

Newsletter

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Learning, Integrity, Honesty, Personal Best, Positive Relationships

Dear Taylors Hill Community,

Welcome Back to Term 4!

Welcome back! I hope you and your families had a relaxing and enjoyable break. This term is packed full of exciting learning opportunities and special events for our students, so we hope everyone is well-rested and ready to take full advantage of what's ahead.

Get Ready for the House Walkathon!

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, 21st October** — that's when our exciting House Walkathon takes place in Week 3!

This year, we're walking to raise funds for a brand-new sensory playground right next to the sandpit. The amazing new design includes fun games and sensory panels, a tunnel, mirrors, squeeze bars, two shop counters, and a jump pad! You can check out the design below. Creating a space like this is a big project, but thanks to your fantastic fundraising efforts so far, we're nearly there. Now, we need your energy and enthusiasm to help us cross the finish line!

On the Walkathon Day, our oval will transform into Monty's Magical Wonderland — a super special setup designed just for you! You'll find plenty of tunnels and obstacles to run through and crawl under. Plus, there will be a huge bubble foam machine to walk through if you dare. It's going to be an unforgettable, fun-filled adventure!

Don't forget you'll be earning points for your House Team, so be sure to wear something in your house colour. Let's see which House can walk, run, and play their way to victory!

Every little bit you raise will bring us closer to building our new sensory playground and there are also great prizes for the students to choose. By simply setting up online profile and raising \$10, students can receive a prize! The more donations you get, the more prizes you can choose from!

Get ready to walk, have fun, and make a difference!

Dates to Remember

Fri 17 Oct	Grade 2 Day Camp
Tue 21 Oct	House Walkathon
Tue 28 Oct	Prep Transition 2 9.15am-10.15am
Fri 31 Oct	World Teacher's Day
Mon 3 Nov	Curriculum Day NO SCHOOL
Tues 4 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day NO SCHOOL
Wed 5 Nov	Grade 3 Shrine of Remembrance
Thu 6 Nov	Grade 1 Dinner 5.00pm-6.30pm
11-13 and 18-19 Nov	Grade 5/6 Life Education
Tue 18 Nov	Prep Transition 3 9.15am-10.15am



What's Due ?

**Grade 1 Dinner Due ~
Wed 29 Oct**

**Shrine Of
Remembrance Due ~
Thu 30 Oct**

**Life Education Due ~
Mon 10 Oct**

SunSmart Hats – Stay Protected!

During Term 4, it's time to get our SunSmart hats back out for all outdoor activities. Please remember to:

- Wear your hats at recess, lunch, and any time you are outside.
- Wear your hat properly to cover your neck, ears, and face.
- Ensure your hat is clearly named — this helps us return lost items!

Remember: No hat, no play!



Important Term 4 Dates

October

- 📅 **Fri 17 – Grade 2 Onsite Day Camp**
- 📅 **Tue 21 – House Walkathon (P, 1, 2 at 9:45-10:45am; 3-6 at 11:45am-12:45pm)**
- 📅 **Tue 28 – Prep 2026 Transition Session 2**
- 📅 **Fri 31 – World Teacher's Day**

November

- 📅 **Mon 3 – Curriculum Day (No school)**
- 📅 **Tue 4 – Melbourne Cup Day (No school)**
- 📅 **Wed 5 – Grade 3 Excursion to The Shrine of Remembrance**
- 📅 **6, 11, 12, 18, 19, 20 – Grade 5/6 Life Education Puberty Lessons**
- 📅 **Thu 6 – Grade 1 Dinner, 5:00pm**
- 📅 **Fri 7 – PFA Meeting, 9:15am**
- 📅 **Tue 11 – THPS Remembrance Day Service, 10:45am**
- 📅 **Tue 18 – Prep 2026 Transition Session 3**
- 📅 **Tue 25 – THPS Italian Day & Prep 2026 Parent Info Night, 6:00pm**
- 📅 **Fri 28 – PFA Meeting, 9:15am**

December

- 📅 **Fri 5 – Last day of Learning Centre borrowing & Parent Helpers Morning Tea, 10:30am**
- 📅 **Mon 8 – Assembly in the Gym, 2:45pm**
- 📅 **Tue 9 – Grade 6 to Year 7 Orientation & Prep 2026 Transition Session 4**
- 📅 **Thu 11 – Carols Night, 5:00-8:00pm**
- 📅 **Fri 12 – Reports Open on Compass**
- 📅 **Mon 15 – 2026 Class Visits**
- 📅 **Tue 16 – Grade 6 Graduation, 6:00pm**
- 📅 **Thu 18 – End of Year Class Parties & Grade 6 'Big Day Out'**
- 📅 **Fri 19 – Final Assembly, 1:15pm & School Ends at 1:30pm**

2026 Notice of School Transfer

As we plan for 2026, we kindly ask families who intend to transfer their children to another school to notify us in writing at their earliest convenience. This helps us greatly with planning and resource allocation.

Please email the school office at: taylors.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your cooperation.

Danielle Stella
Principal

VHAP

VHAP is the Victorian High Ability Program for students who benefit from extension in Literacy or Numeracy.

Personal highlights from the program.



Ethan 6D:

I enjoyed learning about the new ways to express main messages through writing. In the classroom this term I will use the skills I learnt to improve my narrative writing regarding the choice of new vocabulary I could include to enhance my writing.



Layla 6D:

My personal highlights were cracking codes. I also enjoyed learning about different ways to write numbers. In the classroom this term, I will use my knowledge and new strategies to change the way I record and answer equations.

We would like to wish this terms participants a fun time learning new skills and hope they enjoy their experiences as much as we did.



Save the Date – THPS Walkathon

Our annual **School Walkathon** is coming up on
Tuesday, 21st October

Students from **Prep to Grade 2** will walk from
9:45am–10:45am, and **Grades 3–6** will walk from
11:45am–12:45pm.

Students can wear something in their **HOUSE COLOUR** and must bring their hat and water bottle.

Parents and families are warmly invited to come along, cheer on the students, and even join in the fun. Enter through the office.

We look forward to seeing everyone out walking for a great cause!



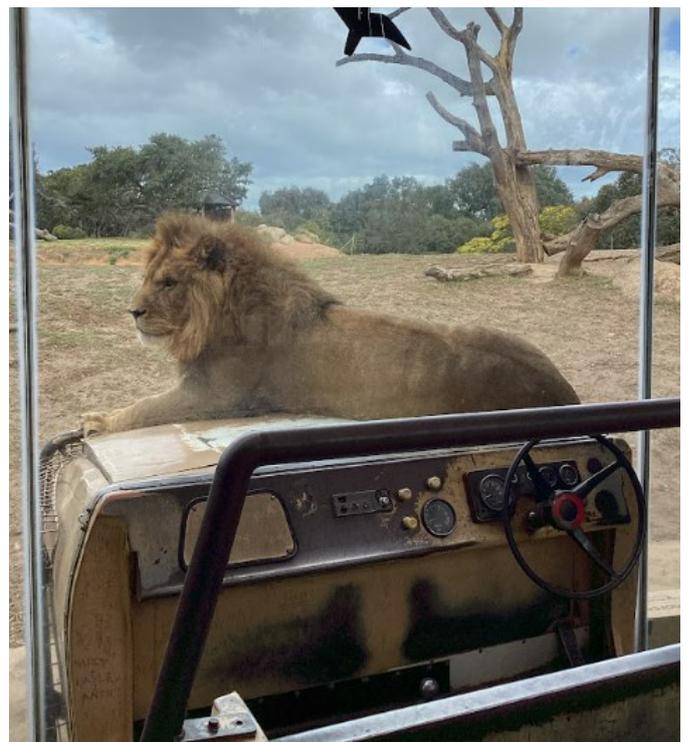
Melbourne Museum and IMAX Excursion

*In Term 3 the Grade 6 cohort visited the **Melbourne Museum** and **IMAX**. This was an amazing experience for us all. We watched a 3D documentary about the arctic and learnt about amazing animal life and how we need to best look after our planet. We also visited many exhibitions in the museum that taught us about earth, forest life and looking at the history of Melbourne in the 1800 and 1900's. A highlight of the day was spending time altogether at the local park where we ate lunch, socialised and had a play on a big playground. This was such a great day out and one for the memory books!*



Werribee Open Range Zoo Excursion

In Term 3, on Tuesday 16th September, our Grade 4 students enjoyed an exciting excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo as part of their Integrated Studies unit on Australia. They were split into two groups (4A & 4D and 4B & 4C). Students went on the safari tour, explored the zoo and saw a wide range of animals, then took part in a hands-on workshop about native Australian animals and Aboriginal cultures; learning stories and how First Nations people connect to the land and wildlife. It was a memorable, curriculum-rich day that brought our integrated unit on Australia to life and left students inspired and full of great questions to follow up in class.



Melbourne Zoo Prep Excursion

This term, students went to Melbourne Zoo. They became explorers and learnt how they can respect and care for animals. They learnt about different habitats, animal features and life cycles. It was a fun filled day full of smiles and adventure which will stimulate our writing lessons throughout the term.



eSmart Leaders

This term our eSmart Leaders, Oscar and Zeb are continuing to run our Coding Club. In Term 4 it is the Prep's turn to have a go. We have 6 Grade Preps and some Grade 6 helpers that come along on a Monday at lunchtime to learn coding skills. So far, we have used the Bee Bots which are robots that you can code to move in different directions. We used maps to direct our Bee Bots through. We have also started to explore Scratch Jr on the iPads, which is an application that allows us to create characters and then make them move around. In the coming weeks we will be trying to create stories with our moving characters.



Animal Land Excursion

On Thursday the 11th of September, the Grade 1 students, teachers, ES and parent helpers went on an excursion to Animal Land in Diggers Rest. The Grade 1's had lots of fun participating in activities such as, milking the cows and using the milk to make butter. They patted rabbits and guinea pigs. Some of the other activities included pony rides on a white horse named Snowflake and a tractor ride to go around the farm and see the farm animals. They saw pigs, sheep, cows, goats and llamas, and also planted seeds in a small recyclable pot and fed the ducks near the pond.



Prep Swimming Program

In Term 3, Prep students attended weekly swimming lessons at Paul Saddler Swimming Centre. They learnt how to be safe in and around water, develop their confidence in the pool, improve their swimming technique and develop their coordination. It was wonderful watching the students water confidence grow.



SPORTS COLOURS DAY

In week 9 the SVT held a Sports Colours Day to raise funds. This money was to buy a new tank for Franklin, our school's pet turtle. The students had a wonderful time dressing up in their favourite team colours.

We would like to say thank you to all students who participated in this day. A big thank you to all families who kindly donated for Sports Colour Day.

We raised a whopping total of **\$607.90**. This money will help to buy a tank for Franklin. Thank your all for your generous donations.



Children's Week 2025

18-26 October

Theme: Everyone should know about Children's Rights



Artwork Winner: Keiko Prasetyo (6YO) 'Bubble Rights' - "I love to play with bubbles. This drawing is about children's rights to be safe and grow. They need to have a family, to have a safe home, a warm bed and to eat. They need to have a school, to play, to talk or to say what they want and to be listened to - even with a book (PECS) if they can't talk."



childrensweek.org.au



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Celebrate Mental Health Month with Brimbank Neighbourhood Houses

Mental Health Matters: Awareness & Self-Regulation in Challenging Times

Facilitated by Cohealth, deepen your understanding of mental health challenges and explore practical strategies for emotional regulation and self-care.

 Monday 27 October, 9:30am - 10:30am

 Cairnlea Community Hub - 59 Carmody Dr, Cairnlea VIC 3023



Mental Health Awareness Month 2025

This year's theme, "Taking Steps on Your Wellbeing Journey," is all about recognising that mental health is a continuous journey — and every step counts. Throughout October, Brimbank Neighbourhood Houses have various programs on offer which are carefully designed to support you in building healthy habits, learning, and connecting with others.

Read more about Mental Health Month and this year's theme at

<https://wayahead.org.au/mentalhealthmonth/mhm-theme/>

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Understanding Gambling's Impact on Financial Wellbeing

Facilitated by IPC Health, this session is designed to bring awareness to and support understanding of Gambling Impact on Financial Wellbeing.

 Wednesday, 15 October, 12:00pm - 1:30pm

 Westvale Community Centre - 45 Kings Rd, Kings Park VIC 3021



The Wealth - Wellness Link

Facilitated by IPC Health, this session explores how improving financial wellbeing can reduce anxiety and support a healthier, balanced mind.

 Tuesday 21 October, 11:30am - 12:30pm

 Sydenham Neighbourhood House - Lvl 1/1 Station St, Taylors Lakes VIC 3038



Breathe & Flow Kidz Yoga (Ages 6-12)

Explore creative movement through balance and flexibility whilst practising breathing and relaxation exercises to promote focus and confidence.

 Thursday 23 October, 3:30pm - 4:15pm

 Cairnlea Community Hub - 59 Carmody Dr, Cairnlea VIC 3023



2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Melton, VIC



Scan the
QR code or
[click here](#)
to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Wednesday & Thursday
19 & 20 November, 2025
9:30am - 2:30pm



Melton Valley Golf Club
30/2 Melton Valley Drive
MELTON VIC 3337

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

 <https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>

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Congratulations to our Students of the Week
Prep to Grade 3 - Term 3, Week 8 & 9



Prep A	Savas	For persisting with his reading and showing amazing growth across the term. Well done, Savas!
Prep B	Zoe	For trying her personal best in Numeracy. Zoe, you are doing an amazing job at subtraction and your confidence is growing everyday. Keep it up!
Prep C	Tiffany	For stepping out of her comfort zone during swimming and giving her personal best during every lesson. Superstar!
1A	John	For making fantastic progress in his learning across the term. Fantastic effort John, keep it up!
1B	Oliver	For consistently showing integrity and honesty in and outside of the classroom as well as being a supportive friend to others. Keep it up, Oliver!
1C	Akenese	For demonstrating the THPS School Values during the Grade 1 excursion to Animal Land.
1D	Aston	For being a kind and caring THPS student on Sports Colours Day and sharing his spare soccer jersey with another student. Superstar Aston!
2A	Skyla	For taking pride in her work and demonstrating her personal best in all learning tasks. Keep it up Skyla!
2B	Alexander	For making a positive return from his long holiday and showing all THPS values. Keep it up!
2C	Eva	For being a kind and responsible student who always supports and looks out for others. Well done Eva!
2D	Amelia	For demonstrating her strong knowledge of fractions confidently. Well done!
3A	Kennedy	For showing integrity and being responsible when completing independent tasks and carrying out jobs in the classroom. You are a wonderful role model for us all!
3B	Lydia	For excellent progress in Reading and for building confidence to contribute to class Discussions. Keep it up!
3C	Aiden	For applying his knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve problems in a vertical algorithm. Well done!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week
Grade 4 to 6 and Specialist - Term 3, Week 8 & 9



4A	Sajan	For demonstrating his personal best when solving elapsed time worded problems in 12 and 24 hour time. Keep it up!
4B	Sarah	For putting in her personal best effort when completing her poems. Keep it up!
4C	Mishri	For her hard work and dedication when publishing her Integrated Studies Brochure about Tasmania. Amazing Work
4D	Huzayfa	For being a focused learner who tries his best in all tasks. Great job!
5A	Montaha	For demonstrating great enthusiasm when presenting her integrated project titled 'Mimi's food'
5B	Keelan	For his amazing effort when writing his News Report about Athletics day at THPS. Fantastic!
5C	Marcus	For working extremely hard on his reading goal, adding evidence and explaining how he is going to achieve it. Amazing job Marcus.
6A	Ziah	For demonstrating his personal best with his poetry writing. Great work Ziah!
6B	Malick	For demonstrating his Personal Best in his learning to end Term 3 with success! Well done.
6C	Oson	For consistently showing integrity inside and outside of the classroom. Keep it up!
6D	Gabriel	For demonstrating personal best throughout Term 3 by working hard to achieve his learning goals.
SCIENCE Prep - 3	George - 3B	For demonstrating his knowledge about what shadows are and how they are formed. Well done!
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Layla 6D	For always demonstrating her personal best in Science
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Jazreen Prep A	For demonstrating persistence when completing her paint stamping artwork. Great effort!
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Alyanna - 5A	For demonstrating perseverance when learning 'The Bus Stop' and having a positive attitude. Well done!
PE Prep - 3	Deynielle 3A	For demonstrating an understanding of the game of rounders and applying this knowledge when making a decision in the field.
PE 4 - 6	Cruz 5C	For demonstrating the 4 R's (Read, Respond, React and Recover) when playing a game of pickle ball.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Ava - 1B	For trying her personal best to demonstrate her Italian knowledge. Brava!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Zac 4C	For helping a fellow student with their Italian Research Project.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week
Learning Legends Term 3



Prep	Siana PA	For always having a positive attitude towards her learning, showing respect and kindness to all her teachers and peers and consistently demonstrating integrity. Super effort, Siana!
Grade 1	Mason 1B	For consistently demonstrating whole body listening, taking risks in his learning, working cooperatively in a team, and showing kindness and respect to everyone in the classroom. Outstanding work, Mason!
Grade 2	Marcus 2C	For consistently helping and respecting others, this student demonstrates outstanding commitment and teamwork. They actively participate in group tasks with care, and consistently show the values of THPS. Their positive attitude and dedication make them a true model learner. Well done Marcus!
Grade 3	Yasmin 3C	For always demonstrating her personal best in class by being an excellent role model and showing fantastic work ethic. Well done!
Grade 4	Chloe 4B	For consistently demonstrating our THPS school values in and out of the classroom. She is a positive role model for her peers, always doing her personal best in her learning and showing kindness and respect to others. Well done, Chloe!
Grade 5	Isaac 5B	For always having a positive attitude towards all aspects of learning and trying their personal best in all learning tasks. They show perseverance when faced with a challenge and are a great role model to their peers. Well Done Isaac!
Grade 6	Amy 6B	For consistently demonstrating all the school values in and out of the classroom and striving to deliver her Personal Best in her learning and contribution to class discussions. Please keep up the fantastic effort and well done!
PE	Ethan 6D	For always trying to improve on his personal best when coming to Physical Education. Ethan consistently works hard and applies the learning intention and success criteria in every activity.
SCIENCE	Eric 1B	For showing great enthusiasm for Science lessons. Eric participates in class discussions and he loves sharing his Science knowledge. He applies himself when working on independent tasks and he works cooperatively when working on hands-on investigations. Well done Eric!
THE ARTS	Jasmine 5C	For consistently approaching Performing Arts lessons with high energy, a positive attitude and great enthusiasm. Jasmine has been dramatic in her acting performances. She has also put great flair into her dance moves. Well done Jasmine!
ITALIAN	Oliver 1C	For consistently striving to achieve his personal best and demonstrating a positive attitude towards Italian. He consistently tries hard to pronounce words accurately and engages in all learning experiences with enthusiasm and energy. Bravo!