FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to everyone for Term 3. A special welcome to our new students and families. We look forward to lots of learning for our whole school community – students, families and staff – throughout the term.

STAFF NEWS

We welcome Ms Pia Chowdhury to our staff. Pia has worked at our school during Terms 1 and 2, and is now a member of our staff.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY

Today our years 4, 5 and 6 students are going to Casey Fields Athletic/Sports Complex at Cranbourne for an exciting day of athletics that has been organised by Miss Goder. Many thanks to everyone who assists in making the day such a success, including parents, staff and students from Gleneagles Secondary College and Hallam Senior Secondary College.

I hope everyone kept warm and dry!

COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS (CIS) CHAPTER MEETING AT THOMAS MITCHELL –TOMORROW 15TH JULY

Tomorrow we will be hosting a Victorian Chapter Meeting of the Council of International Schools. We expect about 30 principals and school leaders to attend from a range of schools, both Government and Private, in Victoria. It gives us an opportunity to show off our school!

PARENT SURVEY

Each year, the Department of Education arranges for schools to send a parent survey to a randomly selected number of parents.

This survey will be sent home in the following week to about 120 families. The survey will be brought home by your eldest child if you are one of the randomly selected families.

Please complete the survey and return it to school in the sealed envelope as soon as you have completed it. The completed surveys are not seen by the school, but are sent to the Department for processing. The school then receives a summary of the responses. This is useful to us for future school development and planning.
**LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT**

During the holidays we moved everything out of the library and replaced the carpet. It was a good opportunity to re-arrange the library. Drop in and have a look at the great job our Librarians Josie Morando and Pei-Lein Tung have done!

*John Hurley*  
Principal

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**Welcome to Lynlu (Prep AY) and Lynya (3SC) who commenced at Thomas Mitchell Primary School this week.**

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**NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

- Year 1 Activity – Wild Action ‘Insect-A-Mania and Minibeasts’
- Year 3 Activity – Professor Bunsen ‘Solids, Liquids and Gases’
- Kelly Sports

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

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:  
15th, 22nd & 29th July  
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th August,  
2nd, 9th & 16th September

Each 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm  
19th July  
2nd & 16th August  
6th September

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**NUDE FOOD 2016**

Nude Food is back! As part of Thomas Mitchell Primary School’s Sustainability program, we have reintroduced our Nude Food competition. This is an opportunity for students to combine healthy eating with being environmentally aware. Parents and teachers at TMPS are encouraged to help students make healthy lunch choices and prepare their food without the use of extra wrappers.

**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!

**Every day** we will count how many students in each class bring “nude” lunch boxes (including snack and lunch). Using a percentage, we will work out which class is the overall winner for the week and the winning class will receive a certificate. Look out for Week 1’s winning class in the newsletter next week!

For more information, contact Rose Arbuthnot.
At the end of last term we surveyed all the students on how they get to school each day. Our results showed that most of the students go to and from school by car. It also showed us that fewer students are walking or riding to school since last year.

Walking or riding to school

- gives us quality time with our family and/or friends
- helps us to save money on petrol and cars
- keeps us fit
- put less pollution into the environment

Remember to always keep safe and obey the road rules and where a helmet when riding.
Visual Arts News
Recently a group of 16 Year 6 students came together to create an amazing piece of artwork. This piece is our school’s submission for the State-wide Art Competition ‘Our Sunset, My World’ which goes on exhibition at Federation Square on Saturday July 23rd.

‘A New Day Dawns’

This artwork was created with Cambodia in mind; its people, animals and culture. It represents hope for a new beginning for the people of Cambodia, while maintaining their cultural identity. Students used watercolour paints with a water wash to create the sky and water at Angkor Wat. Dancers, animals, monks and a Buddha were made using pasteboard, permanent markers, tissue paper, satin material and other decorative items.

We would like to acknowledge John and Abel 6CH, Ebru, Lily-Rose, Nathan, Jamal, Bailey, Amitha, Tiffany and Alissa 6CW, Owais and Laya 6JR, Ebi and Isabelle 6RQ, Ciala and Emily 6TG for their hard work and dedication for a common goal. We are very proud of all of the students involved in this project and wish them well for the competition.

Jenni Entwistle and Rosa Spizzirri
Visual Arts Faculty

ICAS Digital Technologies
We have received our first round of results for the 2016 ICAS competitions.
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is a series of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students. ICAS tests are not mandatory and parents/students had the opportunity to pay for entry in one or more of the following assessments: Digital Technologies, English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Writing.

Our Digital Technologies results give us a snapshot of student achievement and allow us to moderate these achievements against national standards. It also helps inform our future planning.
We had close to 50 students participating and I would like to congratulate all students on their efforts. The results and certificates for all students will be sent home with this newsletter.
Can I remind parents that not all students sit for these assessments and the results should be considered against a relatively small percentage of the student population.
I would particularly like to recognise the following:
SPORT NEWS

READY, SET, GO!!
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - YEARS 4-6 THURSDAY JULY 14TH

Our school Athletics Carnival was held today at the Casey Fields Athletics Track, for years 4, 5 and 6 students. Well done to all students who competed today and represented their house. We would also like to thank all the parent helpers, for their time today and for making the day possible.

YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Interschool sport returns next Friday 22nd July. This Friday will be used as a practice round between both Thomas Mitchell teams. The Sports that are being played this term are Basketball, Sofcrosse, Softball, Volley Stars and AFL football. Please make sure you check the newsletter each week to see where your team is playing.

SPORT STARS
If you have any exciting news about your child’s sporting achievements we would love to hear all about it. Please contact Miss Goder.

HOUSE POINTS - WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS RESULTS

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Have a great week! 😊

Olivia Goder, Physical Education Teacher

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 52 deposits this week. Not bad for the first week of Term but hopefully we’ll see a few more bankers depositing next week. To avoid disappointment, please ensure your books are sent to the office by 9am on Wednesday mornings. We usually finish processing around 10am and cannot accept late deposits once we’ve closed the system.

New competition announced by CBA! To be in the running, all you need to do is make 3 or more deposits during Term 3!! Please see the flyer sent home with today’s newsletter for more information. Good luck everyone! 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 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 now have 5 extra copies of the 2016/2017 Melbourne Entertainment Book currently at the office and can order more if necessary. 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 TPMS’ fundraising. You can order an Entertainment Book online (hard copy book or Digital membership) [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1876q86](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. Please see flyer sent home with today’s newsletter for more details.

SHOPPING TOUR
Once again we are organising a fun-filled shopping tour for Term 4! Further details will be provided when available but the date for the tour will be Saturday 22nd October so please mark your diaries now and keep the date free!!

MEETING
Our next Parents’ Club Meeting will be held in the school staffroom at 2:30pm on Friday 15th July. Please come along if you’d like to be involved in the Club or have any fundraising ideas to put forward.
Welcome back for Term 3.
Both children and staff had a wonderful time during holiday program. We found Dory and had Tunza Fun at Knox. Come in and check out our fabulous photos.

We ask that parents have updated any information, especially contact telephone numbers through head office or at the service.

Janice & the OSHC Team 😊
The Grade Two's Wonderful Writing

Haiku

- Morning sun, crunchy leaves, autumn

Haiku

- Winter's chill, snowflakes falling, peace

Haiku

- Autumn's breath, leaves coloring, orange, red, yellow

Haiku

- Icy moon, starlight in the cold winter night, cozy

Haiku

- Memories of snow, cozy fireside, family, warm