

# Newsletter

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**Learning, Integrity, Honesty, Personal Best, Positive Relationships**

Dear Taylors Hill Community,

Welcome to the new school year. It is my pleasure to write our first newsletter for 2026 and to warmly welcome our new families to the Taylors Hill community.

This newsletter will be published fortnightly on a Thursday afternoon. 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 to stay informed about what is happening at our wonderful school.

### **A Great Start to 2026!**

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

Our Prep students have had a very successful start to school. 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 such a positive start to their schooling journey.

Your child's classroom teacher is the first point of contact if you have any queries. As you are probably aware, the start and end of the school day are very busy times, so you may need to arrange an alternative time to meet with your child's teacher if you wish to discuss matters in more detail.

If you have any additional queries beyond the classroom teacher, please feel free to contact:

- **Zoe Grayson** – P-3 Assistant Principal
- **Trent Cropley** – 4-6 Assistant Principal
- **Trudy Smith** – Assistant Principal and Curriculum Director



### **Dates to Remember**

Wed Feb 11, 18 and 25	Prep SEA Testing No school for Prep Students
Tue 10 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 20 Feb	PFA Meeting at 9.15am
Fri 27 Feb	THPS Family Movie Night
Mon 9 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday NO SCHOOL
Wed 11 Mar to Mon 23 Mar	NAPLAN Grade 3 & 5
Thu 19 Mar	School Photos
Mon 23 Mar & Tue 24 Mar	Parent Teacher Meetings

### **What's Due ?**

**27 Feb - Interschool Swimming payment for selected grade 5/6 students**

**12 Mar - Grade 6 Uniform payments**

## Establishing High Expectations

The first few weeks of school are an important time, as our focus is on ensuring all students feel comfortable and successful in their new year level and classroom.

During this period, your child's teacher will be working closely with the class to establish clear classroom expectations and routines. Teachers will discuss behaviour and learning expectations and set a positive tone for the year ahead. They are also developing a clear understanding of each student's individual strengths and learning needs.

My goal for all students at Taylors Hill Primary School is to support them to achieve their personal best, both socially and academically, while feeling happy, engaged, and productive each day. I hold high expectations for both our students and staff, and as the educational leader of our school, I look forward to supporting our school community throughout 2026 as we work together to achieve these goals.

## 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.
- Wearing navy pants or shorts- not black.
- Wearing white or navy socks that have no logos or patterns.
- 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 uniform or bringing mobile devices to school, please ask your teacher.

**School Uniform and Mobile Devices**

**NAVY SunSmart HAT**

**NO HOODIES**

**NAVY Pants or Shorts NO BLACK**

**White or Navy Socks NO LOGOS**

**Watch, studs or small sleepers only NO OTHER JEWELLERY**

**HAIR TIED BACK Navy, Aqua or White Ribbons or Headbands**

**Give mobile phones and smart watches to Office NO MOBILE DEVICES**

The poster features illustrations of a navy SunSmart hat, navy pants and shorts, a blue polo shirt, a blue jacket, a blue plaid shirt, a navy dress, white socks, a blue watch, and various pieces of jewelry. A red arrow points to a girl's hair tied back with a blue ribbon. A red box highlights a mobile phone and smart watches, with a red arrow pointing to a girl's hair tied back with a blue ribbon.

## **School Council Elections**

All Victorian government schools have a School Council. School Councils are legally formed bodies that play an important role in setting the key directions of a school within Department of Education guidelines. Through this work, School Council members directly influence the quality of education provided to our students. At Taylors Hill Primary School, School Council meets monthly.

### **School Council Membership**

School Council membership is made up of three possible categories:

- **Parent Members** (mandated): More than one-third of council members must be elected parents. Department of Education employees may nominate as parent members, provided they are not employed at the school.
- **Department of Education (DE) Employee Members** (mandated): These members may make up no more than one-third of the council. The principal is automatically a member of this category.
- **Community Members** (optional): These members are appointed by School Council due to their skills, interests, or experience. DE employees are not eligible for this category.

All members are elected or appointed for a two-year term. Each year, half of the members retire, creating vacancies for the annual School Council elections.

### **Why Parent Membership Matters**

Parents bring valuable perspectives and skills that help shape the direction of the school. Parent involvement on School Council is highly rewarding and often strengthens a child's sense of belonging and connection to the school community.

### **How Can Parents Be Involved?**

Parents can support School Council by:

- Voting in the School Council elections (held in Term 1 each year), and/or
- Nominating themselves or encouraging another parent to stand for election

Please note that a ballot is only required if the number of nominations exceeds the number of available positions.

No prior experience is needed to be a School Council member—just an interest in your child's education and a willingness to work collaboratively for the benefit of the school.

### **Standing for Election**

Parents may nominate themselves or be nominated by another member of the school community in the Parent category. Department of Education employees whose child attends a school where they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parent members.

Nomination forms can be collected from the school office and must be returned to the principal by the closing date stated on the Notice of Election. A receipt will be sent to you once your completed nomination has been received.

### **Notice of Election and Call for Nominations**

An election will be conducted for members of the School Council of Taylors Hill Primary School.

**Closing date for nominations:** 4:00pm, 19 February 2026

**Publication of candidate list** (if required): 26 February 2026

**Ballot papers distributed** (if required): On or before 5 March 2026

**Ballot closes** (if required): 4:00pm, 12 March 2026

Details regarding the number of positions available and membership categories open for election will be outlined in the official Notice of Election.

If you would like further information about School Council or the election process, please contact the school office.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2028	2
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2028	1
Community Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2028	1

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

The Department of Education 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 via this link: [Education – information for parents | vic.gov.au](#).

**Danielle Stella**  
**Principal**

## **Annual Privacy Policy**

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 photographs, 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 [Microsoft 365/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, Chinese, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



We are having our annual Family Movie Night ... OUTDOOR MOVIE, FOOD TRUCKS, RAFFLE, ACTIVITIES!

DATE: **FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY**

COST: **\$25 per family** (pre-pay via Compass or pay at the gate)

TIME: Gates open at **6:30pm** - Movie 'Bad Guys 2' begins at **DUSK**

VENUE: **THPS Oval**

BYO: Chairs, blankets, picnic

ENTRY: Enter via **Park Lane Gate** (card or cash payments) or **Lachlan Lane Gate** (cash only payments). Pre-paid can enter via both gates.

FOOD: You can bring your own food/drinks or BUY food/drinks/snacks from the Food Trucks. Food Trucks on the night:

- **Ice Cream Delights:** selling soft-serve ice-cream, popcorn, fairy floss, drinks
- **Mike's Souvlakis:** selling souvlakis, chips, drinks
- **Kimu Korean Japanese Eatery:** selling gyoza dumplings and rice bowls
- **Twistto:** selling twisted potatoes
- **Taco Truck:** selling taco plates (meat/fish/vego), sides, drinks
- **Mr Zeppole Italian Donuts:** selling hot jam donuts
- **Coffee Van:** selling hot and cold drinks

**THPS Tent:** selling icy cold cans of drinks and raffle tickets (cash only)

ACTIVITIES: From 6:30pm, our teachers will be supervising activities across the oval and courtyard, including a downball competition, skipping skills, frisby fun, giant games and a photo booth. We will also have some local sporting clubs joining us for you to get involved with.

***Information and payments will be available via Compass 'Opt-In' Events. We look forward to seeing you all there.***

PLEASE NOTE:

- All children and teenagers must be supervised by an adult for the whole event
- THPS is an alcohol, smoke and drug free zone
- Pets, ball games, bikes and scooters are not permitted at this event

# Learning Centre News Term 1

Another year has just begun. Welcome back to all our families and a big welcome to our new families.

Learning Centre borrowing starts in Week 3. Grades Prep to Grade 2 may borrow one book for one week. Grades 3 to 6 can borrow two books for two weeks.

All children are expected to have a blue Taylors Hill Primary School satchel. These are available for purchase from PSW uniform suppliers. Books should be stored in the satchel whilst on loan to keep them clean and safe. Students will be unable to borrow if they do not have a satchel.

Remember that our Learning Centre books are for all students to enjoy so please take care of them whilst they are on loan and return them when they are due.

There was a large number of books outstanding at the end of last year. If you still have any Learning Centre Books at home we would love to have them returned.

Happy reading and wishing you all a successful 2026.

Mrs Baron and Miss Blair

## 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?



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

# Anaphylaxis Management at THPS

## Information For Parents

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment in which children diagnosed at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of their schooling. Therefore, THPS has an Anaphylaxis Management Policy in place.

### ***Our Anaphylaxis Policy at THPS***

⇒ THPS is working towards being a NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT

Nuts are known as a severe allergen. To minimise risk, as far as practicable, Taylors Hill Primary School does not permit nuts to be brought onto school grounds, or on school excursions or camps. This policy extends to all children and adults in all classes. The following are not allowed:

- Nuts – including peanuts, almonds, cashews, pine nuts, hazelnuts, walnuts, brazil nuts, pecans, etc.
- Nut Spreads – such as peanut butter, nutella, other choc/nut spreads, pesto, nut butters and peanut oil.
- Dried fruit and nut boxes and muesli bars containing nuts.
- Biscuits or cakes containing nuts, including flourless cakes with almond meal.

⇒ NO FOOD SHARING

Sharing of foods between all children is actively discouraged.

⇒ School activities will be NUT FREE

Foods used for classroom and school activities will be NUT FREE.

⇒ CELEBRATION TREATS must be 'non-edible' items to share with the class.

If you are wanting to share something for your child's birthday or other celebration, think about items, such as stickers or pencils (no party poppers). Students will not be allowed to bring food treats (cake or lolly bags, etc) or share food with friends.

⇒ Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans

We will work with parents to develop individual anaphylaxis management plans for students, communicate these plans with all staff, follow the steps involved in the case of an emergency and communicate information regarding anaphylaxis to the school community.

⇒ Staff Training

All staff will be trained in how to recognise and respond to an anaphylactic reaction.

### ***What is Anaphylaxis?***

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction to a substance, most commonly nuts, egg, milk, wheat, soy, seafood, some insect stings and medications (but each individual has different triggers). Anaphylaxis can be life threatening, but with proper management and prevention strategies in place the risks can be substantially reduced. Some symptoms of anaphylaxis include swelling of the lips, face and eyes, difficulty breathing, abdominal pain and/or vomiting and loss of consciousness.

### ***What is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of a child who has been diagnosed at risk of Anaphylaxis?***

The parent/guardian must:

- ⇒ Inform the school staff of the diagnosis and its causes
- ⇒ Discuss strategies with the school
- ⇒ Work with the school to develop an individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan for your child
- ⇒ (in consultation with your doctor)
- ⇒ Provide colour copies of an ASCIA action plan for the child, signed by the doctor with recent photograph
- ⇒ (no older than 12 months)
- ⇒ Supply the school with the child's EpiPen® and ensure it has not expired
- ⇒ Inform the school if your child's medical condition changes

We would appreciate you taking the time to talk to your child about this policy and follow the above guidelines in order for us to provide a safe environment for all students.



# School Photo Day

## Thursday 19 March

Our school photo day is this term!

### PURCHASING PHOTOS

Please read and follow the instructions from *Advanced Life Photography* carefully to order and pay for photos online, including individual, class and sibling packs. Go to <http://www.advancedlife.com.au> before photo day and enter our school code [NAT 1HQ E42].

### FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM ON PHOTO DAY

In alignment with our School Uniform Policy, we are looking forward to seeing all students in full school uniform, wearing navy, aqua or white hair ribbons/headbands only, white or navy socks (no logos or patterns), no jewellery (basic watch or small sleeper/stud earrings only) and no makeup, hair dye or nail polish. Students will not wear their school jumper for photos – photos will be taken showing school polo shirts or dresses only to create uniformity within photos.

**order your school photos now**

to order visit: [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

enter code: NAT 1HQ E42



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or collect a cash order envelope  
from your school office

**advancedlife**  
school photography & print specialists

# Taylor's Hill Primary School Canteen Menu 2026

**(H) – Halal (V) – Vegetarian (GF) – Gluten Free**

## Extras:

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

## 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

## 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	\$4.50
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	\$4.50
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)	\$2.00
JJ Varieties	\$2.00
Noodle Snack Varieties	\$1.60
Corntos (GF)	\$1.60
Jelly Fruits	\$0.70ea

## Frozen Snacks:

Moosies	\$1.60
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)	\$2.50

## Hotfood:

Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.30ea
Party Pie/Sausage Roll	\$1.30ea
Corn Cob (V)	\$1.30ea
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)	\$6.20
Beef Burger (Cheese/Tomato Sauce)(H)	\$6.20
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)	\$6.20
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 - \$4.20**

**Full - \$6.70**

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

**\*Mayonnaise Upon Request**

Ham
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender (H)
Tuna
Salami

## Salads:

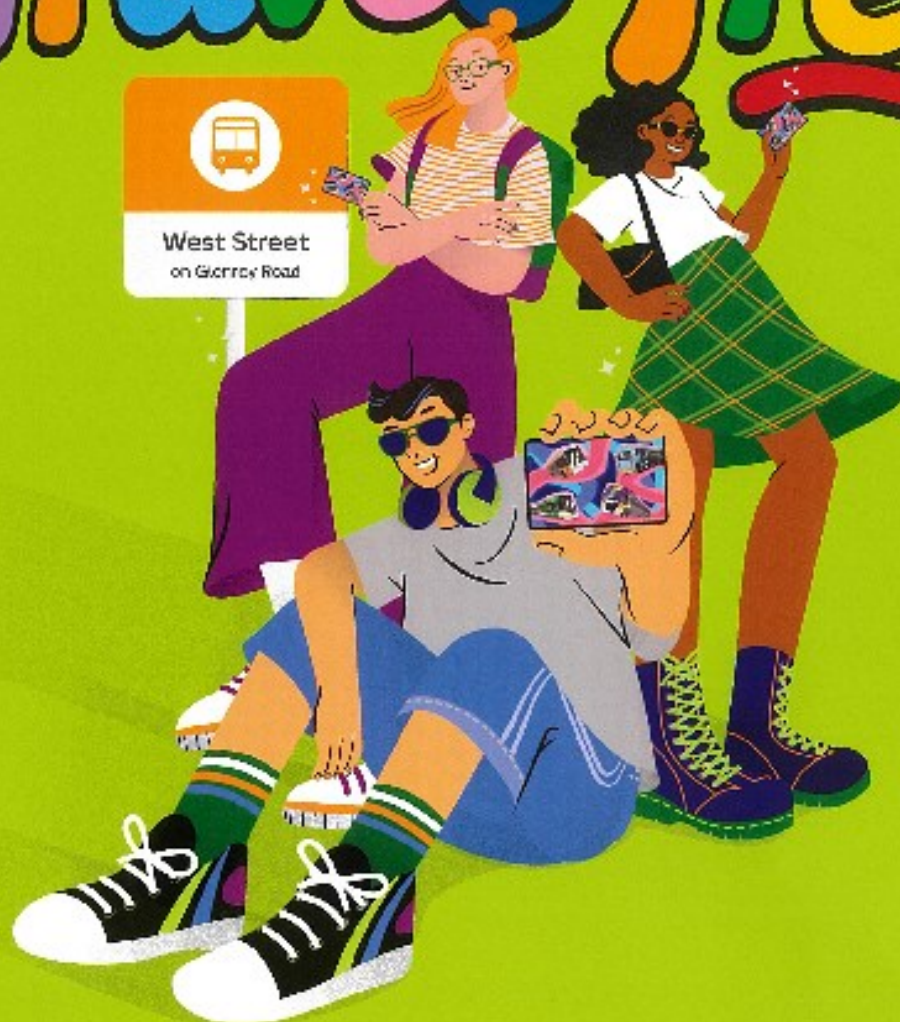
**\*All Salads Include; Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber & Italian Dressing**

Garden Salad (Plain) (V) (H)	\$6.50
Chicken & Garden Salad (H)	\$7.00
Ham & Egg Salad	\$7.00
Tuna Salad	\$7.00

**\*\*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**

# Travel free



Under 18s **travel free** on all public transport with a Youth myki



Buy a Youth myki

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

<b>Prep A</b>	Ari	For being an excellent listener and always trying his best. Keep it up Ari!
<b>Prep B</b>	Paul	For trying his personal best in all activities and settling in so well in Prep B. Well done Paul.
<b>Prep C</b>	Kon	For settling in very well during his first day of school and demonstrating his personal best.
<b>Prep D</b>	Anhad	For demonstrating her personal best during learning time. What an amazing start to her school journey. Superstar!
<b>1A</b>	Isaiah	For a fantastic start to Grade 1 and confidently putting his hand up to share his ideas. Keep up the great work!
<b>1B</b>	Eva	For getting through her first day jitters and trying her personal best. Well done!
<b>1C</b>	Emilia	T1W1: For demonstrating THPS school value of Positive Relationships by supporting her friends to settle into the class.
<b>2A</b>	Owen	For being a responsible and helpful member of 2A. Well done and keep it up!
<b>2B</b>	Dalenna	For being a kind and honest member of 2B. Well done, Dalenna!
<b>2C</b>	Hudson	For making a positive start to grade 2 by always being kind and respectful. Well done!
<b>2D</b>	Aston	For contributing ideas and working hard to show his personal best during Team. Keep it up!
<b>3A</b>	Kerry	For always demonstrating the THPS values and being an excellent role model for other students. Well done!
<b>3B</b>	Shivaayy	For displaying the value of positive relationships by allowing his fellow peers to share their thoughts and ideas. You are such a respectful and positive role model in 3B. Keep it up!
<b>3C</b>	Oliver	For making a wonderful start to THPS by demonstrating his personal best during the TEAM learning program.
<b>3D</b>	Ruby	For your positive attitude in every lesson and activity. We are lucky to have such a wonderful role model in 3D!

**Congratulations to our Students of the Week**  
**Grade 4 to 6 and Specialist - Term 4, Week 8**

<b>4A</b>	Ayva	For trying your Personal Best in our lining-up practice and for being a great line leader. Keep it up!
<b>4B</b>	Jessica	For an amazing start to Grade 4 and always showing kindness and respect to others. Keep it up!
<b>4C</b>	Artin	For demonstrating the school value of Personal Best and starting the year with a positive attitude! Keep it up!
<b>5A</b>	Madison	For an amazing start to Grade 5, sharing her ideas with others and being a kind and respectful member of our class. Wonderful work!
<b>5B</b>	Mia	For making an awesome effort to begin the school day and for her lovely manners. Keep it up.
<b>5C</b>	Pransh	For his wonderful start to Grade 5. Pransh has a positive 'can do' attitude and has been a wonderful role model to his peers. Fantastic work!
<b>5D</b>	Selina	For demonstrating her personal best in all activities, always with a smile, and for contributing thoughtfully to class discussions. Keep up the amazing work!
<b>6A</b>	Ryan	For contributing to class discussions and displaying his personal best when completing his work. Well done!
<b>6B</b>	Ana	For demonstrating her Personal Best by participating in whole class discussions and contributing to our Team Program activities. Well done!
<b>6C</b>	Kiara	For settling in well to her new school and developing positive relationships with her classmates. Well Done!
<b>SCIENCE</b> Prep - 3		
<b>SCIENCE</b> 4 - 6		
<b>THE ARTS</b> Prep - 3		
<b>THE ARTS</b> 4 - 6		
<b>PE</b> Prep - 3		
<b>PE</b> 4 - 6		
<b>ITALIAN</b> Prep - 3		
<b>ITALIAN</b> 4 - 6		

Specialist classes were not held during week one as our students settled in to school, so no awards were presented.