### On Behalf of the Principal

**Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews**

These will take place on Monday 5th September and Tuesday 6th September. These meetings are very important. The meetings between teachers, parents and students about student learning and development allow for discussions about all aspects of your child’s development. I strongly encourage all parents to make a time to see your child’s teachers. Go online to book times or contact your child’s teacher. Students are encouraged to attend with their parent/guardian. Sometimes teachers may be running a little late, so please leave a short gap between your planned interview times.

If you cannot arrange an interview at this time, please see your child’s teacher to arrange an alternative time.

**CIS Parent Survey**

As we are progressing with our CIS journey towards our 10 year Self Study, we are asking parents to complete a short survey online. We have some email addresses for parents and will email the link directly to those families. If we do not have your email address, you can still access the survey via the following URL or QR code. The survey will be open for parents until the end of Term 3.

[http://tinyurl.com/zm7fx76](http://tinyurl.com/zm7fx76)

*Giselle Cassar  
Assistant Principal*
NOTICES SENT HOME

- Year 3 Activity – Cardytoons ‘Cartoon’ Workshop
- Year 4 Excursion – Gleneagles Cup Sports Day
- Year 5 Excursion – Melbourne Museum and IMAX

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Monday 5th September from 3.50pm – 8pm and Tuesday 6th September from 3.50pm – 6pm. Some teachers have times available outside of these dates, which will be made available to you when you log in.

Bookings open – Friday 19th August at 9am
Bookings close – Friday 2nd September at 4pm

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

Footy Free Dress Day

Tuesday 6th September

In conjunction with the Canteen Special Footy Lunch Day, Tuesday 6th September we will also have a ‘Footy Free Dress Day’. To celebrate the day we invite students and staff to dress in their team jumpers or team colours and bring along a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to support the Cancer Council’s Daffodil Day.

Louisa Boucher - Social Service
**Tournament of Minds**

On Saturday 20th August our TMPS Tournament of Minds team presented their long term challenge at Mount Lilydale Mercy College in front of a judge panel and an audience of parents, teachers and students from other schools. They also completed a spontaneous challenge, which tested their creative thinking skills and teamwork. The team (Pavlina and Carmen from 4MV, Presh and Sienna from 5CI, Issy from 6RQ, and Emily and Harejen from 6TG) worked extremely hard over the last 6 weeks to prepare for their challenge which included them writing their own script and creating their own props. Congratulations on a great effort and a fantastic performance!

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge-Ending Soon**

Reading is well underway for all the students who are part of the challenge. So far, over 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 user name 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. For those students who have read books and not entered them, please do so as soon as you can.

**Book Club - Issue 5**

All orders for Issue 5 have now been distributed. Thanks to the generous support of the school community, the library will receive over $400.00 worth of resources for all to enjoy and use.

Josie Morando,
Librarian

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**NUDE FOOD 2016**

**Nude food winners for Week 6:**

Junior School: 2MC brought an average of 46% of Nude lunches.
Middle School: 3RC brought an average of 43% of Nude lunches.
Upper School: 5SP brought an average of 37% 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!
ICAS Writing

We had 60 students participate in the ICAS Writing Competition. Their task was to write a narrative in 30 minutes using the stimulus ‘Sam turned the lights off immediately’. Students were also given time to plan and edit their work. As has been the case with all of our ICAS results, our achievements levels have exceeded benchmark national standards in most areas.

We received 2 High Distinctions, 15 Distinctions, 22 Credits, 7 Merits and 14 Participation certificates. These competitions are one of many resources that help build a learning profile at each year level. This broader profile then informs our planning and program delivery. Our school has begun using the VCOP Writing Program in multiple year levels across the school and we are beginning to see the benefit of this program not only through results like these, but also in the engagement levels of our students when writing.

I would particularly like to recognise the following achievements:

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Mark Reid, Assistant Principal

Uniform Shop News

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – TERM 3 2016

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:
26th August
2nd, 9th & 16th September

Each 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm
6th September

Sally Opie, Uniform Shop
**DENTAL HEALTH**

**Prep Dental Program**

Last week, I had the pleasure of delivering a dental initiative to all of our prep students. This was a fun and informative session which encouraged students to correctly brush their teeth. We also looked at:

- healthy vs. unhealthy lunchbox choices
- the importance of drinking tap water
- when and how long to brush teeth
- what happens to our teeth when we don't take care of our teeth
- how to correctly brush teeth

Preps were very engaged in the session and were also given a toothbrush and toothpaste pack to take home.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule allows for up to $1000* basic dental treatment over a two-year period for eligible 2–17 year olds

- 2-17 year olds are eligible if they receive Family Tax Benefit A or other relevant Australian Government payments
- Treatment is bulk billed through Medicare
- Eligible children pay $0 - no out of pocket costs
- No wait list - your child will have the next available appointment

**What dental treatments are available?**

- Dental check-ups and cleaning teeth
- Fissure sealants and fillings
- Dental X-rays
- Extractions
- Root canals

I would like to acknowledge Samantha Salt for kindly donating the use of her Dental props. The use of visual aids has been highly effective for this dental program.

*Anthea Cupido*

*School Nurse*
**SPORT NEWS**

**District Athletics Carnival – Thomas Mitchell First Place**

Congratulations to all students in Years 4, 5 and 6 who participated in the District Athletics Carnival last Wednesday at The Knox Athletics Track. Thomas Mitchell students produced fantastic results and took home the shield! Please see below for points tally:

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The Divisional Athletics Carnival will be held on **Wednesday 14th September**, at Casey Fields Athletics Track. Congratulations to the students below for qualifying to the Divisional Athletics Carnival.

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**Year 6 Interschool Sport**

The sixth round of Interschool Sport will be held this **Friday 26th August**. Please see below for details:

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Reminder: Year six students who are in the home team are reminded to please bring a cut orange for Interschool Sport.

**House Points**

**Weekly House Points Results**

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**Total House Point Results for 2016**

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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 so thanks again to all our regular bankers.

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.

Rewards – students can claim a reward each time they collect 10 silver tokens (or 1 gold token). Rewards currently available are: Eraser Pen, Skipping Rope, Outback Pat Bag Tag, 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 with your next deposit, including the required number of tokens, to claim a reward. Unfortunately you can’t use siblings’ tokens.

Fathers’ Day Stall

Our annual Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Friday 2nd September. All gifts will be $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.

Entertainment Books – LAST CHANCE!!!

We have 2 Entertainment Books left at the school office. Please drop by if you’d like to purchase one!! They are only $65 each and you can save more than that by just using 2 or 3 of the thousands of vouchers inside! If the books aren’t sold by Thursday 1st September, they’ll need to be returned so please drop in with cash or credit card to make your purchase.

Shopping Tour

BONUS – The first 10 people who book a seat/s for this year’s Shopping Tour will receive a $20 gift voucher for the Dandenong Club (voucher valid until 31/12/16)!

Our yearly tour is booked for Saturday 22nd October. 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!
‘Kids Art Works Fundraiser’

_Student’s Original Artwork Fundraiser_

_Great for keepsakes and gifts_

Over the course of the year, all the children from Prep – Year 6 have been working hard to design and create some beautiful artwork that can be made into a number of exciting products.

_All funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new kiln for our Art Room._

_The following products are available for purchase:_

- 2017 Calendars: $12.00 each
- 2017 Diaries: $18.00 each
- Sketch Pads: $15.00 each
- Mouse Mats: $15.00 each
- Card Packs [pkt of 8]: $12.00 each

If you wish to purchase any of the products, please complete the coloured order form sent home with the newsletter previously and return it to school with your payment. Please make sure to place your payment in a clearly labelled envelope and mark the envelope ‘Kids Art Works Fundraiser’ by **Friday 16th September**.

E.g.

Student’s Artwork Fundraiser  
Child’s Name:  
Child’s Class:  
Family Artwork: Yes or No

Additional copies of the order form are available from the office or can be downloaded

* If you have more than one child, we can combine each of your children’s artwork into one design, however this _MUST_ be **CLEARLY** indicated by writing the word **FAMILY** on both the envelope and on the order form.

 Please note a minimum fee of $15.00 is applied to EFT/Credit Card transactions at the office.

 Cheques to be made payable to Thomas Mitchell Primary School.

**ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER – SORRY NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

_Rosa Spizzirri and Jenni Entwistle_  
_Visual Arts Faculty_
THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL - ABSENCE NOTE

Return this slip to your child's teacher

Family Name: ................................................................. Child’s Name: .................................................................

Class: ............... (Please Print Clearly)

was absent from school on .................................................................................................................................

for the following reason: .................................................................................................................................
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Signed: ................................................................. Dated: .................................................................

(Parent/Guardian)
Dear Families,

Camp Australia in its partnership with Thomas Mitchell Primary School is pleased to introduce Jessica Matteo as the new Before and After School Care Coordinator.

Jessica Matteo has been with Camp Australia since early 2014 working in both Assistant and Coordinator roles. Jessica has most recently been working at our St Anne’s Service in the role of Coordinator. Jessica recently moved into the local area and will be transferring to our Thomas Mitchell Primary School OSHC Service from Monday 22nd August, 2016. We have a lot to look forward to in the program with a new Coordinator, new activities and new smiles!

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise Janice Declase’s achievements and success at our Thomas Mitchell Primary School OSHC Program over the past 10 years with Camp Australia and Janice’s service to the Thomas Mitchell Primary School community over the past 20 years.

Please keep an eye out for further information regarding a send-off and celebration for Janice in the coming weeks. I hope you will join me in wishing Janice all the best in her future endeavours.

For further information regarding the program or to discuss any specific requirements, please contact Jessica or Mikayla at the service.

For all other inquiries contact our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 (Monday – Friday from 8am to 6pm AEST).

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Warringston
Regional Coordinator
Camp Australia
Thank you to all students for participating in the Book Week celebrations today. It was great to see all students getting involved! Thank you to all class groups for all the hard work spent preparing for the day. Also a big thank you to all teachers for putting together a fantastic day.

Book Week 2016
TMPS Olympic Day

PrepScarthia (OAS), PrepHowlia (OCH), PrepYinica (OAY) & PrepHarmony (OLI) really enjoyed TMPS Olympic Day. First we had a special whole school assembly to show our wonderful country flags. Then we had a fun session with our buddies. Next we had a rotation of sport activities with our teachers. The activities were egg and spoon race, ladder race, hula hoops and a bean bag throw. After that we had our relay race.

PrepScarthia came 1st, PrepHarmony came 2nd
and PrepHowlia came 3rd.

Well done to all the Preps on a fantastic day!