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A Creative and
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Community Growing
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NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Labour Day Holiday - No Students required at School	Monday 14th March, 2016
School Council AGM	Wednesday 16th March, 2016
Last Day of Term 1 - School Ends 2.30pm	Thursday 24th March, 2016
First Day Tem 2 - School Starts 9.00am	Monday 11th April, 2016
ANZAC Day Holiday - No Students required at School	Monday 25th April, 2016

Thornbury Primary School App

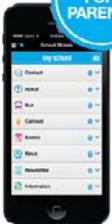
Printed notices are a thing of the past

Receive real time information from Thornbury Primary School directly to your mobile device when you need it.

How to download your Free app

1. From your mobile device go to the **App Store** (iPhone/iPad) OR **Google Play** (Android), search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone
2. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search **THEN** select your school.



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FREE
FOR
PARENTS

TERM DATES FOR 2016

- Term 1: 29th January to 24th March
 Term 2: 11th April to 24th June
 Term 3: 11th July to 16th September
 Term 4: 3rd October to 20th December

SUNSMART[®] TERM 1 - NO HAT NO PLAY

LUNCH ORDERS AT
THORNBURY
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Acting Principal's Report

Thornbury PS has been buzzing with action this last fortnight and it is great to see. We are halfway through our first term and students have made great relationships with peers in their classes and with their teachers.

Our Foundation students have completed their first month of school and are now here 5 days a week.

Congratulations to all our Foundation students, it is great to see you settling in to school and beginning your learning journey with us at Thornbury PS.

Communication

Over the next month you will see many changes in the communication practices at TPS. Our aim is to connect all families with what is happening on a school, community and class level in a manner that is timely, efficient and meets the needs of our diverse community. The following are some of the changes that will be gradually implemented:

- Changing our communication App from School-Stream to Tiqbiz:
 - * Tiqbiz is a more powerful, user-friendly and comprehensive communication tool. We will be using it to send alerts, notices and newsletters. The app can be customised to meet your needs so that you can receive information from the school and from your child's own classroom. The App will be gradually introduced, with notices going home providing information on how to use it and sessions held at school to support you in using the app. During the next few weeks of transition to Tiqbiz we will continue to use School-Stream App.
- Accessibility: we are aware that not every family owns a smart-device or has access to the internet. From this issue of the newsletter we will be making hard-copies available to pick up from outside the office. From an environmental and cost-effective point of view we ask that you only collect a hard copy if you are unable to access a digital copy of the newsletter.
- A new late pass and visitor pass system will also be trialled at the office in the next few weeks. We will have a tablet where late arriving students and visitors to the school are able to register. The aim of the new system is to create a safer school, better utilise teacher time in the classroom (focusing on teaching and learning rather than administration) and make office practices more efficient. More information will be sent out about this as it rolls out.
- A new TPS website is currently being designed. The new website will be up to date, user-friendly (viewable on all devices) and will be a place where we can showcase and celebrate the great work that happens here at school. A big thank-you to the Working Party who have been working on the website for the last few months.

Cyber-safety

Next term the Victorian Police will be coming to the school to run a Cyber-safety session with our Yr 5-6 student on Tuesday 19th April and an evening session at 6:00pm on the 20th April for all parents and carers. We will be sending out more information as we get closer to these events.

School Council Elections

Thank you to everyone who nominated themselves or accepted a nomination to stand for election to the School Council. We received 5 nominations for the 2 vacant Parent/Carer positions. As such a ballot will be prepared and sent home to families next Tuesday 8th March. The ballot will close on Tuesday 15th March at 4:00pm.

There was 1 nomination for 1 vacant DET position. Congratulations to James Ilia who has joined our School Council.

Sad News

It is with sadness that we advise of the passing of Tony Busko after an illness. Many of you would know Tony and Lesley Logan as they have been TPS parents for many years. Tony and Lesley have three children: Jaxom (at university), Nyssa (at high school) and Riley (in grade 3). We know that you will wish Lesley and the children well over this difficult time. They are in our thoughts.

***Acting Principal
Shaun McClare***

MALPA



Young Doctors is a health leadership program which trains Indigenous and Non-indigenous young people to be health ambassadors in their communities. It is designed and run by local Elders, respected community members and supported by health workers in each location. The program teaches leadership, hygiene, health literacy, nutrition and environmental health. This year about 400 Young Doctors will be trained in NSW,

Victoria, South Australia and Queensland. The project is entirely funded by generous private foundations, corporations and individuals.

Our first ever MALPA project has begun this year at Thornbury PS. The sessions are being held each Friday with 14 students. Shara Graham (a parent at Thornbury PS) is the Manager of the project and will work alongside Melanie Harrison (Aboriginal Teacher) whilst delivering the Bubup Young Doctors Program which will go across terms one and two.

Below is a profile of both Melanie and Shara that we would like to share with you all.

We are keen to involve as many health workers/community members as possible throughout the program but more importantly elders. If you are or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact the school, Melanie and/or Shara as we'd love you to come along and join the fun! Contact: Thornbury PS on: 9484 3254

Wominjeka,

My name's Shara Graham. I live in Melbourne, Victoria.

I'm a proud Yorta Yorta, Wurrudjeri & Dja Dja

Wurrung woman. I have 2 gorgeous daughters whom are my world. Shianne (8 years old) and Aaliyah (3 Years Old).

I am the oldest of 10 siblings on my dads side and the oldest of 6 on my mums. I have a huge responsibility being the oldest and I love spending time with them all. I am also an Aunty to 7 children. I also have a huge mob of cousins on my dads side (I think we are almost at 75 cousins).

My Dad is Aboriginal and my mum is Australian there is a huge difference between both families when it comes to the quantity of people :) I am very family orientated and I always have a full house with siblings, cousins and even

parents coming and going whether it be visiting or living with me. I love to sing, dance and have lots of fun but most importantly I love being with my two daughters and watching them at Basketball, Swimming lessons and Gymnastics.

Triganin, Shara Graham Bubup Young Doctors, Project Manager

Wominjeka,

My name's Melanie Harrison. I was born & raised in Melbourne, Victoria. I'm a Yorta Yorta woman (descendant of McGees). My mob are originally from Cummergunja ~ however many moved to Barham (just over the NSW border) and from there to Melbourne. I grew up in Collingwood and went to school in and around Collingwood & Fitzroy.

I have 3 beautiful babies that keep me super busy ~ Jindalee (8) & twin boys (nearly 2) Maloo & Yuka. I come from a very big family & have approximately 50 1st cousins on my Mums side :) plenty more 2nd & 3rd cousins ~ maybe too many to count! I love each & every one of them & love catching up whenever I can! My Dad's Maltese, although as an adult I now see my Dad more regularly, I'm yet to learn much about my Dads language & culture (so that's on my to do list :) I have a bubbly personality & I'm often full of energy. I enjoy dancing, singing, playing pool & catching up with friends & family. But most of all I love being around & seeing people happy & laughing!

Thankyou for taking the time to read about me :)

Triganin,

Melanie Harrison—Bubup Young Doctors ~ Project Leader



SPORTS NEWS - FOOTBALL CLINIC

Thanks to Andrew Walker and Jason Tutt from the Carlton Football Club for running the football clinic at our school. The players were very positive and made the session a lot of fun for the kids. **"Go the Might Blues"**



UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop open
Every Wednesday
8.30am-10.30am
or
Shop online at www.psw.com.au



OSHC

Hi from the OSHC team, with Easter and holidays coming along quickly we have started getting into the spirit by making some colourful group Easter bunny banners for our room and more crafts to take home. Reading has been becoming quite

popular in the room so if there are any good books you would like to bring in please feel free. Also I would like to welcome our new staff member Paige to our OSHC team, so if you see a new face around don't hesitate to say hi.

Just a reminder if you know you need a booking or cancellation could you please let us know as soon as possible as late notice causes congestion for our team and charges may be incurred.

Thanks Andi and OSHC team

GARDEN PARTY

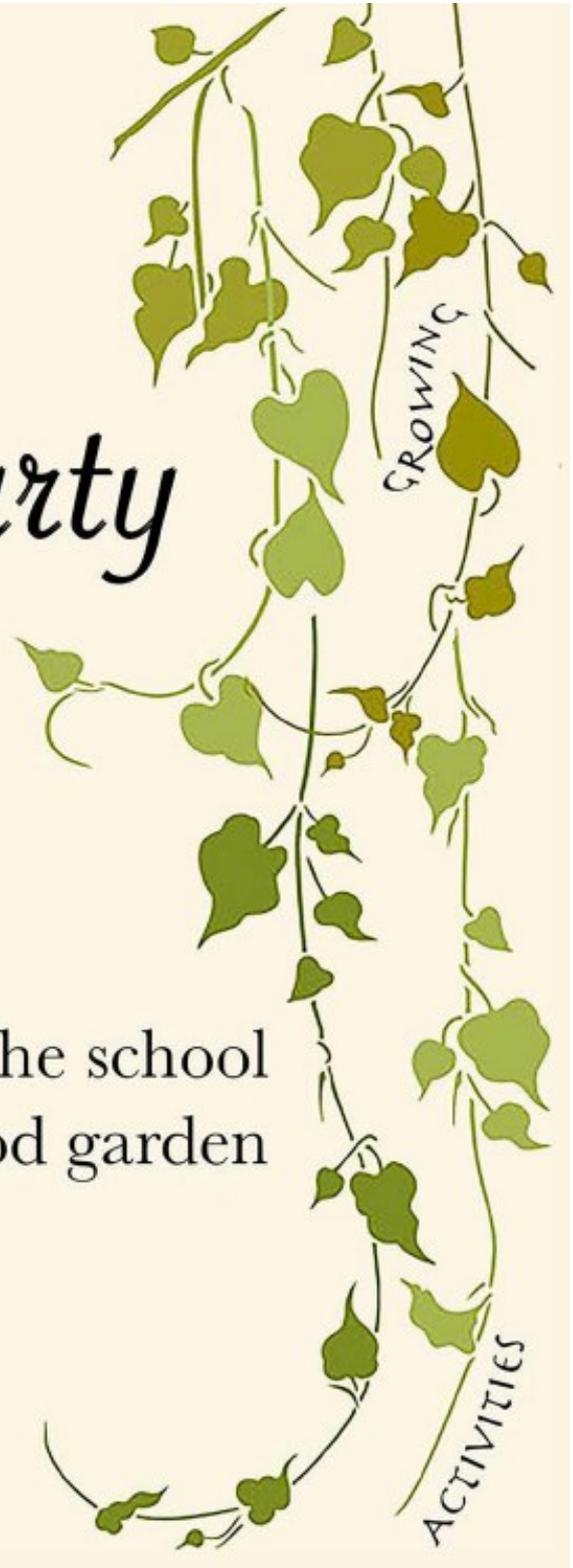
You're invited
to our

Garden Party

3.00 to 4.30 pm

every Friday

in the school
food garden



NDIS - National Disability Insurance Scheme



Information sessions

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting Victorians with a disability, their families and carers to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

We are pleased to invite people with a disability and their families to attend one of the following information sessions about what the scheme will mean for them.

These sessions are designed to give potential NDIS participants a sense of how to access support, what changes they can expect and how they can be assisted in developing a plan that suits their needs.

You will hear from the Minister for Disability, Housing and Ageing Martin Foley and the National Disability Insurance Agency and you will have an opportunity to ask questions.

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Date: Wednesday 17 February
Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
Venue: Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn,
 75–95 Central Park Ave, Craigieburn

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Date: Wednesday 2 March
Time: 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Venue: The Centre Ivanhoe,
 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

Greater Dandenong

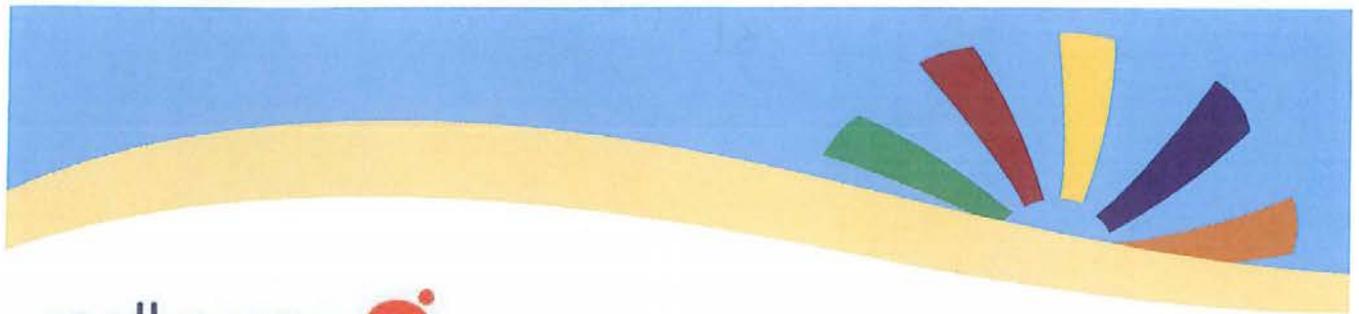
The Parliamentary Secretary for Carers and Volunteers, Ms Gabrielle Williams MP, will be representing the Minister at this session.

Date: Wednesday 16 March
Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
Venue: Punthill Apartments,
 157–163 Lonsdale St, Dandenong

To find out how to register to attend one of these sessions visit www.vic.gov.au/ndis/community-forums

If you would like assistance to register or to access the venue please contact the Department of Health and Human Services on (03) 9096 2305.





Social Support Group for Parents of a Child with a Disability

Welcoming all parents of a primary school aged child with a disability. This social support group provides a space to share ideas, take a break and feel inspired about parenting. This six week program in a child friendly and community space is free and offers a friendly and confidential space for parents to talk about what matters to them.

Commencing : Monday 18th April 10 to 12pm

Northern Community Church of Christ at 81 High St Preston

Bookings essential please ring Sue Silk
Melbourne City Mission on 9385 3235
email ssilk@mcm.org.au



This program is supported by the Northern Community Church of Christ—Developing Community, Deepening Spirituality and Demonstrating Compassion

Community News

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**PRESTON (DAREBIN)
BLUE LIGHT
DANCE PARTY**

MARCH 4TH

6.30 - 9PM | AGES 8 TO 14 | \$7

PRESTON TOWN HALL
274 GOWER ST, PRESTON
CONTACT JO PARRISSIS 0418 144 446

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Cheri Dignam
presents **The Shoppe
of Curiosities
Family Matinee**

An afternoon of cabaret delights
for the whole family!
Circus, Live Music, Comedy
and much more.

**Doors Open at 2:30pm
March 26th**

KIDS TICKETS \$10
GROWN-UPS \$20
3 YEARS AND UNDER FREE

In the Shelley Room at Gate Keeper Games
323-327 St Georges Rd North Fitzroy VIC



DATE: Tuesday 8th March, 2016
TIME: 5.00pm - 8.00pm
VENUE: 40 Clapham Street,
Thornbury

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