As we move towards the end of the school year, everyone is extremely busy, and working hard to complete everything that has to be done.

One very important item that has changed from last year is the Parent Payment Information Pack, that will be sent home today with every child (except Year 6 children). It is important that parents review the pack to get ready for the 2017 school year.

**Congratulations**
I’m sure everyone joins with me in offering our congratulations to Miss Heather Pohlen on her recent marriage. She is now Mrs Whitty.

**TMPS Choir**
Congratulations to members of our school choir, under the direction of Mr Stephen Brodie, who performed so well at the Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many parents and families there to support them.

**John Hurley**
**Principal**
2017 Book Pack Collection, Parent Payments & Uniform Shop Information

**TERM 1 DIARY DATES FOR 2017**

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<td>Prep Interviews and Testing (Students will be allocated an interview time)</td>
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**Canteen News**

The last day for canteen lunch orders and sales will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The canteen will be closed after this day and will reopen on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

*Canteen Staff*

**Uniform Shop News**

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – TERM 4 2016**

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December

**YEAR 6 AUTOGRAPHED WINDCHEATERS - 2017**

Letters have been sent home previously with all Year 5 students with suggested sizes for 2017 Year 6 jumpers. Please discuss these sizes carefully with your child as they cannot be exchanged. All garments are available for parents to view and verify sizing at the Uniform Shop each Friday morning from 8.30-9.30am by appointment.

*The last day for orders is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.*

*Sally Opie, Uniform Shop Coordinator.*
SPORT NEWS

Year 6 Interschool Sport

Round nine of Interschool Sport will be played tomorrow, Friday 9th December. Please see below for fixture 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.

Weekly House Points

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Have a great week! 😊

Olivia Goder
Physical Education Teacher

Parents’ Club

School Banking

We had 65 deposits this week. Thanks to everyone who consistently banks every week. We know it gets busy at this time of year but we hope that everyone makes a deposit for our last banking day on Wednesday 14th December!

The School Banking Program is a fun way for your child to develop the knowledge and confidence to handle their money, combining a savings Reward Program with great activities throughout the year. If you have not yet registered your child but would like them to participate in our School Banking program in 2017, please register your interest at www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

By doing so, the Commonwealth Bank will send an email in January, with a link to open an account on-line, or a reminder to go into a branch.

Remember, our school receives $5 commission for each new account registered as well as 5% for each deposit made on School Banking Days (up to a maximum of $10 commission per deposit).

Rewards – students can claim a reward each time they collect 10 silver tokens (or 1 gold token). Any rewards ordered before the end of the year will not be delivered until 2017 now. Rewards still available at this stage are: Outback Pat Bag Tag, Dollarmites Moneybox (2014), ET DVD (2015), Outerspace Money Box (2015). Remember, all unclaimed tokens will be rolled over into next year, so if you’re eligible for a reward, you can always wait and see the new rewards available in 2017!

Community News

Rowville Hawks Football Club will be holding a Girls and Boys free Football Super Clinic on Sunday 11th December from 10.15am to 12.00midday at Seebeck Oval, Rowville for girls and boys aged 7 – 14. For further information please contact Tony on 0409 691 969 or tony.costanzo@rowvillefc.org.au.
Once a week, 5 professional coaches from the Melbourne Sports Institute, have been coming to Thomas Mitchell Primary School for one session a week. They have taught the year 5 students and teachers how to do a wide range of sports which are: volleyball, softball, hockey, rugby and basketball.

The year 5s have been learning new sports rules and terms, as well as learning more about good sportsmanship and about how to successfully work together.

By Brianna 5CI
We would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Goder, for organising such fun and educational sports clinics this term!