FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Visit from Dali Experimental School

Yesterday (Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} July) we were proud to host a visit from 40 students and 6 staff from Dali Experimental School, from Foshan City, in the south of China.

We had an assembly at which they presented gifts to our school (and we to their school) and they performed a song for our students and staff. They then showed some of our students a tea ceremony and calligraphy.

We all enjoyed the experience, and look forward to maintaining contact with the school. A big ”thank you” to Mandarin teacher Qing Liang for organising the visit, and our four student leaders – Emily, Samir, Amelie and Abel for the wonderful job they did looking after our visiting students.
Parking Around the School

On Tuesday morning, we were visited by a number of Parking Officers from The City of Casey. We also had 2 police cars patrolling the streets outside our school. The purpose of the visit was to look for solutions to the parking problems outside the school. Some suggestions were –

- Remember that the area outside the school is only a pick up/drop off zone between 8.30am – 9.15am and 3.40pm – 4.00pm.
- The area on the uphill side of the school crossing in Cunningham Drive is often vacant, while there is a queue on the downhill side.
- U turns are not permitted at the times the signs indicate.
- We will be trying to encourage students to be more aware of watching out for parents cars.
- Often, at 3.30pm to 3.45pm most of the traffic has gone.
- Please use the crossing to cross the road. We are trying to encourage students to only cross at the crossing.

I’m sure all parents agree that the safety of students is of paramount importance!

John Hurley
Principal

Welcome to Jordano (4MR), Luca (Prep LH) and Joshua (PrepAS), who commenced at Thomas Mitchell Primary School this week.

NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Prep Activity – Hands on Science ‘Weather’ Workshop
- Year 3 Singing Concert
- Year 4 Activity – Little Devils Circus ‘Circus Forces’
- Year 4 Camp Parent Information Night Feedback & Future Year 4 Parents
- Year 5 Singing Concert
- Prep to Year 6 Curriculum Information – Term 3

Book Club

Brochures for Issue 5 are being distributed this week. All orders are due back at school by Friday 29th July. The completed order forms and payment (correct money only), or cheque, should be placed in an envelope and returned to the classroom teacher. No change can be given.

Credit card payments are made directly to Scholastic via the online ordering system LOOP. Go to the Scholastic website to do this. (www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). No order forms need to be filled out for this.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept late orders.

Book Club Co-ordinators
Battery Recycling

Thanks to so many of you for taking part in the battery recycling program. We have collected over 200 batteries which have been dropped off at Bunnings. These will be collected and pulled apart. Parts of them are reused to make new batteries. Old batteries are not supposed to be put in the regular bins and we only recycle household batteries not car or phone batteries.

2nd Hand Book Sale

After the success of our 2nd hand book sale last year, during book week in term 3, we are having another second hand book sale. We are going to extend it to jigsaws, educational games and G rated DVDs.

We are asking for donations of second hand books, fiction, non fiction, picture story or novels, jigsaws, educational games and G rated DVDs. Please make sure materials are in a reasonable condition and are appropriate for primary school level.

Bring all books to room 10 for collections
Nick and Tony’s author visit

On Tuesday 26 July, children’s author Nick Falk and illustrator Tony Flowers will be visiting the school to talk to Year 3 students about reading, writing, ninjas and Shakespeare. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to get to know the ins-and-outs of writing and illustrating stories: students will not want to miss this!

Nick is a brilliantly entertaining author and his excitement for reading funny, clever stories about history is contagious. Tony is an internationally acclaimed illustrator, his exciting demonstration will have everyone inspired to pick up a pencil to have a go.

Their latest book How to Stop an Alien Invasion Using Shakespeare is their funniest yet. Join three friends as they use their imagination, settle playground scores and alter the entire course of history in the process! Full of aliens, pig trotters’ broth and advice from the Bard, this is perfect for fans of Horrible Histories.

Billy Fincher is like any other nine-year-old boy, but after a nasty lizard bite at the pet shop, there is something very different about him: Billy is a dragon! The Samurai vs Ninja books take the reader to the age-old battle between crafty ninja and mighty samurai, while Saurus Street is full of fun facts and funny stories about dinosaurs!

Although only the year 3 students will hear the author and illustrator’s talks, there is opportunity for ALL children (and parents) to visit the library from 3.30pm on Tuesday 26 July and purchase books. (You may preorder to ensure books are available for your collection on the day.) You may even have opportunity for a quick chat!

**PREORDER INSTRUCTIONS:**
Students may purchase books and have the author and illustrator sign them on the day!
If you would like to preorder books for collection on the day, please return money and the form below form to school by 26th July to ensure you receive your autographed order on the day of the visit. Orders after that date will be delivered to the school, but will not be signed by the authors.

Please note, if you cannot forward cash and are unable to visit on the day, but would like your child to preorder books for autographing and collection on the day, please contact Lamont Books on 8787 1700 so you may transact credit card payment direct with them over the phone. This must be done by 26/7/16.

**PURCHASE ON DAY INSTRUCTIONS:**
Lamont books will have books available for purchase after 3.30 pm on 26/7/2016 by cash or credit card (Lamont Books will have a mobile EFT terminal for your convenience) – everyone welcome.

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**PREORDER FORM**

**School name:** Thomas Mitchell PS  **Author/Illustrator Event date:** 26/07/2016

I would like to purchase the following books:

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**Thomas Mitchell Primary School Phone App**

Thomas Mitchell Primary School’s own iPhone/Android App is now available from the App store/Play store as a free download. If you are downloading the app to your iPhone/iPad you will need to search for the app using the App store. If you are using an Android phone search for the app using the Playstore, then download it onto your device.

The app is designed to allow TMPS parents to access and receive information about events and activities at the school. We trust that you will enjoy the convenience that this app will bring you. If you have any queries, please contact us at school ph: 9706 2254, or via the school’s email thomas.mitchell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or the app (if you have successfully downloaded it) under the requests tab.

**Thomas Mitchell Website**

Our website [http://www.tmps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.tmps.vic.edu.au/) has lots of useful information about our school including copies of newsletters, excursion notices, forms, price lists, enrolment information etc that can be downloaded for your use.

A feature of the web is the ability to subscribe to our weekly Newsletter as well as excursion notices. If you would like to take advantage of this feature, click on the parents tab on our website, select ‘newsletters’ and then click on the “Email me updates” link on the right hand side of the page. This link will ask you to fill out your name and email address and each week you will automatically receive an updated copy of the newsletter once we have added it to the webpage.

To receive excursion notices and forms repeat the same process by clicking on the School Notices & Excursion forms tab. Please go and visit our new web page and tell us what you think, we would appreciate your feedback.

**Nude Food 2016**

**Nude food winners for Week 1:**

Junior School: 2JR brought an average of 66% of Nude lunches.

Middle School: 3RC brought an average of 41% of Nude lunches.

Upper School: 6CH brought an average of 60% 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!

**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:
22\(^{nd}\) & 29\(^{th}\) July
5\(^{th}\), 12\(^{th}\), 19\(^{th}\) & 26\(^{th}\) August,
2\(^{nd}\), 9\(^{th}\) & 16\(^{th}\) September

Each 1\(^{st}\) and 3\(^{rd}\) Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm
2\(^{nd}\) & 16\(^{th}\) August
6\(^{th}\) September

Health Centre News

NITZ BLITZ 2016
Our Nitz Blitz 2016 CAMPAIGN is well and truly under way.
My aim is to check or observe all consented children (approximately 795 heads) over the next couple of weeks. However, my checking is not enough! All families at our school need to be vigilant in checking their children’s hair. We trust that parents will take appropriate steps to treat children prior to returning to school.

WHAT HAPPENS IF EGGS OR LICE ARE FOUND?

- A notification, letter and council pamphlet is sent home if only a few eggs are found, once you have treated your child’s head, a return slip needs to be completed and returned to Mr Hurley.
- As a parent/ carer, you will be expected to collect and treat your child if crawling head lice or egg infestation is identified.
- The Department of Education recommends a child with head lice can be treated one evening and return to school the next day.

Please feel free to contact me at any time for advice regarding this issue.
Anthea Cupido
School Nurse

SPORT NEWS

TMPS Athletics Carnival
Well done to all our years 4, 5 and 6 students who competed at the Thomas Mitchell Athletics Carnival last Thursday, at Casey Fields Athletics Track. It was great to see everyone representing their house and trying their absolute best. A huge thank you to all our amazing parent helpers on the day. Without them the day would not have been a success, we thank them for giving up their time. We would also like to thank the students from Gleneagles Secondary College, for helping out and for supporting everyone on the day.

An athletics team will now be selected based on individual results. Students will be notified if they have been selected for the district team.
Year 6 Interschool Sport
The first round of Interschool Sport will be held tomorrow, Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} July. 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.

Sport Stars
Congratulations to Andrew and Daniel, who competed at the Knox Open Day Cross Country event last week. Andrew placed 4\textsuperscript{th} overall and Daniel placed 10\textsuperscript{th}. The boys also placed second in their team. Well done! 😊

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
**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 76 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/prizelights](http://www.commbank.com.au/prizelights)
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.


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. 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](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 the 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!

**2016 TMPS Shopping Tour**

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Name/s of Attendees ____________________________________________

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

Playgroup
Today in playgroup the children and parents had fun making ladybirds, making photo frames with their child’s picture and using their cognitive and fine motor skills in the various activities set up. We had story time, music and singing as well. Please bring your child and friends to our session next week and join us in having fun.

Where: TMPS Community Facility (if you are new to our Playgroup, please go to our school office and we will walk you over)
When: Every Tuesday during school terms
Times: 9.15am to 10.30am
Cost: Gold coin donation
Bring: A nut free snack and drink for your child

National Science Week 2016
Visit GTAC (Gene Technology Access Centre) for National Science Week 2016 and participate in Magnificent Microscopy: Life Under a Lens
The Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC), 77 Story Street, Parkville,
Sunday 21st August, 2016 -
Session A 9.30am – 11.00am Session B 12.00pm – 1.30pm

GTAC invites students aged 10 – 13 and their parents to zoom in on scientific research specimens. You will investigate with scientists how research is being used to solve global problems.

This is a free public event. Registration is essential, go to http://www.gtac.edu.au/?p=9949 or visit http://www.scienceweek.net.au/

Please refer to the school notice board for full details. Flyers are also available from the school office.

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)
Summer is so warm
In summer hot winds will blow
Summer is the best time.
Winds will blow
Warmly

Miss V
Miss V is so smart.
She has a lot of students.
She is so awesome!

Luna

Aloha
3TV

Haiku

Spaghetti
A bunch of long lines
Tasty with extra yum sauce
It is very nice!

By: Henah 3SB

Yum!

Heart
Autumn

It is beautiful.

The leaves fall in Autumn.

They cover the ground.

Warriors, let's fight!

I love the warrior calls.

Christopher, Fireheart