

NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER

Start of Term 3

Monday 13th July

Stay and Play

Friday 31st July and Monday 3rd
August

Book Week Celebration - Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday 17th August and
Thursday 18th August

VIP Breakfast

VIP Breakfast Thursday, 3rd and
Friday 4th September

Sports Day

Thursday 17th September and
Friday 18th September

TERM 3 BREAK

Monday 21st September - Friday 2nd
October



TERM 3

We have now reached the third term of the kindergarten year. The children have been busy with activities and special events.

At the end of term 2 the children enjoyed breakfast at kindergarten in their PJ's and we played party games.

REMINDERS

Please remember that we are a NUT free kindergarten. We have children at the kindergarten who have allergies to nuts .

Also please remember to check your child's spare clothes for sizing and changes in the weather.

PARKING

We ask parents to please use the shared parking between childcare and kindergarten for drop offs and pickups as this is the safest option. You are welcome to use the 15 minute parking bays in front of the kindergarten. Please remember to hold your child's hand when walking.

SUSTAINABILITY

We promote sustainability and recycling with the children. If you have any NON-FOOD boxes can you please send them to kindergarten to use for box construction. PLEASE NOTE : NO TOILET ROLLS (due to hygiene)



SCHOOL READINESS

We will be starting school transition statements at the end of term three for children who will be starting prep in 2027. You will be sent a link at the start of term 4 to review your child's transition statement and to fill in the child and parent section. Schools need to have parental input so that they can best plan for your child starting school.

If you have any concerns about your child starting school in 2027 please speak to Carla or Carmie so that we can support your child.

Remember that there are lots of different factors to look at when it comes to your child being ready for school



COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Thank you to all the parents who support the kindergarten committee of management. All committee meetings are held once a month online.

Monday 27th July

Monday 31st August

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the committee or attending a meeting, please speak to Carla or Carmie



HEALTHY EATING

We encourage the children to bring a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables and a healthy lunch. Please speak to an Educator if you would like some lunch or snack ideas.

SCHOOL ORIENTATION

School's are beginning to give families details relating to school orientation programs for 2026. It is important that you attend these sessions with your child.

ESTABLISHING A BEDTIME ROUTINE

Pre-schoolers require around 10-12 hours sleep during a 24 hour period. Some 3-4 year old's may still have a nap in the afternoon especially on busy days such as kindergarten.

The most important thing to support your child with sleep is a good bed time routine. Keep the following in mind when establishing a routine :

- Include a wind down period during the half hour before bed time
- Stick to a bedtime, alerting child both half an hour and 10 minutes before hand
- Set fixed times for going to bed, waking up and naps
- Keep consistent playtimes and mealtimes
- Avoid stimulants
- Make the bedroom quiet, cosy and conducive for sleeping
- Allow your child to choose their PJ's and a soft toy to take to bed
- Consider playing soft soothing music
- Tuck your child into bed snugly for a feeling of security



SUN SMART

A reminder to please always ensure that your child has a sun smart hat in their bag and that you apply sunscreen before coming to kindergarten. There is sunscreen available at the sign in desk.

5 sun smart steps to protect from the sun:

1. Slip on sun protective clothing to cover as much of the body
2. Slop on SPF 50 at least 20 minutes before going outdoors
3. Slap on a sun smart hat
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on sunglasses. Look for glasses labelled 'AS1067'

Always check the UV rating



FUND RAISING

Thank you to all the families who have supported our fund raising efforts. Supporting fundraising helps us to make this kindergarten a great place.

Child Safety Information for families



Children have a right to be safe. Organisations have a responsibility to protect children from harm.

At Thomastown West Kindergarten, we have policies and procedures in place to protect children.

Commitment to Child Safety

We have child safety policies and a statement of commitment to child safety and can be found in our policy folder in the foyer and on our website.

Use of devices and phones

All staff have read and agreed with our personal device policy. Staff only use devices that are service devices to record and take photos of children at the kindergarten.

All of these devices have a sticker indicating that they are a service device, including the devices families use to sign in on Arrival.

We do ask families not to take photos on the kindergarten premises for the safety of all children.

Visitors

All visitors to the kindergarten are required to read and sign up to our code of conduct and, where applicable, to provide us with a valid Working with Children's Check.

Child Safety Program

We have developed our own Child Safety program to ensure that our children understand what is safe and what is unsafe. In term 2, the children had KidsRoar in to discuss body safety and safety.

We have been discussing with the children safe adults to talk to and the 5 safe hands. We will continue to discuss with children, safe adults and body safety awareness.

What can families do?

Have regular discussions with your child about safe adults to talk to and about body awareness and safety

If you have any questions about child safety please speak to a staff member

