

Dear Taylors Hill Community,

ENDING NEXT WEEK – Shop for Our School at Watergardens



As you know we are taking part again in the 'Shop For Your School' competition at Watergardens Shopping Centre. By participating, we are in with a chance to win CASH for our school, and first prize is \$15,000! But the competition is in its final weeks and it is going to take the effort of everyone in our community to help us win.

You do not need to do anything super special - your family and friends just need to do their normal weekly shopping and then upload the receipt to the Watergardens website. It's really easy. All of the details are on Compass, including which shops are involved and for every \$1 you spend, our school gets 1 or 2 points to add to our total.

We are currently in 3rd place which is one place higher than where we finished last year, way to go THPS! Let's see if we can maintain this or perhaps we could even finish higher this year THPS?

We have until the 13th September to earn points, so encourage everyone you know to do all their weekly shopping at Watergardens and most importantly, upload their receipts to the website. If you can't upload your receipts, please bring them to the office by Friday 11th September and we will do it for you.

Keep shopping THPS - let's get to the top of the Leaderboard!

Father's Day

On Sunday the 6th of September, we celebrate Father's Day in Australia and THPS have some events planned to help our special people feel valued.

Friday, 4th SEPTEMBER - Father's Day Event in classrooms at 2:35pm to 3:20pm.

Every student can invite their special person to school to spend time with them in class. Spending time together is one of the best things we can do to celebrate special days. This is on tomorrow, 4th September and our classroom doors will open at 2:35pm. There will be activities set up to be done together.

All gates will be open after 2:30pm and visitors must sign in at the classrooms and put on a name tag.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 4 Sept	Father's Day Class Event 2.35pm
Tue 8 Sept	Animal Land Excursion Grade 1
Thu 10 Sept	RU OK? Day
Fri 11 Sept	Grade 6 IMAX Excursion
Mon 14 Sept	Live Assembly in the Gym & 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Thu 17 Sept	SVT Sports Colours Day
Fri 18 Sept	Last Day of Term 3 - Students Dismissed at 2.30pm

WHAT'S DUE

Grade 1
Swimming
Due 11 Sept

Grade 6 2027
Uniform Deposit
Due 16 Sept

Father's Day Gift Stall

A big thank you to our Parents and Friends group, for organising the great gifts for the Father's Day stall and for volunteering their time to sell the gifts to our students earlier today.

SunSmart Hats

It's now September and the weather is slowly changing, so that means we must wear our SunSmart hats for all outside activities. Please make sure all students bring and wear their hats at recess and lunch time and whenever you're outside.

A big reminder to please make sure your name is clearly on your hat and all other uniform items.



Reminder to participate in the 2026 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior and student engagement. We sent you an invitation to complete the survey, via COMPASS. Please look for the Compass post by Mrs Stella from a few weeks ago.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will remain open online until Friday 18 September 2026.

Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students. The survey is being conducted **online** and only takes **20 minutes** to complete. If you require assistance in completing the survey, please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school if you require assistance in another language.

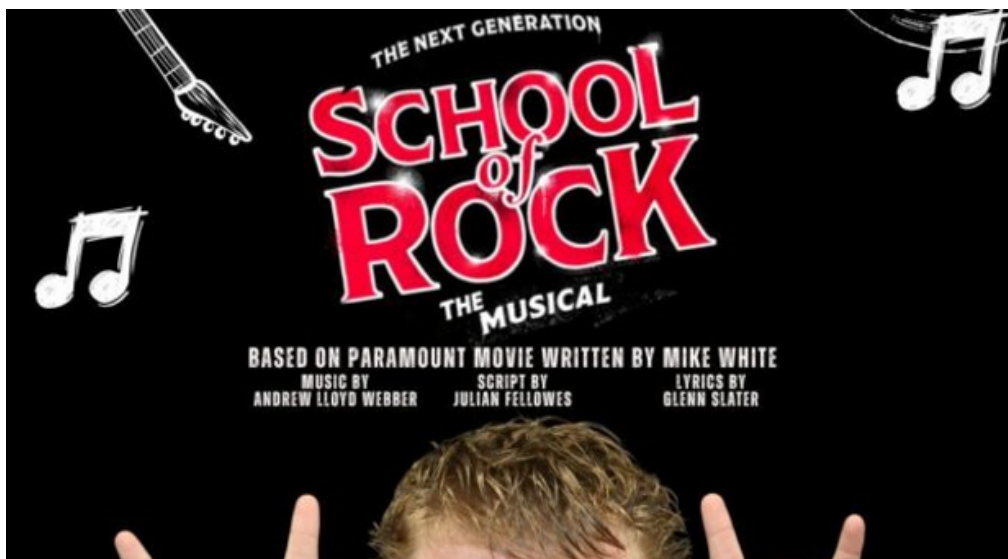
Trent Cropley
Acting Principal

Assistant Principal Grades 4 – 6
Taylors Hill Primary School

SCHOOL OF ROCK

On Friday the 14th August fifteen Grade 5 students went to St Albans to watch the Copperfield College production of School of Rock with Mrs Luzar and Mrs Golda.

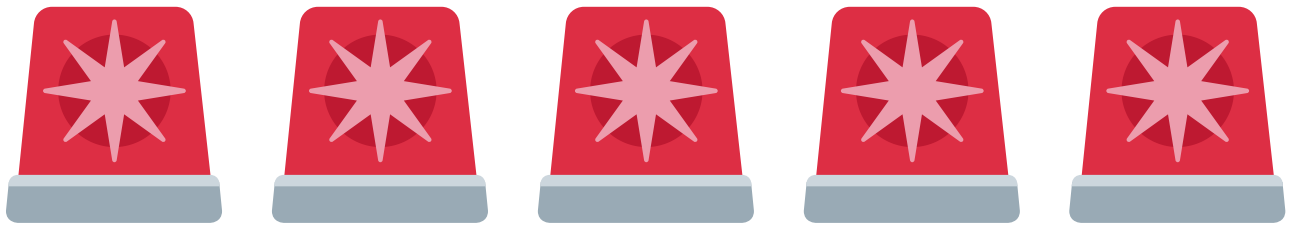
We really liked the songs they sang as they were very catchy and the entire audience at times participated as well, so it sounded like the entire theatre was singing along. The choreography was really sharp, the secondary school students said they had been practising for eight months. The production was amazing, the sets were great, actual whiteboards were used! Our favourite set was the scene called Battle of the Bands.



We both think 100% that we would love to do a school production one day. A big thank you to Copperfield College for inviting and organising us to see School of Rock.



By Jennifer from 5A and Ellie from 5C



Prep Police Incursion

The Preps had a fantastic visit on Thursday from some of our local police officers as part of our integrated topic 'Our community' learning about the role of the police in the community. The students had so much fun trying on a police uniform, sitting inside the police car and exploring the equipment.

They also learnt about the important ways police officers help and support people in our community and keep us safe.

It was a wonderful hands-on learning experience, and the students loved the opportunity to meet some of our community helpers and learn more about the important work they do.



BOOK WEEK 2026 Reflection

Last week, Taylors Hill Primary School celebrated the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week, from 24-28 of August. Our school came alive with the magic of books! The theme this year was **'Symphony of Stories'** – which means reading is like an orchestra - different books, characters, and genres combine to create a rich, diverse, and magical reading experience.



Book Week Parade

We kicked off our week with our annual THPS Book Week Dress Up parade on Monday 24 August in the Gym! Thank you for such a wonderful Book Week parade. It was fantastic to see our students, staff, families and YMCA kinder friends so happy, engaged and excited to join the celebrations. There was great energy throughout the morning and it was clear how much effort our community put into making it a special experience for our students - THANK YOU. A big congratulations to our Best Costume Winners for 2026!

YEAR	WINNER
Prep	Eyad PC
Grade 1	Slade 1B
Grade 2	Nicholas 2C
Grade 3	Namrit 3B
Grade 4	Zoe 4A
Grade 5	Daisy 5C
Grade 6	Madeline 6C
YMCA Kinder	Autumn



Class learning experiences

To celebrate the week, students explored the 2026 CBCA Shortlisted as a class. They had an opportunity to participate in activities such as, creating character portraits, designing bookmarks, making story maps and creating their own book reviews. Students also visited the Learning Centre to read through their very own THPS class and individual student narratives for our THPS Narrative Shortlist Competition.

BOOK WEEK 2026 Reflection

Door Displays

Our school door displays look fantastic and have brought so much colour, creativity and excitement to our school hallways. Each grade participated in a gallery walk to view all the wonderful displays. Thank you to all our students and staff for the incredible effort you have all put into your door displays this year.

BOOK WEEK DOOR DISPLAYS



BOOK WEEK 2026

Reflection

2026 Short story Competition winners

Throughout this term, P-2 students have created a class picture story book and 3-6 students have developed their own narratives for the 2026 THPS Short Story Competition. Our winners were carefully chosen by our classroom teachers. The winners were announced at the Assembly on Monday. A huge congratulations to all our winners and to everyone's efforts this year when creating either a class or individual narrative.



2026 WINNERS

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Eve 3A Title: The Secret Sickness	Frankie 4B Title: Taco and the Book Week disaster	Justin 5A Title: Alex and the Stone Musicians	Liam 6B Title: Before you knew me
Grace 3B Title: The Mysterious Mirror	Eva 4B Title: Brunhilda: The penguin that loves to read	Kevin 5C Title: Trap Room	Ryan 6A Title: Lies Upon Lies

Thank you to our school community for celebrating Book Week with us...another chapter written! -Ms Holland and Mrs McCoy





SENSORY-FRIENDLY CRAFT

Join us for a calm, sensory- friendly craft activity, using colourful Sand.

Kids can create a colourful and textured sand art piece choosing from a template provided or they can let their imagination run wild and create a unique and colourful art piece. This craft is perfect to calm, focus and engage in mindfulness practices.

This session is designed to support children who are neurodivergent or who experience sensory sensitivities.

A quiet sensory zone will be available with sensory tools provided. We also encourage families to bring any tools or noise-cancelling headphones that work best for their child.

A social story will be shared before the session to help you prepare for your visit and know what to expect at the library.

Parents and carers are required to stay for the duration of the session. This a great opportunity for you to network and connect with others.

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER | 10AM TO 11AM | MELTON LIBRARY

SCAN ME



Spring

into it!

AFL Max

Forgotten Island movies

Eat the Rainbow

and lots more!

Spring

School Holiday Program

21 Sept - 2 Oct 2026



Taylors Hill PS YMCA OSHC



Date: 01/09/2026



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO



Over the past month, children participated in a variety of creative, social and active experiences. Highlights included Father's Day craft activities, painting, jewellery making, recycled art, LEGO, board games, puzzles and construction play. Children also enjoyed downball, skipping, balancing challenges and group games. Sustainability remained a focus through the use of recycled materials, while Children's Leaders successfully facilitated engaging activities that encouraged teamwork, creativity and fun.

WHAT'S COMING UP



Our STEAM program continues next week. We will be officially welcoming Spring next week. We will be welcoming the new season with with colourful crafts, nature-inspired activities and springtime fun!

Get ready for Spring holiday adventures at the Y OSHC!

Your child can enjoy excursions to AFL Max, Roller Skating, Gymnastic and the Forgotten Island movies, and other days filled with incursions from Midas cartoon, circus skills, colour run, Spring craft and Squad goat theme day. School holiday bookings now open!

REMINDERS



Please grab a printed program schedule from our service or jump Online with your child and explore what is available these Spring school holidays! Community Pantry is available for families.



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Spring School Holidays

Spring into it!

Up to

90%

of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!



Excursion



In-cursion



Self Guided In-cursion



In-house

Monday 21 Sept

Cartooning

Unleash your creativity and learn how to draw expressive characters, create comic-style illustrations and bring your ideas to life through the art of cartooning.



Pay as little as \$11.75*
Price \$117.50

Tuesday 22 Sept

AFL Max

More than just footy, this entertainment zone features an indoor footy field, aerial zones, climb zones, interactive screens, skill-testing attractions and more.



Pay as little as \$13.40*
Price \$134

Wednesday 23 Sept

Spring into Fun

From colourful flowers and nature-inspired creations to fun seasonal craft projects, you can enjoy making, designing and discovering today.



Pay as little as \$9.55*
Price \$95.50

Thursday 24 Sept

Roller Skating

Lace up your skates and get ready to roll! Enjoy an exciting day of roller skating as you glide around the rink, learn new skills and build confidence on wheels.



Pay as little as \$13.40*
Price \$134

Friday 25 Sept

Public Holiday

No Programming



Monday 28 Sept

Colour Fun

Bring a plain white tee and join in the fun with our colour run games today! Get sprayed, soaked and sprinkled with coloured powder while you play super active games.



Pay as little as \$10.70*
Price \$107

Tuesday 29 Sept

Squad Goals

Join forces for a day of teamwork, creativity and connection! Work together to complete group challenges, create collaborative art, and friendly competitions.



Pay as little as \$9.55*
Price \$95.50

Wednesday 30 Sept

Forgotten Island

We're off to the cinemas today to watch *Forgotten Island*. Watch as best friends Jo and Raissa stumble upon a portal to an island filled with magical creatures.



Pay as little as \$13.40*
Price \$134

Thursday 1 Oct

Gymnastics

Enhance your flexibility and coordination while learning essential movement skills in a fun, active, Gymnastics session. It's a great way to move, play, and grow stronger!



Pay as little as \$13.40*
Price \$134

Friday 2 Oct

Circus time

Step right up for a day of circus fun! Learn exciting skills as you spin, toss, balance and perform your way through a variety of activities.



Pay as little as \$11.75*
Price \$117.50



Taylor's Hill Primary School

Please see our website for information on how to book and the most up to date activities list. Activities subject to change.

*Actual out-of-pocket costs will vary based on your individual CCS assessment.



School Holiday Important Information



Child Care Subsidy & Fees

Child Care Subsidy

Did you know you could pay as little as \$9.50 per session. Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly bases. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

Fees

Fees are charged two weeks in advance. You will be emailed an account statement before the direct debit is processed. This statement will show:

- The payments that will be direct debited for permanent bookings plus any casual bookings for the next two week period
- An estimation of the subsidies you may be entitled to

The amount you need to pay appears at the top-right hand side of the statement.



Excursions

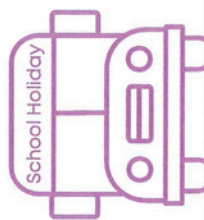
- Please arrive and sign in by **8:30am**. If you have not arrived by the bus departure time, you may need to drop your child(ren) at the excursion venue.
- Please check with your program coordinator for the expected return time for pick-up. Excursions usually return after **3:00pm**.



Child safety

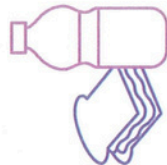
Child safety is always at the forefront of everything we do. When attending excursions, we take extra precautions to ensure all children are safe and well supervised.

If you have any questions, please speak to your program coordinator.



What to bring

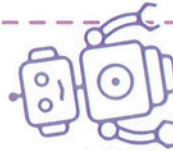
- ✓ Hat & sunscreen
- ✓ Healthy morning tea and lunch + labelled water bottle
- ✓ Closed toe shoes
- ✓ Suitable clothing



For more information, please speak with your program coordinator or visit the service website for details. Some activities may require specific items such as a change of clothes or a towel.

What not to bring

- ✗ Nuts / allergens
- ✗ Personal items e.g., toys, electronic devices, cameras and other valuables including but not limited to smart watches, iPads, phones, laptop



If a device or personal item is required, approval must be granted prior. If brought to the program, The Y does not accept responsibility for any loss, damage or theft.



What we provide

- ✓ Breakfast* and afternoon tea snack
- ✓ Water refills
- ✓ Sunscreen refill
- ✓ Endless fun



*Breakfast not provided at Macleod, Boroondara and Ashburton recreation centres.

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition will need to provide:

- ✓ A completed medical management plan and photo, both printed in colour
- ✓ Necessary medication in original packaging



Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions booking that these are provided.



In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication not be supplied.

Changes to your booking

Changes to your booking can be made up to 7 days prior to the date of care. You can update your booking anytime by logging into your account, or by calling us on (03) 8371 0500 between 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday.



Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternate activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. If an alternative cannot be sourced, your account will be credited to reflect this.



Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grade Prep to Grade 3 - Term 3 , Week 6

Prep A	lyda	For trying her personal best to solve addition questions. Keep it up lyda!
Prep B	Kai	For being brave when entering the big pool during his swimming lesson. Keep it up!
Prep C	Ava	For demonstrating her personal best in Phonics Plus by clearly and productively participating with the class.
Prep D	Sage	For confidently demonstrating and sharing how she solved an addition problem with the class. Fantastic work!
1A	Joe	For remaining focused on the floor and showing great knowledge of spelling High Frequency Words during Phonics. Well done!
1B	Mia	For demonstrating the school value of learning by starting her task promptly after organising her materials efficiently. Great work!
1C	Selena	For demonstrating THPS School Value of Positive Relationships to settle in to the new school and make new friends.
2A	Bilal	For always trying his personal best and contributing during Phonics. Keep it up!
2B	Hunter	For consistently demonstrating the value of Learning by completing all learning tasks to his best ability. Well done!
2C	Freedom	For showing persistence when completing her tasks. Keep it up Freedom!
2D	Alexander	For showing organisation skills when completing the end of day routine. Well done!
3A	Lisa	For demonstrating a fantastic work ethic during writing to plan, draft, edit and publish her narrative text. Well done!
3B	Aria	For demonstrating the THPS value of Personal Best by asking clarifying questions during Independent writing tasks. Keep it up!
3C	Oddimone	For trying his personal best to recall important information for a nonfiction text. Well Done!
3D	Vyom	For being positive and kind to your friends. We are so lucky to have you as a role model in 3D!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades 4 to 6 and Specialist - Term 3 , Week 6

4A	Alexander	For organising the Reading Trivia activity for our class. Appreciate your enthusiasm and collaboration with other peers!
4B	Ryder	For trying his personal best in using the feedback given to edit his writing. Keep it up!
4C	Jeffery	For progressing to the next level in reading. Well done, Jeffery!
5A	Seyhan	For demonstrating integrity and following instructions when working in other classes. Amazing work, Seyhan!
5B	Omar	For a great effort in all learning areas. Fantastic work on his Bookweek story. Keep it up!
5C	Alieu	For always sharing his ideas during class discussions and being an active member of 5C. Fantastic work!
5D	Malahim	For demonstrating his personal best and resilience in numeracy.
6A	Jacob	For showing determination to produce his personal best in his narrative writing. Awesome work!
6B	Christian	For demonstrating excellent manners and kindness to peers and teachers. Keep up the fantastic work!
6C	Kaylee	For taking on feedback to use descriptive language that creates tension for the reader in her writing. Well done Kaylee.
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Elena 2D	For correctly identifying materials and objects that can be recycled and cannot be recycled
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Cooper 5C	For answering questions about the wet and dry monsoon seasons in South Asia
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Alan	For his wonderful element of line work and adding detailed patterns to his artwork. Well done!
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Levi	For his outstanding positivity and motivation when learning how to play drums in a whole class band. Super awesome!
PE Prep - 3	Kon PC	For demonstrating the correct underarm throwing technique and applying the skill with accuracy.
PE 4 - 6	Deynielle	For successfully applying the 4 R's, Read, Respond, React and Recover, during games of Lobster Ball.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Hassan 3B	For using simple Italian adjectives when writing sentences that describe people and things. Bravo!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Luka 6C	For reading and interpreting an Italian text, answering questions to make meaning. Bravo!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades Prep to Grade 3 - Term 3 , Week 7

Prep A	Louis	For being a role model for other classmates and always following instructions. Superstar!
Prep B	Paul	For independently and confidently entering the pool safely at swimming. Superstar!
Prep C	Ciarna	For demonstrating confidence during Phonics Plus.
Prep D	Abby	For being brave and resilient during water safety week at swimming. You did a fantastic job demonstrating safety skills.
1A	Zoe	For demonstrating the school value of personal best by always being organised and ready to start her learning. Keep it up!
1B	Sundy	For demonstrating the school value of personal best by always giving it a go in Phonics. Keep it up!
1C	Orion	For taking teacher feedback to improve his learning across all areas of learning.
2A	Ilyas	For applying his knowledge of fractions to demonstrate halves, quarters and eighths. Keep it up!
2B	Henry	For demonstrating his personal best in all learning tasks. He is always looking to extend himself and learn more. Well done!
2C	Hudson	For demonstrating the THPS values of learning and positive relationships. Well done Hudson!
2D	Alex	For taking on feedback and using this to improve his numeracy skills. Well done!
3A	Kerry	For demonstrating a high level of focus when completing all tasks in an efficient manner. Well done!
3B	Mason	For displaying the THPS value of Learning by speaking clearly and developing the confidence to ask clarifying questions. Keep it up Mason!
3C		
3D	Eva	For your positive attitude to learning, trying your personal best and succeeding at meeting your learning goals!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades 4 - 6 and Specialist - Term 3 , Week 7

4A	Elija	For demonstrating Positive relationships by supporting your partner with their learning using a variety of approaches! Your kindness and thoughtfulness shine!
4B	Koa	For demonstrating Positive relationships by supporting your partner with their learning using a variety of approaches! Your kindness and thoughtfulness shine!
4C	Deynielle	For demonstrating the school value of integrity by being a responsible student during our Werribee Zoo excursion!
5A	Hamza	For a great return to school and working responsibly when publishing his Book Week story. Great work, keep it up!
5B	Grace	For writing an excellent Newspaper Report using all the text features. Keep it up!
5C	Stefan	For always asking questions when he is unsure of a task so that he completes it at his personal best. Keep it up!
5D	Rebex	For demonstrating a remarkable ability to stay resilient, accept feedback, and review and revise his writing.
6A	Tess	For demonstrating her personal best by using her senses to create a vivid sensory poem. Keep up the great work!
6B	Charlotte L	For demonstrating her Personal Best creating an engaging and descriptive narrative writing piece called, <i>The Colourless World</i> . Please keep up the amazing effort!
6C	Elina	For demonstrating her personal best in all tasks performed. Keep it up!
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Eve 3A	For making a comprehensive list of how we use rocks in everyday life
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Pana 5A	For answering questions relating to earthquakes and matching damage earthquakes cause at different magnitudes
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Sukaina 2A	For applying the element of colour to her art project by blending multiple tones together to create a 3D appearance
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Manraaz 6B	For always bringing a smile and positive attitude to all of his performing arts lessons
PE Prep - 3	Jade 3C	For her improved effort in Physical Education and working hard to develop her two-handed and forehand striking skills.
PE 4 - 6	Maximus 4A	For always demonstrating his personal best and consistently working hard to develop and improve his skills.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Thali PB	For consistently showing excellent effort and focus in Italian lessons and always taking pride in her work. Bravissima!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Erik 4A	For confidently writing an Italian sentence about what he can do and using his Italian vocabulary well. Bravo!