Welcome back to school to everyone. After the holidays it was wonderful to see our students eager to be back at school, and keen to be challenged in their classrooms. Term 2 is an eleven week term, so we are looking forward to lots of challenges ahead!

**Staff News**

It is with much sadness that I tell parents that one our staff members, Mrs Michelle Sal and her husband Nic have lost the twins that they were expecting. Michelle is now out of hospital and recovering at home. We hope she will return to school some time in Term 3.

Miss Ellie Hewett will be the class teacher for 4EH for the rest of this year.

**Dropping off and Picking up Students**

As we approach the wet, winter months, parking around the school becomes even more congested. I ask parents to consider the following –

*Do you need to pick your child up after school?*

*Could they walk to school, or could you pick them up somewhere other than Cunningham Drive?*

There are several other areas you may consider – John Fawkner Drive, Singleton Drive, Barnsley Drive, Moya Close, Lauriston Drive.

Please also be aware that the drop off/pick up area in Cunningham Drive on the uphill side of the pedestrian crossing is often unused while the area below the crossing is very busy.

Please also keep student safety as your most important consideration.

*John Hurley*

*Principal*
Report from School Council

Our March School Council Meeting and the School Council Annual General Meeting were held on Tuesday 15 March 2016. On behalf of the School Council, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new school councillors and we look forward to working with you. We would also like to say a big thank you to retiring councillors for your valued contributions.

The role of the School Council is not always a highly visible one. Mostly, we work behind the scenes to create a school environment where our students can reach their full potential. One of the pieces of work that school councillors have been involved in is the review of our Vision Statements as part of the CIS International Accreditation. This is a good opportunity for us to identify and express our school values and reconfirm our commitment to successful learning outcomes for all students.

The maintenance and improvement to our school grounds is an important part of School Council’s role, so is the safety and wellbeing of staff and students. During our meeting, School Council approved our updated SunSmart Policy aimed at protecting staff and students from harm caused by overexposure to UV radiation. Please contact the school office if you would like to view a copy of the SunSmart Policy.

As part of our standing agenda items, school councillors received the following reports – Junior School Council, Year Level, Financial, Secretary’s, Parents’ Club and Principal’s. These reports were reviewed and discussed. The next School Council Meeting will be on 17th May 2016 at 7:30pm.

Magdaline Goh
Treasurer

Book Club

The brochures for Book Club Issue 3 are being distributed this week. All orders are due back at school by Friday 22nd April. Unfortunately, we cannot accept late orders.

The completed order forms and payment (correct money only), or cheque, should be placed in an envelope and returned to the classroom teacher. Please note no change can be given.

Credit card payments are made directly to Scholastic via the online ordering system LOOP. Go to the Scholastic website to do this. (www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). No order forms need to be filled out for this.

Book Club Co-ordinators
ANZAC DAY APPEAL 2016

Marking 100 years since our involvement in the First World War (1914 - 1918), the Anzac Centenary is a time to honour the service and sacrifice of our original ANZACs, and the generations of Australian servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms, in wars, conflicts and peace operations throughout a Century of Service. To commemorate we are selling poppies and badges (poppies will be available next week) If you wish to purchase either item our school captains will come around to classes during lunch eating time. Badges and poppies are 50 cents each.

Thank you for your support
Louisa Boucher
Social Service

Special Religious Instruction

Special Religious Instruction (SRI) will commence next week.

Classes

Islamic SRI (all year levels) will run each Monday from 1pm – 1.25pm in the LOTE Mandarin rooms. The instructors will be Ms Zaharah Abdul, Ms Hilarie Haque and Ms Sri Soejatminah.

Christian SRI (all year levels except Preps) will run each Tuesday from 1pm – 1.25pm in the gym and LOTE Mandarin room. Christian SRI for Preps is currently not being offered. The instructors will be Mrs Jo Schaddee van Dooren, Ms Leona McKenry, Dr Des Gaffney, Mrs Piat Yeoh and Ms Julia Capon.

Buddhism SRI is currently not being offered by the Buddhist Council of Victoria.

Classes may be cancelled if an instructor is unavailable or the school has other activities organised (e.g. excursions and camps). Substitute instructors may also be used if the regular instructor is unavailable on the day.

Consent Forms

If you would like your child to participate in Special Religious Instruction, please come to the office to collect a consent form. Children cannot participate unless this form is completed.

You may withdraw your child from SRI (if consent has previously been given) at any time by notifying the school principal in writing.

Payment

Invoices will be sent home in the next week requesting payment be made from those who indicated their intentions to participate. This invoice will indicate the participation fee and also summarise the items that this covers (i.e. outline of expenses).
UPCOMING DATES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP 2016 - TERM 2

Friday mornings
8.30am – 9.30am
15th April
22nd April
29th April
6th May
13th May
20th May
27th May
3rd June
17th June
24th June

Tuesday afternoons
3.00pm – 4.00pm
19th April
3rd May
17th May
7th June
21st June

EFT & credit card facilities available (minimum transaction of $15)

SPORT NEWS

District Cross Country Team
Next Wednesday 20th April we have the District Cross Country Carnival. We wish all the students listed below the very best and congratulations on making the Thomas Mitchell Cross Country Team.

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**Cross Country Training**

Students wanting to train for the District Carnival or any students who would like to train to improve their fitness, general training will be held on the following dates:

- **Friday 15th April 8:20am**
- **Monday 18th April 8:20am**

All students are to meet in the gym foyer and training will be conducted on the oval.

For students wanting to train on the weekends, the Frog Hollow Park Run is a fantastic way to train and is for all ages and abilities. The park run is free to enter. Please see the website below for further details:


**Regional Swimming Carnival**

A huge congratulations to our swimmers Emily, Joy, Alissa and Adhya who competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival last term. The girls produced fantastic results and also walked away with great experience. Please see below for results:

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**Divisional Tennis Competition**

Casey Nth Division Tennis playoffs are going to be held on Friday 22nd April. Congratulations to the following students who will be competing at the competition:

- Snezana 6CW
- Nimal 5BS
- Anush 5BS

**Athletics**

**Alex Rowe**

On Tuesday 11th April Alex Rowe attended our assembly as our guest speaker. Alex Rowe is the current Australian 800m record holder and an athlete at the Victorian Institute of Sport. Alex spoke to all students about his road to the Rio Olympics this year and about his journey as a track athlete.

We thank Alex for sharing his achievements with us and inspiring us to never give up. We wish Alex all the best for the Olympic Games.
House Points

Weekly House Points Results

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Olivia Goder
Physical Education Teacher

TPMS Playgroup

The school is running a Playgroup for 0-5 year olds each Tuesday morning from 9:15am – 10:30am during the school term again this year. We ask for a gold coin donation to participate and for parents to please bring a nut free snack for their child/ren.

It is a great opportunity to meet other parents of children attending our school or local families and for your younger children to meet other children who may be joining the school in the future.

Please feel free to bring a friend along, or if you know someone with younger children, who would like to join this group, please let them know.

Fun activities include: playdough, painting, pasting, stories, music, singing and games.

Look forward to seeing you at Playgroup.
Fundraising Target
All our fundraising this year will be going to the Art Department to help with the purchase of a new Kiln! We hope everyone will continue to support the efforts of the Parents’ Club and help us work towards achieving this goal. We’ll be so happy if we can contribute $10,000.

Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Friday 22nd April at 2:30pm. Please pencil this date in your diary and come along to the staffroom if you’d like to be involved in the Parents’ Club.

Jamberry Nails Fundraiser
We are running a Jamberry Nails fundraiser this term in conjunction with Mayuri Wickramarachchi. The school will receive 20% commission on all sales made through the link below before 9th May 2016.

Jamberry Nails are also donating $1 to Legacy from all wraps sold in April and $3 from each special Autism wrap to Autism Spectrum Australia. If you’d like to find out more, please check out the flyers posted up around the school or call Mayuri on 0422 621 187.

Mayuri will also be available to try samples of the product and answer questions. She will be set up outside the canteen on Wednesday 20th April from 3-4pm and on Thursday 21st April from 8:30-9:30am.

Please use the following link if you’d like to make an online purchase.
https://aussiejammy.jamberry.com/au/en/shop/party/home/a10546b1-4e5a-4cbf-b5f3-32956947ab5e

5 Cent Fundraiser
As promised at the end of last term, we’re running a new 5 cent Fundraiser this term! Basically we’re asking everyone to donate as many 5 cent coins as possible. The coins will be collected in class at the start of each day and the amount of coins donated from each class will be recorded once a week. The class which has donated the most coins by 17th June will receive a special Pizza Lunch in the last week of Term 2!! Please start looking for all your spare 5 cent coins under the couch, in the car etc and bring them along to school from Monday onwards.

School Banking
We had 86 deposits this week which is a great effort for the first week back! Remember, the Commonwealth Bank rewards the school with 5% commission on each deposit made (as well as $5 for each new account registered), so we look forward to seeing a lot of saving in Term 2. The new rewards now available are Mud Splat Handball and Outback Pat Bag Tag. Other rewards still available are: Flying Snake Tail, Wildlife Writer Set, Dollarmites Moneybox (2014), ET DVD (2015), Outerspace Money Box (2015), Intergalactic Rocket (2015) or Galaxy Glider Frisbee (2015). Please include a note and 10 silver tokens with your banking if you’d like to claim a reward. Remember the competition is still running to win a family trip to Australia Zoo!! Just make 15 or more deposits before the end of Term 3. Further details are available on the Commonwealth Bank website.

Entertainment Books
We will be selling Entertainment Books again this year for 2016/2017. They will be available early in Term 2 with further details to follow.
Auskick 2016

Auskick for 2016 is commencing this Friday night from 5.30pm to 7.00pm at Charles Green Reserve, Charles Green Avenue, Endeavour Hills.

Register at www.aflauskick.com.au search for ENDEAVOUR HILLS.

For any further information please contact Jeff Benham on 0479 135 537 or email ehjfcauskick@hotmail.com

Creative Music

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Thomas Mitchell Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2, 2016.

Interested parents should call Fiona during office hours on 9818 2333

Thomas Mitchell OSHC 14th April 2016
OSHC Telephone Number - 0415 326 328

Welcome Back! 😊

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the school holidays!

We have had a great week back, catching up with all the children and hearing some fantastic stories about their holidays!

At the Holiday Club, we had so much fun!

Some of the highlights included our silent disco, the erupting volcanoes we made, designing our own tie-dye t-shirts, visiting the Bundoora Park and Farm and also Village Cinemas at Fountain Gate to watch Zootopia!

Janice and the OSHC Team
Harmony Day

3RC came to 6CH on Harmony Day. Everyone was educated by their group. We all brought something that represents our culture. I brought a handmade hijab that comes with the outfit. It has shiny mirrors and this beautiful design along the edges. My group was amazed when I pulled out my hijab. It is wonderful when people are interested in my culture. I am very dedicated to my culture and I respect the culture of others.

By Shayla 6CH

Harmony Day is when Australians come together and celebrate our nation's cultural diversity. Harmony Day is celebrated on the 21st of March. Harmony Day celebrates the fact that Australia is one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world.

Harmony Day is a multicultural event that is celebrated all around the world on the 21st of March. Traditionally the colour orange is a symbol of having two way conversations and giving us freedom to be ourselves. At the same time it encourages us to have respect for others as well as ourselves. Everyone should treat people the way that they would like to be treated. That means not judging people by the colour of their skin, or judging people for who they are and what they look like.

We made sure that on Harmony Day we connected with everyone in our school.
When Harmony Day comes, I am always proud of my background like everyone else. It feels so good to share your culture to kids younger than you and teach them something.

Year threes were great kids that were dedicated to learn. They were courageous and fearless; they didn’t need year six’s to teach them about other people’s cultures.

Harmony Day was an amazing day where we all came together and respected each other’s cultures.

Sami 6CH

Harmony day is a multicultural event that is celebrated around the world on the 21st of March. It has grown to be an important day for Australians to come together and celebrate our cultural diversity. The 21st of March is also the United Nations International for the Elimination of racial Discrimination, which means to not be mean to or hate people because of their race or culture.

Traditionally the colour orange relates to communication, and having two way conversations. It shows the ability to talk about new ideas between people, giving us the freedom to be ourselves. At the same time it encourages self-respect and respect of others. We have so many people from different cultures, just look at us at Thomas Mitchell.

By Zoe 6CH
Harmony Day is when all the multicultural people get together. Harmony Day is celebrated on the 21st of March. Harmony Day is an Australian initiative begun in 1999. People have been wearing orange to show that they support cultural diversity. In 6CH we celebrated Harmony Day by communicating with the year 3's. We communicated with all different cultures. Harmony Day was a good experience. - Hannah 6CH

When we went to the Shrine of Remembrance, we each got to put a poppy in the remembrance wall. We were all surprised to see how many people came to show their love towards the people who fought for our country. Our class went inside to make a huge heart to show that we cared and that we had to come to go to the inside the shrine. We learnt about what the soldiers went through in the war and we also met two important people that survived through World War 2 - Jimmy and Shirley.

Lovely and Uchenna 6CH

After we looked inside of the shrine of Remembrance 6IG and 6GI sat down and we took some photos because a lot of kids wanted photos on their phones. Then all of us got our Apex and looked at the World War Two history and watched the eternal flame. All in all I think that it was a good excursion and I kind of going to live Australia, its amazing and learning about brave soldiers that saved this country.

Matthew 6CH
Saving the lives of Australian soldiers,

Inspiring others that you can achieve amazing things,

Making a brave decision to walk through a land of pain and agony,

Pleasing the nation by protecting the hope that a soldier might come back,

Swiftly walking to the beach because a life was in his hands,

Overcoming the thoughts of never coming back to his home,

Never forget this courageous man because he put his life on the line for others,

After an awesome afternoon at the shrine, we went on the Melbourne Star!!! I was in a cabin with lots of people including Mrs Hamilton and Mei. Max was pretty scared but when we were at the top Max overcame his fear, which was surprising because we were at the top. We all saw amazing things and had a great time.

By Jonathan

MELBOURNE STAR

On the Melbourne Star there was lots of walking and talking. I was lying on the bench and I felt nauseous. I didn’t want to get up and I kept my eyes closed and I felt like I was missing out.

Finally I got up feeling brave and strong and I saw spectacular land marks. And that’s what happens when you go to the Melbourne Star.