

Newsletter

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Learning, Integrity, Honesty, Personal Best, Positive Relationships

Dear Taylors Hill Community,

Remembrance Day

Last Tuesday, our school came together in the Gym to commemorate **Remembrance Day**. I would like to thank all staff and students for showing such respect and engagement during this important occasion, as we paused to remember, reflect and give thanks.

At the **11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month**, we honour the moment the guns fell silent on the Western Front in 1918, marking the end of World War I after four years of fighting. Over time, this moment has come to symbolise remembrance across the world—a time to honour all who have served and sacrificed in wars and conflicts, as well as those who continue to serve our country today.

On behalf of the RSL, I would like to extend my gratitude to our **Student Voice Team** and all students who purchased a red poppy to support the work of the RSL and Legacy. These organisations play a vital role in assisting returned service people and their families.

The **Flanders poppy** has long been a symbol of remembrance. It was among the first plants to bloom on the battlefields of France and Belgium following the war. Inspired by this, silk poppies were first sold on Armistice Day to raise funds for returned soldiers, and the tradition continues today. This enduring symbol was immortalised in Lieutenant Colonel **John McCrae's** famous 1915 poem *In Flanders Fields*, written after he observed the resilience of the poppies amid the devastation of war.



Learning Time is Important Time

As we move into the second half of **Term 4**, it is vital that both staff and students continue to maintain high expectations and consistent learning routines. The coming weeks are an important time for consolidation and growth, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to achieve their personal best.

Teachers will continue to deliver an uninterrupted literacy and numeracy program, commencing promptly at **9:00am** each day. To maximise learning opportunities, please ensure your child arrives on time and is ready to begin their day with focus and enthusiasm.

We are also in the process of finalising our **staffing and class placements for 2026**. This is a thoughtful process that takes into account the educational and social needs of every student. Teachers make recommendations based on their deep knowledge of the students, and these are reviewed by the Leadership Team to ensure balanced and supportive class groupings.

Dates to Remember

11-13 and 18-19 Nov	Grade 5/6 Life Education
Tue 18 Nov	Prep Transition 2 9.15am-10.15am
Tue 25 Nov	Prep 2026 Parent Info Night 6.00pm
Fri 5 Dec	Classroom Helpers Morning Tea 10.30am—11.30am PFA Meeting 9.15am
Tue 9 Dec	Prep Transition 3 9.15am-10.15am
Thu 11 Dec	Carols Night Gates 5.30pm Perform at 6.00pm
Tue 16 Dec	Grade 6 Graduation 6pm
Thu 18 Dec	Grade 6 Big Day Out
Fri 19 Dec	Last Day Term 4
Thu 29 Jan	First Day of School Term 1, 2026

What's Due ?

Sovereign Hill Due ~ Mon 24 Nov

Big Day Out Due ~ Mon 1 Dec

For our **2026 Prep students**, we have been working closely with local kindergartens, childcare centres, and families to ensure a smooth transition to school. Our final **Prep Transition Session** will take place on **Tuesday, 9th December**, when our new preps will spend time in their 2026 classrooms with their teachers and classmates.

If you have a child starting Prep next year and have not yet enrolled, please complete the enrolment process as soon as possible so your child can participate in this important final transition session.

Future Term Dates

For the list of school term dates until the end of 2030, refer to [School term dates and holidays in Victoria](#).

Danielle Stella

Principal

Grade 1 Dinner

On Thursday 6th of November, all the Grade 1 students had a dinner party at school. When we got to school, we went into our groups to do our party games. The party games were disco, limbo, musical statues and balloon bop. After the party games we had dinner. The menu was mac and cheese, spaghetti bolognese, fried rice, margherita pizza or lasagna. The drinks were apple juice, apple and blackcurrant juice, orange juice or water. For dessert we had a delicious icy pole. We had fun and the music for the party games was brilliant. We had an awesome time at the Grade 1 Dinner. We would like to say thank you to all the Grade 1 teachers along with Ms Holland, Mrs Stella, Ms Smith and Mrs Mina. We would like to say a big thank you to Tony and the staff in the canteen for organising the food.

Thank you!

Grade 1 Students



The Grade 1 teachers would like to say that all the Grade 1 classes were amazing! It was fantastic to see all students following instructions, having fun and participating in the party games and showing beautiful table manners. Well Done Grade 1s!

Thank you!

Grade 1 Teachers



IMAX and The Shrine of Remembrance

The Grade 3s were really excited to go on our excursion to IMAX and The Shrine of Remembrance. IMAX was amazing and we felt like we were in the movie about Australia. Our 3D glasses were so awesome and we tried to touch the animals. We learnt that Australia is definitely a beautiful and unique country and we are fortunate to live here.



The Shrine of Remembrance was a very special visit and we learnt so much. This is our letter to a soldier expressing our thoughts.

About our day to remember.....



Letter to a soldier from the Grade 3 students -

Dear Soldier,

We are filled with gratitude and admiration for all that you do to protect us and to keep this beautiful country of ours safe. Today this is what I learnt and because of this my respect for you is immense.

I learnt that the eternal flame is to remember all the soldiers in the war. As a class we observed a minute's silence to thank all the soldiers for their bravery during all the wars.

The statues around the Shrine helped us to remember all the people who died in wars and how they helped us to survive in a safe world.

In the dress up room we got to see the uniforms of the soldiers and nurses from world war one and two. We dressed up and put on the hats and heavy helmets the soldiers had to wear to protect themselves. They also kept crackers in little pouches so they could have something to eat.

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all who served in the past wars and to those who are currently serving our country.

Thank you to our teachers who organised this fun excursion and to the parents who came along to help on the day.



Parent Payment Information for 2026

Taylor's Hill Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Taylor's Hill Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide quality resources for teaching and learning and an engaging environment for our students.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Danielle Stella & Misel Kitanovsk
Principal School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment including student diary</i></p> <p><i>Variable per year level</i></p> <p>Grade 6 \$48</p> <p>Grade 5 \$55</p> <p>Grade 4 \$81</p> <p>Grade 3 \$68</p> <p>Grade 2 \$63</p> <p>Grade 1 \$64</p> <p>Grade Prep \$69</p>	<p>Full details for each year level are published on the school website taylorshillps.vic.edu.au or you can request a copy from the school office</p> <p>\$48 - \$81</p>
<p><i>Online subscriptions</i></p> <p><i>Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Sunshine Online (decodable and levelled), Storybox Library</i></p>	<p>\$36.00</p>
<p><u>Science Activity Materials:</u></p> <p><i>Students will participate in experiments involving various food items during chemistry sessions and craft materials including glues, paper and card.</i></p> <p><u>Art Materials:</u></p> <p><i>Activities in art will include the use of paints, papers, card, embellishments and construction materials such as threads, tape, blu tack and icy pole sticks.</i></p> <p><u>Classroom Craft / Cooking / Construction:</u></p> <p><i>Teachers will use flash cards, cover paper, paper shapes, coloured paper, blu tack and tape for completion of items complementary to the curriculum. Food items may be included for classroom activities complementary to the curriculum.</i></p>	<p>\$9.00</p> <p>\$9.00</p> <p>\$15.00</p>
Total Curriculum Contributions	<p>Prep \$138</p> <p>Grade 1 \$133</p> <p>Grade 2 \$132</p> <p>Grade 3 \$137</p> <p>Grade 4 \$150</p> <p>Grade 5 \$124</p> <p>Grade 6 \$117</p>

Educational items for students to own

The school recommends you purchase a Primary Pete Bookbag with school logo from Primary School Wear (PSW) for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Taylors Hill Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Camping Program – Estimated costs (Prep Breakfast \$6, Grade 1 Dinner \$10, Grade 2 Day Camp(onsite) \$10, Grade 3 Day Camp \$125, Grade 4 Camp – 1 night -\$275, Grade 5 Camp – 2 nights -\$450)	\$TBA
Interschool sports program (two terms) – Estimated costs (Grade 6 \$55)	\$TBA
Excursions/incursions to be scheduled - estimated costs (Prep \$60, Grade 1 \$50, Grade 2 \$55, Grade 3 \$40, Grade 4 \$75, Grade 5 \$60, Grade 6 \$125, Swimming Program Bus cost P-2 \$70)	\$TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

Taylors Hill Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Bernadette Barclay

Ph: 03 9361 4900 | Email: taylors.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Payment can be made and is preferred via Compass Pay – access via the Compass Parent Portal



Compass offers a secure online payment option when making payments to the school. Payments can be made at any time of day or night, including during the school vacation period.

Cash and electronic payments can also be accepted at the school office.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information

Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases



Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and an increased risk of illness from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is currently low, some mosquitoes may be carrying diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when outdoors
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active
- clean up and remove containers and items around the home that may hold water where mosquitoes may breed.



Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone

NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.



A free vaccine is available to **some** individuals to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

For more information, including vaccine eligibility, refer to the Department of Health's [Japanese encephalitis webpage](#).

Find out more

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- [Mosquitoes can carry diseases](#)
- [Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease](#), including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages.
- [Japanese encephalitis virus](#)

Learning Centre News

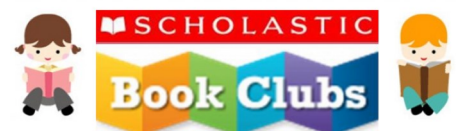
Reminder Scholastic Book Club Orders

Online orders with Scholastic LOOP are open for orders until Monday 17th November.

Cash orders will be accepted until Friday 14th November. No late orders can be accepted.

Thank you

Mrs Baron



THPS CAROLS NIGHT

Thursday 11th of December

Gates open at 5:30pm - Singing at 6:00pm

Location: School Oval

BYO: Chairs, Picnic Food + Drinks

Wear: Festive Colours



All students must have an ADULT with them

USED AQUARIUM & STAND FOR SALE



\$350

Dimensions:

Aquarium

Length 120cm Width 45cm Height 55cm

Stand with three cupboards

Length 120cm Width 45cm Height 80cm

Details:

- if you have any questions, contact the office
- you must pick it up, there is no delivery
- payment to be made at the office

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

Prep A	Zoey	For trying her personal best when solving addition equations as well as supporting her peers with the activity. Amazing work, Zoey!
Prep B	Selina	For displaying the value of honesty by being a trustworthy member of Prep B. Selina, you are a reliable and caring student who is always willing to offer a helping hand. Keep it up!
Prep C	Abhaypartap	For demonstrating his personal best during writing and numeracy by having a go and applying his knowledge. Keep it up!
1A	Anastasia	For trying her personal best in all learning areas. Fantastic work Anastasia!
1B	Dalenna	For demonstrating the school value of learning by practising her reading goal during independent reading. Keep it up!
1C	Enzo	For demonstrating the THPS School Value of Learning.
1D	Olivia	For demonstrating confidence during Numeracy and sharing with the class a definition of place value. Excellent Work Olivia!
2A	Lucas	For demonstrating confidence in his writing and working hard to use new spelling patterns. Keep it up!
2B	Iylah	For being resilient when finding her learning challenging and being successful when not giving up. Keep it up!
2C	Luca	For showing persistence in his persuasive writing and working towards his goal. Keep it up!
2D	Khodar	For being responsible and independent by settling back into THPS routine and his learning.
3A	Zoe	For your hard work and creativity during Literacy this term. You have created some wonderful pieces of writing and made excellent progress towards your goals, well done!
3B	Emily	For consistently demonstrating growth in all learning areas because of her great focus and commitment to learning.
3C	Ali	For showing his addition skills when adding up a collection of money. Well done!

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

4A	Liam	For always being a supportive and encouraging friend to his classmates. Keep it up!
4B	Nikita	For taking on feedback and improving the evidence in her arguments for her persuasive text. Keep it up!
4C	Levi	For sharing his ideas and opinions when analysing persuasive evidence. Keep it up!
4D	Grace	For demonstrating excellent leadership during Reading when leading her reciprocal reading group. Well done!
5A	Maysa	For trying her personal best when identifying a series of 3D objects in the environment. Keep up the great work!
5B	Elina	For her amazing effort when researching and planning for a historical narrative. Well Done!
6A	Alfrona	For working hard across all subjects and always trying your personal best. Keep it up!
6B	Ewen	For demonstrating his Personal Best during our Literature Circle sessions by projecting his voice for our discussions about the text. Please keep up the great effort!
6C	Leyla	For demonstrating increased confidence when sharing her ideas and opinions during Literature Circle discussions. Keep it up!
6D	Layla S	For showing incredible resilience and determination, staying positive and keeping up with all her school work despite the challenges she's faced
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Hunter 1D	For recording the weather conditions for last Thursday and matching different weather conditions with their symbols.
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Marko 4D	For identifying rock characteristics and classifying rocks as sedimentary, metamorphic or igneous
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Elija 3B	For accompanying a song in 3/4 time on the drum
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Lachy 5B	For playing a 'call harmony' using thirds on the xylophone
PE Prep - 3	Isabelle 1D	For always following instructions and participating to the best of her ability.
PE 4 - 6	Alpfa 5A	For being engaged in the lesson and trying her best to field the ball when it came her way.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Antoni 1A	For correctly naming his birthday month in Italian. Bravo!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Stella 6C	For independently reading her work in Italian with correct intonation and pronunciation. Brava!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week
Grade Prep to Grade 3 - Term 4, Week 4&5

Prep A	Stefan	For staying focused during learning time and completing his activities to a high standard. Super work, keep it up!
Prep B	Victor	For trying his personal best in writing. Victor, it's wonderful hearing you try to verbally stretch out an unknown word when writing independently. Keep it up!
Prep C	Zahra	For building positive relationships with peers in Prep C. Keep it up!
1A	Liam	For demonstrating his personal best in all learning tasks and presenting his work to a high standard. Well done Liam!
1B	Eva	For consistently demonstrating the school value of learning by contributing to whole class discussions with interesting ideas. Fantastic work!
1C	Lincoln I	For demonstrating the THPS school value of positive relationships and being a fantastic helper to his classmates.
1D	Aston	For working hard to include persuasive arguments and bossy verbs in his writing! Well done Aston!
2A	Stefan	For working hard to improve his writing by using new spelling patterns. Keep it up Stefan!
2B	Oliver	For always completing his Home Learning tasks and completing them at a high standard. Keep it up!
2C	Yasna	For always being a supportive student and positive role model. Well done Yasna!
2D	Eve	For applying her knowledge of persuasive devices to create a strong persuasive text. Well done!
3A	Jessica	For your hard work and perseverance towards meeting your learning goals. Well done!
3B	Iyla	For her enthusiasm to learn and explore on our excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance.
3C	Sofia	For trying her personal best to be a positive role model for her peers. Well done.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week
Grade 4 to 6 and Specialist - Term 4, Week 4&5

4A	Josiah	Demonstrating strong leadership qualities when working with his group to prepare their debate. Keep it up!
4B	Chloe	For contributing positively and working well with her peers to plan and prepare for the debate. Keep it up!
4C	Valentina	For working well in small group sessions by sharing her ideas. Keep it up!
4D	Evie	For demonstrating great learning in Numeracy when learning about financial planning. Great job!
5A	Victor	For trying his personal best when identifying a range of 3D objects and their features. Well done!
5B	Charlotte	For her amazing use of descriptive and figurative language to engage the reader when writing a historical narrative. Awesome work!
5C	Olivia	For demonstrating her personal best when writing her historical narrative, ensuring it is historically accurate and engaging for the reader. Amazing job Olivia!
6A	Sierra	For consistently striving to achieve her personal best in all classroom activities. Keep up the excellent work!
6B	Manasvi	For always being a positive role model and greeting teachers and peers with a smile on her face. She brings joy to each day at THPS. Amazing effort!
6C	Nikola	For his insightful contributions when justifying and explaining his solutions to solving problems in Numeracy.
6D	Zeb	For demonstrating personal best during class discussions, by sharing his thoughts and ideas consistently. Keep up the great work!
SCIENCE	Alessia Prep A	For naming the materials that objects are made from and describing their properties.
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Nikita 4B	For being able to identify different types of weathering and record the results of the sugar cube weathering demonstration
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Jason 2D	For demonstrating his personal best to create a birdhouse using the collaging technique and always being a helper in the art space! Well done.
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Marko 4D	For demonstrating persistence to learn a song on the piano and xylophone.
PE Prep - 3	Hunter W 1D	For demonstrating correct technique by using his arms to generate force when jumping for distance
PE 4 - 6	Sophie 6B	For consistently demonstrating her personal best and a strong desire to improve.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Luka 3A	For making that extra effort to read his Italian work to the class. Bravo!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Ishika 4B	For sharing her Italian work to the class with confidence. Brava!