

Dear Taylors Hill Community,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you and your families enjoyed a relaxing break and had the opportunity to spend quality time together doing the things you enjoy.

As we begin a new term, we are excited to continue supporting our students in their learning and growth. One of our core school values at Taylors Hill Primary School is Learning. Every student's role is to be an active learner who strives to achieve their personal best each and every day.

A key part of being a successful learner is understanding what you are working towards. All students have personal learning goals in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Students should be able to:

- Know where their learning goals are recorded (for example, in their goals book, on their table, or on their iPad).
- Understand what they need to do to achieve their goals by referring to the Success Criteria.
- Identify the evidence they need to collect or demonstrate to show their progress and achievement.

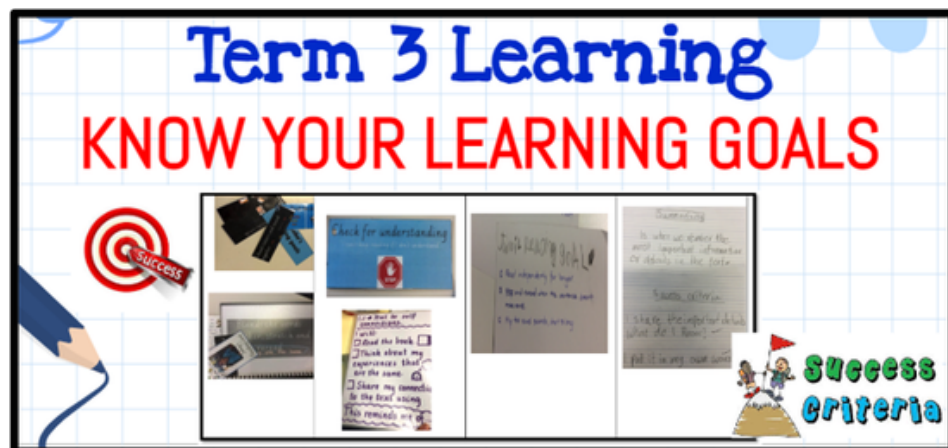
Some students will also have an Attendance goal or a goal focused on developing their Personal and Social Learning skills.

At Taylors Hill Primary School, we encourage all students to know their goals, talk confidently about them, and use them to stay focused and motivated throughout their learning. When students understand their goals and the steps needed to achieve them, they become more engaged, independent learners who are proud of their progress.

We look forward to another successful term of learning together.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 24 July	100 Days of Prep
Fri 7 Aug	Grade 2 Melbourne Excursion
Mon 10 - Wed 12 Aug	Grade 5 Mt Evelyn Camp
Thu 20 Aug	Curriculum Day - No students at school



WHAT'S DUE

GRADE 5 CAMP
PAYMENT
DUE 24 JULY

GRADE 2
MELBOURNE
EXCURSION
DUE 29 JULY

Parent - Teacher Meetings

It was wonderful to see so many families attend our Parent-Teacher Meetings last Monday and Tuesday. Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher and engage in conversations about their learning and progress.

These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate each child's achievements, discuss their strengths, and develop a shared understanding of their learning goals for the second half of the school year. Working together as partners in learning helps ensure every student is supported to achieve their personal best.

If you were unable to attend your scheduled interview, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative meeting time or a phone conversation. We value these opportunities to connect with families and look forward to continuing to work together to support your child's success.

100 Days of Prep

On Friday, our Prep students will celebrate an exciting milestone—100 Days of Prep! Reaching 100 days of school is a wonderful achievement, and we are incredibly proud of all they have learned and accomplished throughout this time.

Our Prep students will enjoy dressing up as though they are 100 years old and participating in a range of fun learning activities centred around the number 100. It promises to be a day filled with laughter, creativity and celebration.

Congratulations to all our Prep students on reaching this special milestone. We hope you have a fantastic day celebrating your first 100 days of learning at Taylors Hill Primary School!



Early Collection of Students

From time to time, students may need to leave school early to attend medical or other important appointments. While we encourage families to make appointments outside of school hours whenever possible, we understand that this is not always practical.

To maximise valuable learning time, students who are being collected early will remain in their classroom until their parent or carer arrives at the school office. Office staff will then notify the classroom, and the student will be brought to the office for collection.

Thank you for your support in helping us minimise disruptions to learning and ensure every student has the opportunity to make the most of their time at school.

Stay well this winter!

This winter season, more people are getting sick and being hospitalised with influenza (flu), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and COVID-19. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others – it is never too late to vaccinate.

Keeping our school community well

We encourage parents, carers and students to:

- wash or sanitise your hands thoroughly and regularly, particularly before and after touching your face
- cough or sneeze into your elbow
- stay home if unwell and consult your GP or [Nurse-on-Call](#) as needed
- stay up to date with your flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of severe illness from flu and are eligible for [free vaccination](#) as part of the National Immunisation Program.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies. Many can give a COVID-19 booster at the same time.

COVID-19 booster

The COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and over. Regular COVID-19 vaccinations are the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a booster dose. You can get your booster at your local pharmacy or GP. The [COVID-19 vaccine clinic finder](#) can tell you if you need a booster, and where to get one.

RSV vaccinations for mothers and babies

RSV is a common virus that causes colds and ear infections. In babies, it can cause severe illnesses like bronchiolitis.

The RSV vaccine is available for pregnant women as part of the National Immunisation Program. In Victoria, eligible babies can also get the RSV vaccine until Tuesday 30 September 2025. For more information, refer to Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunisation.

You can speak with your GP or midwife about the vaccine.

Find out more

For more information about staying well this winter, refer to:

- your GP or pharmacist
- Better Health Channel – Don't Risk the Flu campaign with translated resources, influenza and other vaccine information.
- Better Health Channel – RSV vaccine for mothers and infants
- Raising Children Network – influenza, COVID-19, bronchiolitis and helping your child prepare for vaccination.

Danielle Stella

Principal



Prep Swimming

Our prep students enjoyed their first swimming lesson on Wednesday 15th July. While there were some nerves to begin with all the preps had a go. We are looking forward to watching them grow in confidence and develop their swimming skills over the coming weeks.





Book Week Dress Up Day at THPS

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

This term, THPS will be celebrating the Children's Book Council of Australia's **Book Week**. The theme this year is '**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. THPS's Dress Up Day will be on **Monday 24th August**. Now is a great time to start thinking about which book inspired character you will dress up as!



THPS Art Competition



**Our THPS Art Competition Closes on: Monday 27th of July.
Please get your entry in!**

Competition Details:

All students are invited to enter our school art competition. This is a fun and inclusive event where students of all abilities are encouraged to participate and share their creativity.

Our Theme: Your Choice!

Create any artwork you wish. Let your imagination run wild and make something that inspires you, tells a story, or simply brings you joy.

You can enter artwork in any of the following mediums:

Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Construction Art, Photography, Digital Art, Mixed Media Collage

Junior School Competition consists of classes from Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2

Senior School Competition consists of classes from Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6

Entry Requirements:

- Open to all students
- One artwork per student.
- Artwork can be created in any medium listed above.
- All entries must be delivered to the Visual Arts Space by Monday, 27 July.



Exhibition Gallery

Once the competition has closed, all submitted artworks will be displayed in a special Art Gallery Exhibition in the school's Main Foyer for students, families and staff to enjoy. Every entry will help create a vibrant celebration of creativity across our school community.

Important Date: Artwork submission deadline: Monday, 27 July

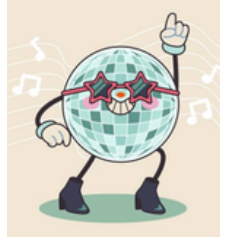
We can't wait to see the amazing artworks our students create! Good luck, have fun, and get creative! All you need to do is give your artwork to Mrs Luzar to enter.

Please see Mrs Luzar and the Art Leaders – Ruben and Olivia for more information!



STUDENT DISCO 2026

On Thursday, 25 June we had our Student Disco with over 300 students dancing and having fun! Stomp Dance Co were wonderful to work with (as always) and we enjoyed having Sian as our DJ for the night. The music was great and we saw some super dance moves. Thank you to all students, staff and parents who supported this event - it was one to remember!



TRIVIA NIGHT 2026

Friday 12th June

Towards the end of Term 2, our Parents and Friends Association (PFA) hosted a wonderful Trivia Night for our parent community. There was such a positive energy in the room, with all teams bringing their competitive and fun spirit. Through ticket sales, an amazing raffle, student artwork auction and games, we raised \$1838.00 towards the upgrade of our Learning Centre.

Thank you so much to all who attended - your support is very much appreciated. We are grateful for the support from all the local businesses who donated amazing prizes for our raffle and auction - please refer to the next page for who they are and support them where you can. We would also like to thank the Hillside Sharks Football Club for the use of your club rooms.

A big thank you goes to the dedicated group of parents in our PFA for their time, effort and collaboration to organise such a great event for our community. Thank you to Bree, Claire, Sarah, Josie, Sharon and Carmel!



TRIVIA NIGHT 2026

Thank you to these organisations for your donations

Harvey Norman



Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grade Prep to Grade 3 - Term 2 , Week 10

Prep A	Hannah	For showing persistence and working hard to improve her writing by using finger spaces. Keep it up Hannah!
Prep B	Dania	For working hard by completing her daily reading and Home Learning, and for making great progress by stretching out the sounds in words when reading words. Superstar!
Prep C	Lily	For demonstrating her personal best in all learning tasks.
Prep D	Chloe	For demonstrating her personal best and working hard to improve her writing by applying her letter/sound knowledge. Keep it up Chloe!
1A	Maddison	For being a positive role model and consistently following our THPS Values. Superstar!
1B	Samanvi	For always following the school values and being a positive classroom member. Well done!
1C	Hannah	For following the Design Process and creating a product that reflects her ideas and skills
2A	Jordyn	For seeking and applying teacher feedback when writing her procedure. Great work!
2B	Isabelle	For trying her personal best in all of her learning tasks. Well done, Isabelle!
2C	Tayte	For always trying his personal best when completing challenging questions in numeracy. Well done Tayte!
2D	Alex	For trying his personal best and showing the value of learning when editing his writing. Keep up the great work!
3A	Evie	For demonstrating persistence and creative thinking when designing her indigenous diorama. Well done!
3B	Idris	For demonstrating the THPS value of personal best by developing the confidence to speak up to ask clarifying questions. Idris, we are starting to hear your classroom voice more and more which is fantastic. Keep it up
3C	Amilia	For demonstrating the THPS value of 'Learning' by always being organised and ready to learn in all sessions. Well done!
3D	Ozlem	For your positive attitude to learning and always trying your personal best. Well done!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades 4 to 6 - Term 2 , Week 10

4A	Lydia	For demonstrating THPS value of Learning by trying your best in editing and publishing the biography work. Well done!
4B	Mariam	For trying her personal best in using the feedback given to edit and publish her biography work. Keep it up!
4C	Tevao	For her growing confidence in sharing her answers during class discussions and always trying her personal best in her tasks. Keep it up!
5A	Mason	For his effort and determination in creating his upcycling project. Amazing work, Mason!
5B	Aria	For always demonstrating the THPS value 'integrity' inside the classroom and in the school yard. Keep up the fantastic work!
5C	Lennox	For demonstrating an outstanding effort to solve division problems using the short division strategy. Amazing work!
5D	Hudson	For demonstrating the THPS value of learning, assisting peers with their work, and ensuring we aim for personal bests.
6A	Jag	For demonstrating his personal best when presenting to a variety of audiences to share his unit project and during debating club. Awesome work Jag!
6B	Nathan	For showing his personal best effort and creativity in his unit project, <i>The Solar Mower</i> , and confidently presenting his invention while sharing his knowledge with peers. Well done!
6C	Anastasia	For being a positive role model to her peers, by always striving to achieve her personal best, applying feedback from her teachers and peers and always following our school values. Amazing work this Semester, Anastasia!
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Lachlan 1A	For planning and constructing a fantastic model of his chosen habitat, the Arctic. Well done!
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Ana 6B	For always being responsible and making good choices with her work behaviours
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Ruby 3B	For demonstrating outstanding creativity and skill in watercolour painting, by beautifully blending colours to create a vibrant and expressive artwork.
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Orlando 5B	For creating an outstanding self-collage that thoughtfully and creatively represented his personal interests and character traits
PE Prep - 3	Emilia PB	For consistently demonstrating outstanding effort in Physical Education. Emilia always listens carefully, follows instructions, and approaches every activity with a positive attitude.
PE 4 - 6	Frankie 4C	For consistently demonstrating outstanding effort in Physical Education. Frankie approaches every activity with a positive attitude.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Selma 3B	For consistently volunteering to share her Italian reading skills during class. She makes excellent attempts when reading unfamiliar Italian words. Bravissima.
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Mihajlo 6C	For demonstrating a positive mindset when taking on challenges each week, listening to instructions consistently. Bravissimo!
LEARNING CENTRE	Kenna, 6B	For always demonstrating respect and a positive attitude when visiting the Learning Centre, by following expectations and exploring new books.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades Prep - 3 - Term 3 , Week 1

Prep A	Gabriel	For showing amazing listening and independence when transitioning into Prep A. Well done Gabriel!
Prep B	Ryan	For a positive start to the term by following teacher instructions and completing his work. Keep it up!
Prep C	Olivia	For following the classroom expectations and trying her personal best in Writing.
Prep D	Omar	For applying his growing letter and sound knowledge in writing and trying his personal best. Well done!
1A	Abhay	For remaining focused and engaged in his writing task when exploring a setting for his narrative. Keep it up!
1B	Ella	For pushing herself during Phonics to spell the challenge words. Fantastic effort!
1C	Bernadette	For demonstrating THPS school value of Learning by taking feedback to improve in all areas of learning
2A	Antoni	For creating a detailed character with clear traits and descriptive language. Well done!
2B	Isaiah	For always trying his personal best in all learning tasks and for giving things a go! Keep it up, Isaiah!
2C	Malak	For showing the THPS values of personal best and learning in phonics. Well done Malak!
2D	Mazen	For demonstrating the THPS value of learning by applying modelled skills to solve multiplication problems. Keep it up!
3A	Sofia	For beginning term 3 with a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning, keep up the good work!
3B	Jordan	For demonstrating the THPS value of personal best by ensuring he is practicing his reading and writing goal correctly. Jordan you have had such a positive start to term 3. Keep it up!
3C	Jade	For being an excellent role model by demonstrating a growth mindset and supporting your peers. Well done!
3D	Gideon	For attending school every day this week and trying your personal best. What a great start to the term, well done!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grades 4 - 6 - Term 3 , Week 1

4A	Mohamad	For demonstrating great confidence and engagement in class discussions on the floor. Keep it up!
4B	Ezikio	For making a wonderful start at THPS by settling in so well and building positive relationships with classmates and teachers. Keep it up!
4C	Arshia	For starting Term 3 with a positive attitude and demonstrating his personal best
5A	Rhiaan	For consistently trying his personal best in all lessons and his effort throughout our fraction unit when converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. Amazing work!
5B	Madinah	For her consistent effort to include more detail while writing her narrative. Keep it up!
5C	Heaven	For always putting in her best effort in all of her tasks and taking pride in her work. Fantastic job!
5D	Heath	For demonstrating his personal best in writing and showing resilience in receiving and adapting to feedback.
6A	Lucy	For starting the term with a great mindset and taking on extra tasks with enthusiasm and commitment. Keep it up Lucy!
6B	Montaha	For demonstrating her Personal Best during our small group numeracy session on interpreting data. Fantastic effort!
6C	Lachy	For his insightful contributions to all whole class and small group discussions. Keep it up!
SCIENCE Prep - 3	Elena 2D	For making a comprehensive list of Earth's natural resources
SCIENCE 4 - 6	Summer 5A	For using her prior knowledge to answer questions about how the Earth's surface changes through weathering and erosion
THE ARTS Prep - 3	Lachlan Prep D	For demonstrating excellent whole body listening and focus on completing his artwork to share with others
THE ARTS 4 - 6	Charlotte L 6B	For demonstrating wonderfully the element of belief when acting out her role play scenes in performing arts
PE Prep - 3	Zahra 1A	For participating enthusiastically in all PE activities this week and consistently demonstrating her personal best.
PE 4 - 6	Yasmin 4C	For demonstrating a persistent attitude while developing her forehand strike. Yasmin embraced feedback, kept practising, and showed determination throughout the lesson.
ITALIAN Prep - 3	Ryan Prep B	For showing fantastic participation in this week's Italian lesson and confidently doing his work. Bravo!
ITALIAN 4 - 6	Eva 4B	for always giving her best in Italian and approaching every activity with confidence. Bravissima!