Welcome

We extend a warm welcome back to TCPS for the 2017 school year. On behalf of the school community we also send a special welcome to new students and families. For those students starting school for the very first time we send best wishes for an exciting year of learning.

At TCPS we provide a high level of care for every student and it is important to the school that each child goes home at the end of the day feeling happy and cared for. This newsletter provides students, parents and guardians with some safety reminders. We hope you find this information helpful and we are always happy to help with questions you may have about our school or about the teaching and learning programs we provide. Please phone the general office on 97410200 if you would like further information or assistance with an enquiry.

Supervision in the Yard

TCPS is very proud to be a SAFE SCHOOL. Teachers are on Yard Duty each recess and lunch time. Staff also supervise students from 8.45am to 9.00am before school and then from 3.10pm to 3.25pm after school. We strongly recommend that students are not in the yard before 8.45am or after 3.25pm. The school provides both before and after school hours care programs. To assist parents enrolments in these programs are always available – there is no waiting list. Child Care Payment rebates are heavily subsidised by the Australian Government and fees are reasonably priced.

Junior and Senior play equipment

Our Junior and Senior play equipment are very popular with students and these areas are supervised during the school day. However, these areas (e.g. Junior & Senior playgrounds) are out of bounds both before and after school. Please help us to keep everyone safe and do not allow your school aged children or toddlers to use this equipment before or after school. Please note there are ‘time out’ consequences for students using this equipment before or after school.

Drop Off Zone/ Hug and Go

We encourage all parents to use the drop off zone in Walls Road as the ‘Hug and Go’ area in the morning. As well as being an important aspect in developing independence this assists us in providing a safe environment for all students. We know that in working together with parents in this way we can have all children ready to learn at 9.00am and focused on learning until 3.10pm, whilst also ensuring students are kept safe.

The drop off zone is located on the Walls Road side of the school and is designed for cars to drive in and drop off or pick up. The Drop Off Zone cannot be used to park. If you get out of your vehicle while using the Drop Off Zone you may be given a Traffic Infringement Notice and Fine.
School Values

This week every classroom is participating in the Learning How to Learn program. During this time the classroom culture is established with a focus on making sure everyone in the class feels included and the class learning routines are in place.

We are all practicing using the school values of RESPECT

Respect

Showing respect is when we think about how we would like to be treated and treat others in that way. It is about appreciating other people’s qualities.

At Thomas Chirnside Primary School we display Respect with the following behaviors -

  Consideration,
  Courtesy,
  Tolerance
  and Caring.

SCHOOL'S BACK

Help us keep all children safe...

Please remember to slowdown when driving near all schools.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 and provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

CSEF applications for 2017 open from term one 2017. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a CSEF application form to their child’s school.

Applications close June 30th 2017.

Victorian Government Foundation students (in 2017) who are CSEF recipients are also automatically eligible for a uniform support.

Breakfast Club

This year breakfast will be served at 800 primary schools via the Department of Education and Training’s breakfast program. Breakfast is available at TCPS on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.30 am - 8.50pm in the kitchen garden.
2017 MENU - by now everyone should have our new 2017 menu and we hope you are all finding it very easy to understand. Please note Halal beef lasagne is not available at the moment.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED – to enable us to continue offering lunch orders daily along with counter sales at both recess and lunch times we need more people to join our roster. The canteen day normally starts at 9am and finishes at around 2pm but we are flexible with these hours, you are only required to assist as often as you nominate (i.e. fortnightly, monthly or even once a term).

PLEASE NOTE ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO HOLD A CURRENT ‘WORKING WITH CHILDREN’S’ CARD WHICH YOU CAN APPLY FOR AT THE POST OFFICE.

LUNCH ORDERS – all orders must be placed in the class basket in the morning. PLEASE NOTE LUNCHES ARE ONLY AVAILABLE VIA CLASS BASKET, NOT OVER THE COUNTER.

ZIP LOCK BAGS – these bags are a very secure way to send money with your lunch order, the bags will be returned via lunch bags so they may be reused.

ICY POLES – if a frozen item is purchased on a lunch order it is the students responsibility to keep their bag and bring it to the canteen for collection, as a reminder we place a coloured dot onto the bags of students in Prep and Years 1 & 2. Frozen items may also be purchased over the counter, however only Quelch sticks are sold during recess.

We are available in the canteen each morning from 8.30am if anyone has any questions or requires any further information. We welcome new volunteers.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK

| Tuesday, 14th February | D. Richardson |
| Tuesday, 13th February | N. Reidy |
| Friday, 10th February | B. Mears |
| Thursday, 9th February | |
| Wednesday, 8th February | |

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Essential Educational Items Payment Plan Option C

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Payment methods accepted at the office—Cash, EFTPOS, Credit card

Direct Deposit available for the payment plan

CBA—Thomas Chirnside School Council Account

BSN—063-541

Account No.—10038817