School Census and Parent Surveys
Each year, the Department of Education and Training (DET) conducts a school census in early August. One of the important parts of the census is the DET Data Collection Form, which is intended to update your occupation and non-English speaking background information. This information is used in part to allocate 2017 funds to the school. Late last term we sent this form home. If you have not yet returned the form, please return it to school tomorrow, so it can be included in the census.

Parent Surveys
Parent surveys were sent home recently to a random list of families. While most have been returned, we are still waiting for some to be returned. Please also return these tomorrow so they can be sent off for processing.

Naplan Results
Although there has been considerable press coverage of 2016 Naplan results, schools do not receive the results until the week commencing 15th August. See a more detailed explanation in this newsletter by Mr Mark Reid (Assistant Principal).

Parking Around the School
Parents who are dropping off and picking up children would be aware that we have recently been visited by The City of Casey By – Laws Officers and the police. To avoid fines and to make the area safer for everyone, please be sure to follow the signs in the parking areas around the school.

John Hurley
Principal

NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Year 1 Excursion – La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary
- Year 2 Excursion – Melbourne Museum and IMAX
- Year 5 Public Speaking Program
- Canteen Special Lunch Day
NAPLAN

There have been preliminary reports in several media outlets about how Victoria has fared in NAPLAN testing for 2016. At this stage the information published is very broad and indicates statewide results only. We do not have a confirmed date for when our results and reports will be received at Thomas Mitchell, however we are expecting delivery to take place during the week commencing 15 August 2016. Please note, this will not be the date in which reports are sent home and we are awaiting advice from the Department of Education on a date for distribution.

Mark Reid
Assistant Principal

Canteen News

On Tuesday 6th September the Canteen will be holding a Special Footy Lunch Day for the whole school. Order forms have been sent home today with the newsletter. If you would like to order a ‘Footy’ lunch, please complete the order form and correct money and return it to school with payment by no later than 4.00pm on Friday 19th August. No late orders will be accepted. There will be no other lunch orders on this day.

Canteen Staff

NUDE FOOD 2016

Nude food winners for Week 3:
Junior School: 2MC brought an average of 79% of Nude lunches.
Middle School: 3RC brought an average of 41% of Nude lunches.
Upper School: 6TG brought an average of 49% 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!

Health Centre News

NITZ BLITZ CAMPAIGN
Thank you to all the students, staff and families for their patience during our Nit Blitz Campaign. Students were very aware of the reason for my visit to each classroom and embraced my persistence to check nearly 800 heads.

It appears that my posters and information in the newsletter have assisted my plight to rid the school community of head lice. It is now up to parents and guardians to check children’s heads. A good time to check is when listening to your child read or while watching television together.

DENTAL WEEK 2016
Next week is National Dental Week. I am looking forward to delivering a dental lesson to all of our grade two students. I will include information for parents and students about good oral hygiene in next week’s newsletter.

Nurse Anthea
**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.

Please see below for all students:

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**Year 6 Interschool Sport**

The third round of Interschool Sport will be held this **Friday 5th 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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Have a great week! 😊
Olivia Goder, Physical Education Teacher

**Uniform Shop News**

HELP NEEDED URGENTLY!!
We are looking for volunteers to help in the Uniform Shop organising and selling 2nd hand items for sale on the 9th August 2.45pm – 4.00pm. Please contact Sally Opie in the Uniform Shop if you would like to help.

SECOND HAND DONATED ITEMS CLEARANCE SALE - $2 ITEMS
On Tuesday 9th August we will be having a second hand sale of donated items.
This will be held outside the office (weather permitting) or outside the library between 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Cash sales only.

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

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – TERM 3 2016**

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:
- 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th August,
- 2nd, 9th & 16th September

Each 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm
- 16th August
- 6th September

Sally Opie
Uniform Shop

**Children’s Book Week – August 22nd-26th**

The children’s Book Council of Australia runs Children’s Book Week, which is the longest running children’s festival in Australia. A panel of judges looks at books submitted by publishers written or illustrated by Australian authors and illustrators. They read all the books and then select those that are to be short-listed. The judges look mainly for literary quality and then decide on the winners. The winners this year will be announced on Friday 19th August. Book Week celebrates and highlights the importance of reading. It is a fantastic opportunity to encourage children to read.

Thomas Mitchell will be involved in a range of activities during Book Week.

The Library Resource Centre currently has a display of the short-listed books. The theme for this year is “Australia-Story Country”. Children are able to look and read the books during their library lesson or during lunchtime or before and after school. All children will vote for their favourite book and the winning book will be announced during Book Week. Parents are very welcome to come in and look at the book display.
COMPETITIONS!
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

PARENTS’ CLUB

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 84 deposits this week. Please remember to send your book to the office by 9am on Wednesday mornings. We usually finish processing around 10am and cannot accept late deposits once we’ve closed out of the system. Remember our new competition! To be in the running, all you need to do is make 3 or more deposits during Term 3!! 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 - http://www.commbank.com.au/przelights
If you’d like to join School Banking, please visit your local CBA branch or pick up an Application Form from the school office.

The Flying Snake Tail and Mud Splat Handball rewards have both now SOLD OUT and are no longer available. Rewards currently available are: Eraser Pen & Skipping Rope (both new for Term 3), 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 10 silver tokens (or 1 gold token), to claim a reward. Unfortunately you can’t use siblings’ tokens. The major competition for a trip to Australia Zoo is still on and anyone who makes 15 or more deposits before the end of Term 3 will receive an entry.

Entertainment Books
We are still selling the 2016/2017 Melbourne Entertainment Book and can order more if our stock runs out. 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 TMPS’ 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 copy of the Entertainment Book is available at the office for viewing.

Shopping Tour
Once again we are organising a shopping tour for Term 4! The tour has now been 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 3rd October to secure your seat on the bus. We’ll provide details of the shops we’ll be visiting shortly. 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!

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2016 TMPS Shopping Tour

Name______________________________________________________________________________________

Student’s Name ________________________________________________________________ Class _________

Name/s of Attendees _____________________________________________________________

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☐ I enclose $ ___________ being payment for _____________ people.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Playgroup

In playgroup this week the children made glasses decorating them with glitter using scissors and feathers. We also made farms with the animals, played musical instruments, colouring and jigsaw puzzles.

The mothers had an activity for themselves to do. Using all natural ingredients the mothers made bath bombs.

Come along join in the fun and meet new people.

Casey Little Athletics

Little Olympics

To celebrate the Olympics, Casey Little Athletics is having a ‘Little Olympics' day for kids aged 5 - 15

It’s FREE and everyone is welcome

Sunday 21st August 2016

Edwin Flack Reserve
Manuka Rd, Berwick

Events include:
100m run, Hurdles, Long jump, Shot put, Vortex High Jump and Discus (dependent on age)

BBQ food available

For more information about Casey Little Athletics visit: caselyac.com.au
Follow us at https://www.facebook.com/CaselyLittleAthletics
Fun with Magnets in Year 4!

Magnets can attract and repel some metal objects.

Attract means to pull towards and repeal means to push away.

Magnets have a north and south pole just like the Earth!

Magnets can be very strong.

Magnets attract to the table legs.

Our magnets are attracted to each other.
Year 4: Our Brilliant Holidays!

My amazing holiday
On my wonderful holiday it was Eid! Eid is a celebration Muslims celebrate. Eid is over two days.

Day 1: The first day of Eid was on the 6th of July. It was a breakfast party. I saw Sara because she’s my family friend. I had a really good time with my friends (including Sara). In the middle of the party we got lolly bags and cupcakes! The cupcakes were so good! Also, during the party I got $25!

Day 2: My family friend’s 1st Birthday was on the 7th July which is on Eid! He is so lucky! It was a restaurant party in the city! During the party I sat next to my best friend Hanyia. We ate food. I ate chicken…not much, is it?

Overall I had the best Eid ever and I will never forget this Eid! I hope the next Eid will be just as good as this one.

Izma 4MV

Holiday Recount
On my astonishing holiday I went to Krystal’s Birthday party, and I had another Birthday party and that was for my aunty, and me and my family went to two movies.

I went to Krystal’s birthday and it was a blast. First, Krystal, Charlotte, Emily and I went to Pancake Parlour and after that we got a neck massage. It was so soothing and then we got our nails done. This was on the day we finished school.

On the 28th of June was my auntie’s birthday. We went to a restaurant called Maple Leaf, it is a Chinese restaurant. It was great, everyone has to try it. Especially the crunchy beef.

In the first week on Tuesday me and my family went to the movies to watch Alice through the Looking Glass and in the second week I went to see The BFG.

My holiday was great! How was yours?

Tiah 4JT

Term 2 Holidays
On my holiday I went to pick up my cousin Dom so Dom could have a sleepover at my house. When we got to my house we played Call of Duty Black Ops 3. What you have to do is pick a weapon and pick your character from specialist. After that there’s score streets and lastly there’s maps which you can use to pick the area you want to verse your friends. So when me and Dom play, he keeps destroying me!

After that we played FIFA 16 created by EA Sports. The rules are the same as soccer, but then things turn around. His team was Roma from Italy and I was FC Barcelona from Spain. I picked that team because my favourite player is Lionel Messi but I still like Ronaldo. Anyway my team kept smashing his team, we played at least 3 rounds of FIFA.

Last game was Minecraft. We played Survival and our plan was to build a town where people can move into our town or something like that.

After that we got Hungry Jacks, we got Whopper meals for lunch. Dom doesn’t like fizzy drinks so mum had his drink.

Malakye 4MV

Jonathan presents.... Jonathan’s holiday!
Hello, today I’ll be talking/writing about my holiday!
First of all, was day 1. In day 1 we were going to the city. Well here’s a little bit of information from when I was at home. My Grandma always said “You can’t take the family to the city!” She said that for years! But she is still nice.

The New Electronic
By the way, we are still in day 1. As the car engines started me, dad, mum and my little brother (Jason), were prepared to go to the magnificent city!

...more to come....

Jonathan 4MR