FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Staff News
We welcome back to school Mrs Michelle Sal.

Next Friday, 19th August, will be Mrs Narelle Waples last day before going on family leave. I’m sure everyone joins with us in wishing her and her husband Keith best wishes for the birth of their first child.

Supervision at School
Parents are reminded that students are supervised at school from 8.45am until 3.45pm. Children should NOT arrive at school before 8.30am, and should be picked up by 3.50pm. Please contact the school if you are going to be late picking up your child/children.

We often have meetings after school that all staff are required to attend. At these times, children are not supervised and we have concerns for their safety.

We do have a Before and After School Care Program run by Camp Australia. Details are available from the school office, or the Camp Australia office in the Gym.

Years 3 & 5 Concert
Last night I was thrilled to be in the audience for the Years 3 and 5 concert at River Gum Performing Arts Centre. It is wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm of the students as they perform their songs, and also to see how proud and encouraging all the family members are as an audience.

Well done years 3 and 5!

John Hurley
Principal
Welcome to Janos (Prep AY) and Minseok 2JRF, who commenced at Thomas Mitchell this week.

NOTICES SENT HOME

- Notice to Parents of Children in 1NW
- Year 5 Excursion – Gleneagles Secondary College Production ‘Babysitter Wanted’
- Year 6 Activity – Professor Bunsen ‘Energy and Motion’
- District Athletics Carnival
- Year 4 Camp

Technology Institute of Victoria

Great Opportunity For Parents Seeking to Develop Their Skills and Enhance Their Career Opportunities.

Technology Institute of Victoria is offering funded places in a Certificate III in Business BSB30115 course. This offer is available to parents and friends of the Thomas Mitchell Primary School community who meet eligibility criteria.

If you are interested there are information notices at the TMPS office. Alternatively you can register online at www.tiv.com.au/parents. Expression of interest is due by Tuesday 23rd August 2016 for Term 3 commencement.

NUDE FOOD 2016

Nude food winners for Week 4:
Junior School: 2MC brought an average of 57% of Nude lunches.
Middle School: 3RC brought an average of 42% of Nude lunches.
Upper School: 5CI brought an average of 36% of Nude lunches.

Well done!!

What is a “Nude” lunch box?
A “nude” lunch box is one that has no plastic wrappers or rubbish that goes to landfill. Use re-useable containers and re-use snaplock bags to build a healthy and rubbish free lunch box. And remember, fruit scraps are not included as rubbish!
Children’s Book Week – August 22nd-26th

On Thursday 25th August TMPS will hold their Book Week dress up day. Students are invited to dress as their favourite character from a book or as their favourite author. Prizes will be given to both the most creative and the best dressed student in each year level.

We also have a new competition this year. Students are invited to re-create a book cover from one of the TMPS Shortlisted books. Entries can be in any form: video, poster, presentation, song, movie play... students are limited only by their imagination. The judges are looking for the most creative entry.

Please visit the library to look at the TMPS shortlisted books and choose a cover to re-create.

The Book Week Committee

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Only a few weeks left!

Reading is well underway for all the students who are part of the challenge. So far, almost 3,000 books have been read by the students who are part of the challenge.

Years Prep – 2, need to read or have read to them, 30 books (at least 20 need to be from the Challenge list).

Years 3 – 6 need to read 15 books (at least 10 need to be from the challenge list). All students should have received their password and username by now.

The last day for entering your books is FRIDAY 2nd September 2016. Once you have marked your books as “finished”, the school will verify them for you.

The school Library has a large number of books from the challenge list that are easily identified.

Further information is available at the school Library.

Josie Morando
Librarian

Uniform Shop News

YEAR 6 HOODED WINDCHEATER

I have one size large hooded year 6 windcheater on sale for $35.00. First in best dressed.

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Sally Opie
Uniform Shop
**Dental Health Week 2016**

This week I had the pleasure of presenting a dental workshop for Prep and Year 2 students.

Children were given the opportunity to learn about the importance of caring for their teeth and smile. The children were presented with a small video, a tooth cleaning demonstration and PowerPoint presentation. Toothbrushes and tooth paste were also handed out to some very excited children.

Here are some interesting facts students learnt this week:

* If you look after your teeth you can keep them forever.
* Teeth are the hardest part of your body. Teeth are covered in a hard substance called enamel.
* No two people have the same set of teeth—your teeth are as unique as your fingerprint, so be proud of your unique set of teeth.
* An average person spends 38.5 days brushing their teeth over their lifetime.

**SPORT NEWS**

*District Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 17th August*

Congratulations to all students in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have qualified for the District Athletics Carnival on **Wednesday 17th August**, at Knox Athletics Track in Knoxfield. Training commenced this week.

For more training dates and times please see the table below.

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**Year 6 Interschool Sport**

The fourth round of interschool sport will be held tomorrow, **Friday 12th August**. Please see below for details:

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**House Points**

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*Have a great week!*

*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’ll be so happy if we can contribute $10,000.

School Banking
We had 77 deposits this week. Remember, the school receives commission from the Commonwealth Bank for all deposits made so this is a great all year fundraiser! Please remember to send your book to the office by 9am on Wednesday mornings.
Term 3 Competition – Simply make 3 or more deposits in Term 3 to be in the running!
IMPORTANT – to be in the running for the PS4, you need to complete the Stargazing Activity on the CBA website as well as make 3 or more deposits. Please click on this link for more details - http://www.commbank.com.au/prizelights
New Bankers - If you’d like to join School Banking, please visit your local CBA branch or pick up an Application Form from the school office.
Year Long Competition - The major competition for a trip to Australia Zoo is still on and anyone who makes 15 or more deposits for the year, before the end of Term 3, will receive an entry.

Entertainment Books
LAST CHANCE! Any books not sold by the 15th August will be returned so please order now if you’d like a copy. For only $65, you get over $15,000 worth of valuable offers that can be used straight away. The vouchers are valid up until 1st June, 2017! $13 from each book sold will go towards our fundraising. You can order an Entertainment Book online (hard copy book or Digital membership) https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1876q86, or pay by EFT/Credit Card or correct cash at the school office. A sample book is available at the office for viewing.

Fathers’ Day Stall
Our annual Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Friday 2nd September. All gifts cost $5 each – cash only. Please bring a small bag to take gifts home. Each child will visit the stall with their class between 9am and 12:50pm. A wide variety of gifts will be available and children will have an opportunity to purchase more than one gift, once all classes have visited.

Shopping Tour
Our yearly tour is booked for Saturday 22nd October so please check your diary and keep the date free!! The cost will be $55 per person which includes a 2 course lunch with a glass of wine or soft drink. Everyone is welcome so please invite some friends to come along as well. Please pay for your tickets at the school office, by EFT or correct cash, anytime before the 3rd October to secure your seat on the bus. We’ll visit various outlets selling clothes, bags, food, shoes, linen etc. As this is a fundraising event, money will not be refunded unless the whole tour is cancelled. Departure time will be confirmed closer to the date but it will be an early start and a late finish for a great day of fun & laughter!

2016 TMPS Shopping Tour
Name ______________________________________________________________________________________
Student’s Name _______________________________________________________________________________ Class _________
Name/s of Attendees ________________________________________________________________________________

☐ I enclose $ ___________ being payment for ____________ people.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Playgroup
This week at Playgroup the children enjoyed making caterpillars with pegs and making handbags and decorating them. One Dad had a special tool bag made for him with glitter. We also made and decorated gingerbread men which were yummy. Next week we are holding our own Playgroup Mini Olympics. We are having races with bean bags, ball races and maybe even a mummy race. Come along and bring a friend.

Narre North Cricket Club

Registration Day Friday 26th August 5:00 – 7:00

We are currently seeking interest and applications for the upcoming cricket season.
- Players for age groups Under 11, Under 13, & Under 15
- Also seeking interest for Milo T20 Blast (Friday evenings)
- Girls – this includes you. MORE than welcome, and encouraged to play.
- Under 11’s play Friday evenings (must be under 11 years old as at 01/09/2016)
- All other age groups Saturday mornings, and must be under 13 or 15 as at 01/09/2016
- For more information, and to express interest, please contact
  Dean Olsson 0425 825 593 or dp.olsson@bigpond.com, Colin Booker 0409 544 621 or cmbooker@bigpond.com
  Steve Shaw 0418 375 606 or steves@beramyt.com.au

Kindy Town Early Learning Centre

Kindy Town Early Learning Centre is now open in Endeavour Hills where we have created a learning environment enriched with creative and sensory experiences as a place where each child is encouraged to meet their full potential. We are located at 136 – 138 Gleneagles Drive, Endeavour Hills. For further information, please visit our website www.kindytown.com.au or phone us on 9700 0410.

Celebrate Doveton

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FREE COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES
Competitions are open to anyone who either lives, studies, works, plays sport, is part of a group, church, club etc., in the postcode of 3177.

Doveton’s Living Treasure
1st Prize: Atura Bed & Breakfast Package + Voucher

Under 14’s Visual Arts Competition
1st Prize: Tickets to Enchanted Adventures Gardens

Forms available at: Doveton’s Living Treasure, the DNLC, 34 Oak Ave, Doveton. For more info, contact 9791 1449 or visit www.dovetonnc.net.au

Amateur Photo Competition
1st Prize: Tickets to Melbourne Star

Under 14’s Story Competition
1st Prize: Tickets to Melbourne Museum

Drop off entries to 34 Oak Ave, Doveton, 9am – 2pm, Mon - Fri. Ph: 9791 1449 or Join us on Facebook

Winners will be announced at the “Celebrate Doveton” event on Friday 23rd September 2016 (first Friday of Term 3 school holidays.)
The Great Victoria Desert
by Alessandra Papalotta STP

The Great Victoria Desert is also known as the Great Victoria Desert, is an arid place located in Australia, between Western and South Australia.

Animals
In the GVD there are quite a few different animals, such as lizards, snakes, the Mallee Fowl and Red Kangaroo. There are many different kinds, in fact Mallee Fowl and Red Kangaroo. There are quite a few different kinds, in fact Mallee Fowl and Red Kangaroo. There are quite a few different kinds, in fact Mallee Fowl and Red Kangaroo. There are quite a few different kinds, in fact Mallee Fowl and Red Kangaroo. There are quite a few different kinds, in fact Mallee Fowl and Red Kangaroo. There are quite a few different kinds, in fact Mallee Fowl and Red Kangaroo.

Weather
In summer, the temperature reaches well over 40 degrees Celsius. In winter, daily temperatures are usually between 15-25 degrees Celsius, but at night, it can go down to zero. The temperatures can be blistering hot but also very cold.

Plants
Flora of the GVD is interesting. There are common plants such as Spinifex and Gum trees. There are also flowers such as Acacia and Eucalyptus. A Spinifex is a long spiky type of plant whereas an Acacia is a flower plant that blooms yellow flowers.

Fact Facts
- Red Kangaroos live in the GVD. They can jump lengths of up to 9 meters.
- To keep the soil from blowing away, the leaves of the Spinifex are cut into a certain shape to prevent wind erosion.

Leonardo da Vinci

It was in Vinci, Tuscany, Italy when an artist was born. Well, not just an artist. He was also a scientist, engineer and a mathematician. This was when the world famous Leonardo Da Vinci was placed in our world to show us great beauty and other genius talents.

As a normal child, he loved animals, clothing and practical jokes. When he was born, his father married another woman named Albiera and the wife married another. Although he was supposed to be in the great care of his father and stepmother, he spent most of his time with his grandparents and his dad’s youngest brother, Francesco. The reason for this is because his father and stepmother did a lot of business and other stuff in the neighbouring city of Florence and they had little time for him. When he and Uncle Francesco went on walks together, he would ask a lot of questions. He also loved nature. He loved nature so much that he started taking notebooks everywhere to draw pictures, diagrams and to write questions.

Leonardo had many personal achievements. One of his greatest achievements was painting the world famous “Mona Lisa”. He also had plans for a tank, which looked like a turtle shell for the war and he created the world’s first flying machine. He even had plans for a submarine and he painted “The Last Supper”. In 1506, he worked for King Louis XII and in 1516, he worked for King Francis I. He had so many achievements that they can’t be counted.

Unfortunately, this creative man passed away in the year of 1519 when he was at the age of 67. His ideas become reality, thanks to the growth and development of technology. He truly was an absolute genius.

By Sasha STP.

The Amazon

The Amazon Rainforest is an incredible and most majestic rainforest, located in South America and it is over 55 million years old!

The Amazon Rainforest is known for being the largest rainforest on earth; in fact it is 5.525 million square kilometres! And it runs through nine different countries! 60% of the Amazon is in Brazil. It is truly the conqueror of rainforests.

The Indigenous people in the Amazon are called the Yanomamo and Kayapo people. They’ve lived in the Amazon for over 39,000 years and hunter-gatherer groups are generally nomadic. More than 30 million people live in the Amazon and they count on nature for agriculture, clothing and traditional medicines.

The Amazon consists of insects (2.5 million), plants (40,000), birds (1,300), fish (3,000) and mammals (430) and they all live in different areas. The Amazon consists of very unusual wildlife.

The weather in the Amazon has a variety of different temperatures. The average daytime temperature in the rainy season is usually higher 27 degrees (°C) but in night-time lows the temperature usually in between 15 degrees (°C) and 24 degrees (°C).

So to sum it up, the Amazon is a beautiful rainforest with different things the Amazon has to offer, such as the wonderful Yanomamo and Kayapo people, the beautiful animals and a lot more. The Amazon is a truly magnificent rainforest.

By Jarell STP
**LIFE UNDERWATEERS**

Underwater oceans are home to most animals on planet earth. Throughout the whole ocean each and every animal or plant helps the make the ocean what it is.

### FOOD CHAIN

Without a food chain there would be no sea life underwater. Most large sea animals cannot live on small fish such as phytoplankton, which is then eaten by plankton, which then gets eaten by big sea creatures. Plankton are also part of the food chain. Animals eat plankton, and then in turn eat plankton, they breathe out soot for them to regrow.

### OCEAN FLOOR

Most of the ocean floor is flat, covered with a layer of particles called ooze. Next to each ridge, larks bubbles cool to create a brand new sea floor. Some volcanoes burst to create seamounts, where some reach ocean surface to create volcanic islands.

### FUN FACTS

Did you know that the great white shark is the top predator for the food chain? The two least known fish eat each other, Herring and Zooplankton. Another fun fact is that algae has been floating around for 3 billion years.

Underwater sea creatures and plants have been around for a very long time and are very important to our environment.

*By Aiko Yogi*

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**THE GOBI DESERT**  
Jyotika Nair, SSP

The Gobi is the biggest desert in Asia and it is classified as a cold desert. The Gobi stretches between two countries: Mongolia and China. The Gobi Desert is a rain shadow desert as it doesn’t get much rain because it’s blocked by the Himalayan Mountains.

### THE SILK ROAD

In history, the Silk Road connected Asia and Europe and measured 6,437km in length. The road transported silks and spices from Asia to Europe. These included gold, silver, precious stones and cloth.

**MARCO POLO**

Marco Polo was a merchant from Venice, Italy. He was one of the first Europeans to cross Asia (and the Gobi Desert). He was only 16 years old when he did the 24-year journey. Marco Polo said “This desert is reported to be so long it takes a year to go from one end to the other, and at the narrowest point, it takes a month to cross it. It consists entirely of mountains, sands and valley. There is nothing at all to eat.”

### PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE

The people who live in the Gobi are called Khalkha Mongols. The Khalkha Mongols are semi-nomadic peoples and move in gers. Gers are a detachable house built with a wooden frame.

### FAST FACTS

- Mongolians have 38 ways to say “desert”
- Bactrian camels live in the Gobi and have two humps that store fat

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**BULLMASTIFFS**

Bullmastiffs are considered as a large dog, but are shorter than a big Mastiff. Their personalities and looks vary but times they are alert.

### Bullmastiff Appearance

A Bullmastiff’s mouth is so similar to a Great Dane’s mouth in a way they both very similar looking dogs. Bullmastiffs have a very big floppy mouth and a big head, their ears are very floppy and are down so much that all of their hair gets on the side of their head. Bullmastiffs have a muscular body structure, their chest is very broad and they have very strong legs. A Bullmastiff’s fur is not long and fluffy like German Shepherds, they have short hair for strong feet and legs. A Bullmastiff’s fur is very short and strong, Bullmastiffs have 3 different colours, it is red, fawn and brindle.

### Being a watch dog

Bullmastiffs would make a great watch dog. At home they can be extremely lazy and just eat and sleep, but when you have invited someone to your house, your Bullmastiff will always come to the door with you. Once you open the door your Bullmastiff will the person if you are with the person then your Bullmastiff will be fine with that person.

### Keeping a Bullmastiff

It would be better to get a Bullmastiff when it is a puppy because it will be very difficult to train a Bullmastiff when it is older. Having a big backyard and a big fence is needed because Bullmastiffs can jump very high.

*By Rome*

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**BASKETBALL**

Basketball is a great sport played in many countries around the world. It is professionally played all around the world, but is more popular in America, with the NBA (National Basketball Association). In the NBA there is a total of 30 basketball teams!

During a basketball game, a team can have 4-5 players on the court at once, though they can have as many substitutes as that team wants. A substitute is an extra player, in case one of the on-court players gets injured, tired or fouled out.

When you touch a player on the opposing team, it is called a foul (although not every referee picks up on it). There are several different fouls that can be called, but only two will be mentioned. There's a "hand foul" and a "shooting foul". A "hand foul" is when you touch another player's hand with yours, and they have the ball. Whereas a "shooting foul", is when you touch an opposing player when they are shooting, and depending on the referee, will get two free shots.

There are plenty of rules, but yet again, only two will be listed. One of the main rules and easiest to follow, is bounce/dribble the ball at all times. Another rule is, if you steal the ball, you have to dribble it to the other end of the court, unless you stole the ball when it was in your half, in that case the ball will be cross-court if you bounced it across the half court line.

If and when you decide to buy a basketball, you need to make sure that you check the size because you may feel uncomfortable with the size of the basketball. The "official size" is size 7, but any basketball team that is for the under 18’s age is size 6. If you first start basketball, you may prefer to size a size 5 or 6 (even though you might use a size 6 if you’re under 18). Instead of size 7 basketball.

Overall, basketball is a fantastic sport that everyone should give a go, even if you aren’t that enthusiastic about it. No matter your age, you can play basketball, it doesn’t matter if you’re 6 or 30, you can always play the wonderful sport.

*Elsa, SCI*