FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CIS (Council of International Schools) Visit to TMPS

In the week commencing Monday 2nd May, we will have a CIS prepatory visit. For the visit, 3 International CIS Accreditors – Ray Davis, Michele Anderson and Helena Sobulis will be in our school to read our report and consult with students, parents, staff and school council. This will be a very busy time for all of us.

Special ANZAC Day Assembly

Tomorrow, (Friday 22nd April) in the afternoon we will be holding a special Anzac Day assembly at 2.40pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Also, the School Captains and House Captains will represent the school at an ANZAC service at Endeavour Hills tomorrow morning.

A reminder that Monday 25th April is the ANZAC Day public holiday.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our Cross Country competitors. They performed very well, and represented the school in a way that makes us all feel proud of them.

John Hurley
Principal
Notices Sent Home

- Year 2 Como House Excursion
- Year 2 Singing Concert
- Year 4 Singing Concert
- Prep to Year 6 Curriculum Information Booklet

(Please note Mothers’ Day Stall will be held on Friday 6th May not 13th May as published in this booklet)

CSEF Applications

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their achievements.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students

How to Apply

- Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF or TMPS website.

Please note:
Prep children who have been approved for CSEF are now entitled to specific school uniform items free of charge. Letters will be sent out to eligible families in the next week, or please call in for more information.

Tracey Etherington
Business Manager

ANZAC DAY APPEAL 2016

If you wish to support the ANZAC Day Appeal we are selling poppies and badges. 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
**Book Club**

Reminder that money and orders for Issue 3 of Book Club are due back at school by tomorrow, Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April. No later orders will be accepted.

*Book Club Coordinators*

**Naplan Testing (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)**

These tests are conducted Australia-wide for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. They are a “snapshot” of how a student achieves on that 40 or 50 minute test on the test day. As parents would be aware, this may or may not be an accurate assessment of a students’ overall achievement.

At school, we conduct a number of tests throughout the year to give both parents and teachers a more accurate view of how each student is learning. This is then conveyed to parents in half yearly reports.

The test days are as follows:

- 10/5/16 Language Conventions and Writing test
- 11/5/16 Reading test
- 12/5/16 Numeracy test

On testing days we would ask that students arrive at school as promptly as possible to ensure a consistent start and finish time. More detailed information will follow in a Parent Information Pack which will be distributed to relevant year levels shortly.

*Mark Reid*
*Assistant Principal*

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**TMPS Enviro. News**

**Bunnings visit Thomas Mitchell PS**

On Tuesday 12th of April, Anne from Bunnings Dandenong came to Thomas Mitchell to help us plant. We would like to thank her for teaching us how to successfully plant the vegetable seedlings into the patch. We planted a diverse range of vegetables and herbs including carrots, lettuce and beetroot. We kindly request that if you see anyone harming the plants to ask them kindly to leave them alone or tell a teacher. We recommend you check out the vegetable patch in front of the Community building, better known as the Science and Indonesian room as they are growing quiet well.

Thanks Presh and Czarina
We have had one positive diagnosis of Slapped Cheek in our school community. Slapped Cheek is especially concerning for pregnant women.

SLAPPED CHEEK
Slapped Cheek occurs worldwide and is a common childhood illness. There are many names used to describe this viral infectious disease including:

- Slapped Cheek
- Fifth Syndrome
- Parvovirus B19
- Erythema Infectiousus

As the name implies, the infected person usually has bright red cheeks, as if they have been slapped. This childhood disease is a small single stranded DNA virus. The virus affects the development of red blood cells. Most symptoms of the virus are not caused by the virus itself but by the immune system releasing antibodies to kill the virus.

CAUSE
Slapped Cheek is caused by a virus called Parvovirus. Because it is a virus, antibiotics will not work. The virus is transmitted in droplets coughed out by the infected person.

RESERVOIR: (A place where the infectious agent lives)
- Humans

SYMPTOMS
Children
In children, there is mild illness with little or no fever. Other symptoms include:

- Lacy pink rash on the cheeks, trunk and limbs that fades in a week
- Headache
- Itch
- Sore throat
- Joint pain symptoms can take 4-14 days to appear after getting the virus
- The rash can come and go for several weeks, especially after exposure to sunlight and after exercise.

Adults
50 – 60% of women are immune to the virus by the time they reach adulthood. In adults the rash is often absent but cold like symptoms and sometimes joint pain and swelling may be present. There is no specific treatment for uncomplicated infection.

HOW IS SLAPPED CHEEK DIAGNOSED?
Diagnosis is made by a doctor based on the typical rash during a physical examination.

- In cases in which it is important to confirm the diagnosis, a serological blood test may be done to look for antibodies or seroconversion to specific IgG antibodies

MODE OF TRANSMISSION: (the spread of the infection)
The virus can be spread through:

- About 50% of non-immune people will become infected if there is an infected person in their household
- The disease may spread vertically (via the placenta) from a mother to her foetus
SLAPPED CHEEK (continued)

INCUBATION PERIOD: (The time from the moment of exposure to an infectious agent until signs and symptoms of the disease appear)

The incubation period is approximately 4-20 days

*Once there is a rash on the face, the child with the rash is not infectious and cannot spread the infection to others.*

Most children do not need treatment except for resting and allowing for the body to fight infection.

PREVENTION
- There is no vaccine or medicine that prevents Slapped Cheek
- Wash hands before eating or touching your face
- A blood test to check immunity is highly recommended *if you are pregnant*

CONTROL MEASURES
- Control of the environment is not applicable

Excluding persons with Slapped Cheek from school is not likely to prevent the spread of the virus, since ill persons are contagious before they develop the rash.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
*Pregnant women in contact with Slapped Cheek should seek medical advice and have a blood test. Your doctor or obstetrician will be able to give you more information.*

SPORT NEWS

**District Cross Country Carnival – Wednesday 20th April**

Congratulations to all Thomas Mitchell students who competed yesterday at the District Cross Country Carnival.

Thomas Mitchell students were outstanding and we are very proud of their efforts. The final results will announced within the next few days.

Well done to the students who finished in the top ten, they have now qualified for the Divisional Cross Country Carnival. This will take place on Monday 23rd May. All Thomas Mitchell students who have qualified will be notified.
Cross Country Training

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

Tuesday 26th April 8.20am    Tuesday 3rd May 8:20am

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

Divisional Tennis Competition

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

Snezana 6CW    Nimal 5BS    Anush 5BS

Year 6 Interschool Sport – Friday 22nd April

Tomorrow Year 6 students participate in their first round of Interschool Sport. Please see the table below for game fixture:

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Students who are in the home team are reminded to please bring a cut orange for Interschool Sport.

Interschool Sport

Term Two Fixture Change

*Please note: On Friday 10th June, there will not be a game due to our school curriculum day. The costing for term two interschool sport has been adjusted accordingly from $15.00 to $13.00. The extra money will be added to the additional excursion levy.

House Points

Weekly House Points Results

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Olivia Goder
Physical Education Teacher
**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 will be so happy if we can contribute $10,000.

**Meeting**

Our next meeting has been rescheduled and will now be held on **Friday 29th 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 using the link below, from now until the 9th May. Jamberry Nails are also donating $1 from all wraps sold in April to Legacy 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 Mb:0422 621 187. Please use the following link to make your online purchase. Please check the online newsletter through the school website if you wish to click on the link directly instead of typing it in! [https://aussiejammy.jamberry.com/au/en/shop/party/home/a10546b1-4e5a-4cbf-b5f3-32956947ab5e](https://aussiejammy.jamberry.com/au/en/shop/party/home/a10546b1-4e5a-4cbf-b5f3-32956947ab5e)

**Mothers’ Day Stall**

The Mothers’ Day Stall will be held on **Friday 6th May**. All gifts will be $5 each and students wishing to purchase additional gifts can do so at the end of the day. We ask that you let your teacher know, on the day, if you have $10 or more. Please bring a shopping bag for your purchase/s.

**5 Cent Fundraiser**

Thanks to everyone who has supported this fun event so far! Please continue to donate your 5 cent coins via your class teacher each morning. 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 each morning.

**School Banking**

We had 83 deposits this week. 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 (or 1 gold token) with your banking if you’d like to claim a reward. **Remember the competition is still running as well 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 are selling Entertainment Books again this year and they are available for purchase from the school office. Cost of books is $65.00 each. More information will be sent home next week.
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.

Thomas Mitchell OSHC 21st April 2016
OSHC Telephone Number - 0415 326 328

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

It’s that time again to help support this great cause.

We are having a morning and afternoon tea at OSHC.

Please feel free to stop by and sample the children’s cooking and also get a hand massage and your nails painted by your child.

A donation would be lovely as well!

Janice and the OSHC Team