

# Newsletter

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Learning, Integrity, Honesty, Personal Best, Positive Relationships

Dear Taylors Hill Community,

Welcome to the new school year and it is my pleasure to write our first newsletter for 2024 and warmly welcome our new families to the Taylors Hill community.

This newsletter will be published fortnightly, on a Thursday afternoon and parents can access it through Compass or if you require a hard copy, please collect one from the office. The newsletter is an important form of communication between the school and home, so please ensure you read it with your children, so that you know what is happening at our wonderful school.

## Great Start to 2024!

I am pleased to report to you that we have had a very smooth start to the year with all students settling well into their new classes. Prior to the students beginning this year our staff worked hard to plan and establish their classrooms into supportive and inviting learning environments for our students to learn in.

Our Preps had a very successful start to school and walking into their classrooms now, you would think they have been here for weeks! Congratulations to all our Prep students and their families for supporting them to have a successful start to school.



Your child's classroom teacher is the first point of contact if you have any queries. As you are probably already aware the start and the end of the school day are very busy so you may need to make an alternate time to meet your child's teacher if you need to discuss issues in more detail. If you have any other queries beyond the classroom teacher you can contact either **Brady Castellás (P-3 Assistant Principal)**, **Trent Cropley (4-6 Assistant Principal)** or **Trudy Smith (Assistant Principal and Curriculum Director)**.

## Dates to Remember

<b>Fri 9 Feb</b>	<b>PFA Meeting 9.15am</b>
<b>Wed 14 Feb</b>	<b>Preps S.E.A</b>
<b>Thu 15 Feb</b>	<b>Parent Helpers Course 9.15am</b>
<b>Wed 21 Feb</b>	<b>Preps S.E.A</b>
<b>Thu 22 Feb</b>	<b>Parent Helpers Course 9.15am</b>
<b>Fri 23 Feb</b>	<b>THPS Movie Night 6.30pm</b>
<b>Thu 29 Feb</b>	<b>School Photos</b>  <b>Parent Helpers Course 9.15am (final session)</b>
<b>Mon 11 Mar</b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>

### **Establishing High Expectations**

The first few weeks of school are very important, and our aim is to make all of our students feel comfortable and successful in their new year level and classroom. Your child's teacher will be working closely with the class to establish classroom expectations and routines. They will discuss behaviour and work expectations and set the tone for the year. Teachers are also currently working on developing a picture of the capabilities of each student.

My goal for all of the students at Taylors Hill Primary School is to enable them to achieve their personal best both socially and academically, that they are happy, engaged and productive each day. I have high expectations of our students and staff and as the educational leader of our school I look forward to supporting all of them throughout 2024 to achieve their goals.

### **Movie Night**



On Friday 23rd February, we will have our outdoor Movie Night! This event is \$20 per family - please watch out on Compass for payment details.

We will be surveying our students this week to decide on which movie will watch.

Gates will open at 6:30pm, so you can enter with your family any time after that and the movie is due to begin when the sun goes down at about 8:30pm.

Bring along your blankets and chairs to set up on the oval for a great night of fun. We have Food Trucks booked in or you can bring your own picnic dinner and snacks.

Put the date in your diary and invite your extended family and friends - I'm really looking forward to seeing you all there!

### **School Uniform**

I would like to thank all the students who have come back to school in full school uniform. Our uniform is so important for everyone to wear because it shows that we are part of the THPS team.

- I would like to remind everyone that you need to be in full school uniform every day. This includes wearing a hat outside, tying long hair back, with navy, aqua or white ribbons or headbands.
- You need to wear navy pants or shorts- not black ones.
- As well as white or navy socks that have no logos or patterns on them.
- In regard to jewellery, students can only wear a watch and earrings including studs and sleepers.
- Finally, any mobile device, including mobile phones and smart watches must be signed in at the office before school starts and then collected at the end of the day.

If you have any questions about our school uniforms or bringing mobile devices to school, please ask you teacher.



## **School Council Elections**

### **What is a school council and what does it do?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students. Our School Council meets monthly.

### **Who is on the school council?**

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### **Why is Parent membership so important?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### **How can you become involved?**

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election

### **Do I need special experience to be on school council?**

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### **What do you need to do to stand for election?**

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### **Notice of election and call for nominations**

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Taylors Hill Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office.

- Closing date for nominations is **4pm on 15/02/2024**
- If required, the date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted is **22/02/2024**
- If required, the date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed is on or before **01/03/2024**
- If required, the ballot will close at **4 pm on 08/03/2024**

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

<b>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY</b>	<b>TERM OF OFFICE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b>
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026	3
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026	1
Community Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026	1

### **Expectations of behaviour in the school community**

The Department of Education and Training has released a [new policy](#) that describes the positive behaviour expected from parents, carers, and other adults in Victorian school communities. The policy sets clear standards of behaviour to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for students, staff and adults.

There are also other resources to support safe and respectful relationships in our school community, including information about getting involved in the school, advice on how to raise a concern or complaint, and parenting support resources. You can find the new policy and these resources [here](#).

***Danielle Stella***  
***Principal***

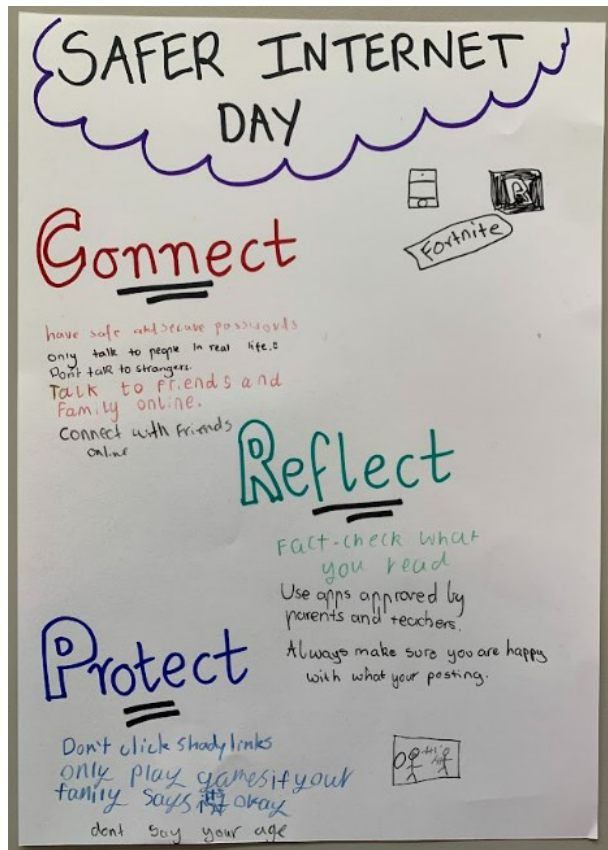


# SAFER INTERNET DAY

Last week, on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. This day is about raising awareness about internet safety and teaching students about how to keep themselves and others safe when they are online!

Throughout the week students had the opportunity to participate in webinars about online safety and complete some interactive activities. They were encouraged to think about their internet use at school and at home and determine if their actions are safe.

It is a great opportunity for you and your family to consider your internet safety and discuss the importance of this with your children!



## Media Permission 2024

There is now an Insight Survey open on Compass for all parents to complete in regards to Media Permission for 2024.

During the time your child is at school, photographs or images of your child may be taken as part of their learning activities. These photographs/images and pieces of work are often used in Assembly presentations and in school and class newsletters which may be published or displayed at school or in online spaces, such as Compass Newsfeed, Google Classroom, or the school website.

In keeping with the school's Media/Photo policy please complete the questions included in the survey to indicate your permission for 2024. Your child's teacher may contact you if the survey is not completed.

## **Annual Privacy Policy 2024**

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy (please refer to our school website) describes how we collect and use media, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- \* Amharic
- \* Arabic
- \* Dari
- \* Gujarati
- \* Mandarin
- \* Somali
- \* Sudanese
- \* Turkish
- \* Urdu
- \* Vietnamese

### **COMPASS**

- ◊ Have you recently moved or changed your phone number or email address?
  - ◊ Have you checked that your child/ren's Emergency contacts are still relevant?
- ◊ Do you have a separated family and need 2 Compass accounts?
- ◊ Are you having trouble logging onto Compass and need help resetting your password?

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**If so, please contact the school office for assistance on 9361 4900**





# Classroom Helpers Course



The efforts of classroom helpers are highly valued at THPS, as opportunities for student learning are increased by the participation of understanding adults.

The Classroom Helpers Course is run over 3 mornings, with each session being 75 minutes. Participation in the program enables helpers to understand the process of learning and therefore, be able to most effectively support students in classroom activities.

**Thursday, 15 February**

**Thursday, 22 February**

**Thursday, 29 February**

**9:15am – 10:30am**

**In the Staff Room**

**Participants must sign in at the Office**

Morning Tea Provided



## 2024 Photo Day

### Online and Envelope Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students of Taylors Hill Primary School,

Your school photo day is on 29-02-2024 and your school has chosen to order via online and/or envelopes which has been or will be distributed to every student. Therefore, it is important that the ordering instructions below are followed, and all students are photographed regardless of purchase.

**\*\* IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 28-02-2024 \*\***

**ONLINE ORDERING:** Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

#### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Step 1: [Click Here](#) - For online ordering process for your school - OR - Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [NAT1HQ E42]
- Step 2: Enter your student's details
- Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (*all orders will be delivered to the school for collection*)
- Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**\*\*Online Orders have a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.**

*Please note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15.00 late fee per package.*

#### FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS: No envelope required if ordering online

##### 3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [NAT1HQ E42]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [28-02-2024]
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount. (*no change given*)

#### ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE:

##### ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

- Step 1: Student Details - Complete the section for student details on the front of the envelope.  
(Please use black or blue pen).
- Step 2: Purchase Details - Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
- Step 3: Payment Method - Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

[info@advancedlifevic.com.au](mailto:info@advancedlifevic.com.au) or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team



# 2024 THPS Canteen Pricelist

## TAYLORS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU (GST Inclusive)

**(H) – Halal**

**(V) – Vegetarian**

**(GF) – Gluten Free**

### Extras:

Lunch Bags	\$0.20
Tomato Sauce	\$0.40
Soy Sauce	\$0.40

### Sandwiches (White or Wholemeal):

**\*Salad includes; Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot & Cucumber**

**\*Butter Upon Request**

Buttered	\$2.30
Ham	\$3.00
Ham & Salad	\$5.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Salad (V)	\$5.00
Vegemite	\$2.50
Cheese (V)	\$2.50
Tuna & Salad	\$5.50
Egg & Lettuce (V) (H)	\$4.50
Toasted Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$4.00
Tuna Sandwich	\$4.50
Egg Sandwich (V) (H)	\$4.00

### Sandwich Extras:

Toasting	\$0.50
Extra Fillings	\$0.70ea
Rolls	\$1.00ea
Boiled Egg	\$1.00ea

### Snacks:

Popcorn Varieties (GF)	\$1.80
Vegie Crackers (GF)	\$1.60
JJ Varieties	\$1.80
Noodle Snack Varieties	\$1.60
Corntos (GF)	\$1.60
Jelly Fruits	\$0.70ea

### Frozen Snacks:

Moosies	\$1.50
Zings	\$1.50
Paddle Pop (Rainbow / Chocolate)	\$2.20
Paddle Pop Icy Twist	\$1.80
Calippo	\$1.80
Bulla Vanilla Cup 98% Fat Free	\$2.20
Frozen Slushie (Term 1 & 4)	\$2.30
Frozen Jelly Stick	\$0.50ea

### Drinks:

Apple & Blackcurrant Juice	\$2.30
Orange Juice	\$2.30
Apple Juice	\$2.30
Water 600ml	\$2.20
Nippy Milk (Chocolate / Strawberry)	\$2.60
Hot Chocolates (Term 2 & 3)	\$2.30

### Hotfood:

Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.20ea
Party Pie/Sausage Roll	\$1.20ea
Corn Cob (V)	\$1.20ea
Chicken Strips	\$1.80ea
Fried Rice (V) (GF)	\$5.00
Spaghetti	\$5.00
Lasagne	\$5.00
Macaroni & Cheese (V) (H)	\$5.00
Chicken Burger (Lettuce/Mayo) (H)	\$6.00
Beef Burger (Cheese/Tomato Sauce) (H)	\$6.00
Margherita Pizza (V)	\$4.60
Hawaiian Pizza	\$4.60
Skinless Hotdog – Plain	\$3.60
Skinless Hotdog – Cheese	\$3.80
Chicken Strip Roll (Lettuce/Mayo) (H)	\$6.00
Chicken Nuggets x 3 (H)	\$3.00
Noodle Cup – Chicken (H)	\$3.00
Noodle Cup – Beef (H)	\$3.00
Four n Twenty Snack Sausage Roll	\$3.80
Four n Twenty Traveller Pie	\$4.40

### Wraps:

**Half - \$4.00**

**Full - \$6.50**

**\*All Wraps Include; Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese**

**\*Mayonnaise Upon Request**

Ham
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender (H)
Tuna
Salami

### Salads:

**\*All Salads Include; Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber & Italian Dressing**

Garden Salad (Plain) (V) (H)	\$6.00
Chicken & Garden Salad (H)	\$6.50
Ham & Egg Salad	\$6.50
Tuna Salad	\$6.50

**\*\*A NOTE TO PARENTS A Sticker will be placed on the child's lunch order to collect their frozen snack from the canteen to avoid spillages. Students who order hot noodles will be required to return to the canteen and present their lunch bag to collect.**

**\*\*Various daily specials will be available over the counter at the canteen and vary daily**

**Congratulations to our Students of the Week**  
**Prep—Grade 3 Term 1, Week 1**



<b>Prep A</b>	Zayd	For your amazing start in Prep A and demonstrating perfect whole body listening. Well done!
<b>Prep B</b>	Micah	For being a helpful student and always following instructions. Keep up the great work Micah!
<b>Prep C</b>	Owen	For always helping his teacher during pack up time without being asked. Superstar!
<b>Prep D</b>	Malak	For an awesome start to school in Prep D and consistently showing whole body listening and sharing her ideas with the class. Keep it up!
<b>1A</b>	Cale	For making an enthusiastic start to grade 1 by sharing his ideas with the class. Well done!
<b>1B</b>	Marcus	For your wonderful start to Year One and showing kindness, positivity and respect to everyone in our classroom. Well done!
<b>1C</b>	Kerry	For demonstrating confidence when contributing to class discussion and having a fantastic start to Grade 1.
<b>2A</b>	Mariam	For having an amazing start to Grade 2 and setting a good example for her peers. Well Done Mariam!
<b>2B</b>	Aarav	For making a positive start to Grade 2 by sharing his ideas to the class and being a positive role model. Great job!
<b>2C</b>	Koa	For demonstrating THPS value of Learning and contributing to our class discussion during the TEAM Program. Great start!
<b>3A</b>	Kevin	For displaying excellent knowledge of classroom routines and being a fantastic role model for other students. Well done!
<b>3B</b>	Alina	For settling into a new year with enthusiasm and demonstrating a thorough understanding of our school values during TEAM activities. Great start to the year Alina!
<b>3C</b>	Josiah	For being a lovely student who demonstrates all the school values. Keep it up!
<b>3D</b>	Ethan	For sharing his ideas during our TEAM learning program. Well done Ethan!

**Congratulations to our Students of the Week**  
**Grade 4-6 -Term 1, Week 1**



<b>4A</b>	Elina	For being a kind and considerate member of the class! Thank you Elina!
<b>4B</b>	Minnah	For trying her personal best with her learning tasks and building positive relationships with her peers. Keep up the great work!
<b>4C</b>	Mihajlo	For always taking pride in his work and trying his personal best with learning tasks. Well done!
<b>4D</b>	Madeline	For demonstrating confidence, enthusiasm and her personal best during the first week of our TEAM program. Well Done!
<b>5A</b>	Jaxson	For an amazing start at THPS and building positive relationships with his peers. Well done!
<b>5B</b>	Nikola	For having a positive attitude to his start to Grade 5, demonstrating the THPS values and demonstrating his personal best in his learning so far. Keep it up!
<b>5C</b>	Gisella	For making an enthusiastic start to Grade 5, being a positive role model in our TEAM program and building positive relationships with her peers. Well done!
<b>5D</b>	Damon	For making an amazing start to Grade 5, demonstrating his personal best and sharing his knowledge of school expectations and routines. Looking forward to a great
<b>6A</b>	Nyibol	For showing her Personal Best, by contributing to class discussions during our TEAM program. Well done Nyibol!
<b>6B</b>	Haleem	For demonstrating his Personal Best during the first week of our TEAM program! Well done Haleem!
<b>6C</b>	Adhel	For showing leadership and being a positive role model in the TEAM Program. Keep up the good work!
<b>6D</b>	Ryan	For building positive relationships with his peers in the first week of the TEAM program. Well done!