24th to Friday 28th of August. We kick off our week with our annual THPS Book Week Dress Up parade on Monday the 24th of August! If you haven't already, now is the time to start thinking of what book character you will be dressed up as.

To celebrate the week students will also 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 book reviews.

Our classroom Book Week door displays are starting to take place and we look forward to the final displays! The THPS Narrative Competition is in full effect across the school. Prep to Grade 2 are completing on class narrative and Grades 3-6 are individually working on their own narratives. Keep a look out for more information about Book Week in upcoming Assemblies and newsletters.

-Ms Holland and Mrs McCoy

Grade Door Displays



Buddy Reading Sessions



Annual THPS Dress Up Parade



THPS Narrative Competition



MELTON
CITY
LIBRARIES

'Ben deeply understands the challenges that boys face.
This book cuts through all the noise.' — Luke Bateman

Better Man

Reclaiming
masculinity
for good

Ben Vasiliou
CEO of The Man



‘Better Man’ with Ben Vasiliou

Do you know boys or men who are struggling, or maybe even in crisis? In this age of the manosphere, rising violence and an increase in poor mental health, this conversation with Ben Vasiliou, author of ‘Better Man’ tackles the big issues facing teenage boys and young men.

Thursday 10 September | 4.30pm to 5.30pm | Melton Library



Bookings required. Scan or visit
www.melton.vic.gov.au/LearningFestival



TAYLORS HILL YMCA OSHC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Before and After School Care:

Term 3 started on Monday 13/07/2026

It has been nice to see all families old and new back for term 3, although the weather has been very cold. It is dark when we open and dark when we close.

We are doing lots of fun activities and lots of input from the children.

We run our drawing and colouring competition each month.

Also children have a chance to do their homework and readers during after school care.

We are still sanitising high touch areas on a regular basis, talking to children about hygiene, coughing into their elbows, washing hands before and after eating, washing hands after blowing our nose and being mindful of each other's spaces.

If you need any assistance we are always here and willing to help, just ask.

Our Experiences this month have been -

- **Art and Craft:** chatter boxes, mindful colouring in, painting, marble painting, origami, snowman's, butterfly magnets and masks, drawing, stencil drawing, paddle pop stick creation, hamma beads, sand art, plaster fun painting,
- **Cooking:** no cooking this month due to our kitchen getting renovated.
- **Celebrated:** International Lamington Day, World Emoji Day, penguin/dog/cat/elephant day, Book Week, Father's Day
- **Spontaneous Play:** Connector straws and blocks, Jenga, UNO challenge, board games, puzzles, down ball comp, monopoly, free play, dress ups, Legos, block constructions, chess and UNO challenges, game of memory
- **Sporty Games:** Down ball, group and musical games, poison/silent ball, skipping ropes, hoops, balancing boards, twister, balancing games, colour games, skittles and soft ball games.
- **As well as a variety of board and card games, block construction, recreational activities, imaginary play opportunities are available every day for children to choose and help themselves to**
- **In order to promote environmental sustainability,** we continue to use recycled product for our activities e.g. boxes, water jars, paper, containers etc. This is ongoing and working well. As well as activities using recycled items. Watering indoor plants and out door plant; we are growing – kale, spring onions, carrots, tomatoes.
Some family are taking some veggies home to use in their recipes with the children's help
- **Children Leaders:** Ran activities such as, colour statues, musical statues, Pac man trivia, red light, green light, coball games, poison ball, silent ball, heads down thumbs up, dead fish UNO,
- **We also have a community pantry for families to help themselves too.**



PUPIL FREE DAY



YMCA Outside School Hours Care is running a full day service for Taylors Hill upcoming pupil free day.

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

Date: 20/08/2026

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



Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grade Prep to Grade 3 - Term 3 , Week 2

Prep A	Elora	For trying her personal best to identify letters and sounds! Amazing Elora!
Prep B	Lucian	For trying his personal best when identifying letter names and sounds. Superstar!
Prep C	Stefan	For following the swimming expectations and demonstrating his personal best in the pool.
Prep D	Kiara	For an amazing transition into Prep D, showing confidence and independence. Superstar Kiara!
1A	Hudson	For showing his personal best when reading and spelling High Frequency Words in Phonics. Well done Hudson!
1B	Levi	For demonstrating the school value of Learning by contributing to classroom discussions confidently. Great work!
1C	Alfred	For demonstrating THPS value of Personal Best by applying his new and prior knowledge in Phonics
2A	Eliu	For trying his personal best to spell unfamiliar words by stretching out the sound. Keep it up!
2B	Khamis	For demonstrating his personal best in learning tasks and seeking challenges. Well done, Khamis!
2C	Zac	For demonstrating the THPS of integrity and positive relationships when working with others. Well done Zac!
2D	Aturjong	For showing his personal best when solving multiplication problems using a range of strategies. Well done!
3A	Skyla	For being a helpful student who is always willing to help her friends or teachers. Well done!
3B	Oliver	For displaying the value of Personal Best by working independently and asking clarifying questions during numeracy tasks. Oliver, you are doing an amazing job!
3C	Ryan	For demonstrating his personal best to read dialogue with expression. Well done!
3D	Charlize	For your kindness towards others and being a great team player during our Fitness Friday session in week 2. Well done!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades 4 to 6 - Term 3 , Week 2

4A	Aiden	For consistently demonstrating Responsibility in packing up the classroom before home time. Keep shining!
4B	Jeffrey	For demonstrating improved focus during independent learning and making positive behaviour choices. Keep it up!
4C	Yasmin	For consistently taking pride in the presentation of her work. Yasmin always puts in her best effort, and her work is neat, organised, and beautifully presented. Well done!
5A	Hunter	For demonstrating respect and being a good role model towards his Prep buddy. Keep it up, Hunter!
5B	Tekari	For reading with fluency and expression in his Reading Group. Keep up the great work!
5C	Sarah	For demonstrating her personal best in brainstorming and developing ideas for her narrative
5D	Nikola	For demonstrating his personal best and resilience by maintaining a growth mindset.
6A	Olivia	For your excellent contribution and critical thinking skills during class discussions. Keep up the great work!
6B	Julia	For demonstrating amazing expression during her reading in our Learning Centre session. Well done for engaging your peers!
6C	Zoe	For demonstrating great confidence and engagement in all class lessons and small group discussions. Keep up the great work!
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Samnavita 1B	For demonstrating her personal best when completing her task about materials and their properties. Well done!
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Sofia 5D	For correctly recording the results of the sugar cubes weathering demonstration and identifying the different types of physical and chemical weathering
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Asiyah 2C	For demonstrating perseverance and personal best when creating an artwork with detailed lines, shapes and colour value
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Lucy 6A	For demonstrating different emotions when playing difficult character traits in role play situations in front of the class
PE Prep - 3	Liam PA	For demonstrating and applying the correct ball rolling technique when rolling towards a target.
PE 4 - 6	Christian 4A	For consistently seeking feedback to improve and master his tennis drop serve.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Stefan J PC	For showing great listening and thinking skills by correctly matching letters to Italian words. Bravo!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Madinah 5B	For confidently sharing the Italian sentence she wrote about her likes and demonstrating excellent effort in class. Brava!
LEARNING CENTRE	Zahra D 4A	For showing confidence in choosing new texts in Learning Centre classes.

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

Prep A	Isaac	For making positive choices and staying focused. Keep it up Isaac!
Prep B	Katherine	For trying her personal best in every writing lesson, by taking her time and writing all the sounds she hears. Superstar!
Prep C	Logan	For demonstrating confidence in class discussions and demonstrating his personal best in Numeracy.
Prep D	Aayan	For being brave at swimming, having a go and trying your best. So proud of you!
1A	Lachlan	For demonstrating his confidence in numeracy by sharing a collection into equal groups.
1B	Sienna	For always being a positive member of the classroom and building positive relationships with her peers. Great job!
1C	Amer	For demonstrating THPS school value of Learning when using the tallies to create a bar graph.
2A	Tanner	For showing confidence during Phonics when sharing his knowledge of letter sounds. Keep it up!
2B	Eric	For his positive relationships with his peers. Eric is kind and is always eager to help those in need. Keep it up, Eric!
2C	Nastaran	For showing enthusiasm and confidence when completing multiplication problems. Keep it up Nastaran!
2D	Alyssa	For showing confidence when reading learning intentions and answering questions during whole class discussions. Keep it up!
3A	Gabriel	For demonstrating his organisational skills by packing up and moving onto the next task quickly and efficiently. Well done!
3B	Harnaaz	For displaying the THPS value of Learning by tracking her Reading goal. Great work!
3C	Milana	For focusing on your learning and always asking for help when needed. Well done!
3D	Sebastian	For working hard to achieve your personal best in everything you do. Well done!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades 4 - 6 - Term 3 , Week 3

4A	Jacob	For demonstrating your resilience and trying your best in learning. Keep this up!
4B	Gabriella	For working hard to make positive behaviour choices during lessons and for always being kind, helpful and supportive to your teachers and peers. Keep it up!
4C	Aubree	For demonstrating the school value of Personal Best by completing her learning tasks to a high standard. Keep it up!
5A	Chloe	For her concentration during numeracy lessons and her fantastic effort at converting between 24 hour and 12 hour time. Keep it up!
5B	Athan	For demonstrating a more focused approach to complete all learning and for being a good team member.
5C	Jordon	For demonstrating persistence to include descriptive language and dialogue in his narrative. Keep it up!
5D	Nate	For showing resilience and continuing to improve his writing.
6A	Kevin	For consistently showing initiative and being a helpful member of our classroom. Well done!
6B	Manraaz	For confidently sharing his knowledge during whole-class learning activities. Please continue the amazing effort!
6C	Minnah	For taking responsibility for her learning by completing set tasks. Keep it up!
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Khamis 2D	For making great contributions to our class discussion on waste, recycling and composting
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Josiah 5D	For recording how the path of our river in a stream tray changed after water was poured into it to make it flow
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Bernadette 1C	For her brilliant persistence when mixing primary colours to create secondary colours when painting
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Kenna 6B	For her wonderful acting in drama role plays when playing dramatic characters with different emotional needs
PE Prep - 3	Samanvi 1B	For working hard to develop and refine her basketball dribbling skills.
PE 4 - 6	Daniel 5B	For putting in a fantastic effort and taking on feedback to improve his forehand strike.
LEARNING CENTRE	Victor 1A	For showing resilience in the Learning Centre