2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Only a few weeks left to enrol

Just a reminder that consent forms must be handed in to school by tomorrow 24th June. Children can keep reading for the Challenge until it ends on the 2nd September.

The Thomas Mitchell Library Resource Centre has hundreds of books from the Challenge list, so it is easy for students to find books to borrow and read. Reading books in other languages also counts towards the Challenge.

Please note: THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW DUE TO PREPARATIONS FOR HOLIDAY CARPETING WORKS.

Josie Morando, Librarian
School Uniform – Price Rise

As of the 11th July (1st day of term 3) there will be a price rise to all uniform shop items. If you wish to still purchase items at the old prices you will need to purchase items before the last day of Term, Friday 24th June.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – TERM 2/3 2016

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:
24th June, 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

Sally Opie, Uniform Shop

HEALTH CENTRE

WET WEATHER – SPARE CLOTHES

Melbourne’s cold and wintery days are finally upon us, causing many muddy areas around our school. It is really difficult caring for unwell children as well as looking for spare clothes that fit different sized children.

PLEASE pack spare clothes for your children including tracksuit pants, a pair of underwear and socks. These items can be left in the classroom overnight either in your child’s bag box or bag hook.

NITZBLITZ JULY 2016

Term 3 will see the return of my Annual Nitzblitz. All consented children will have their hair checked over the course of a couple of weeks. I will provide more information closer to the time.

This school holiday is an opportune time to check and treat your child’s hair.
It’s easy to forget to check, but even harder to treat and eradicate.
A good time to look through your child’s hair is when:
• Your child is reading to you.
• When watching television together, have a look when the commercials are on.

FINDING HEAD LICE

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.
Head lice are found most commonly behind the ears, at the base of the neck and on the crown of the head. They attach to the scalp to feed on blood. They are light brown or pale in colour and can move very quickly.
Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. Nits are tiny, oval in shape and are a transparent white colour. They cannot be slid off the hair shaft.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. I have pamphlets on how to find and treat head lice for your information and can assist you with any hard to treat cases.
Hi everyone! Last week a very special guest came to meet us. On behalf of all the Eco Warriors, we’d like to thank Ilana Hoffman, a vet, author and wildlife ambassador, for coming to our school and sharing her vast knowledge and experiences with us. She spoke to us about how the human population take less notice of the unattractive endangered species, but reminded us that they are just as important. Ilana taught us some charismatic facts about these endangered creatures. Did you know that the poop of the bumphead parrot fish make up the pulchritudinous white sand of tropical beaches? Although the features of these endangered animals seem disfigured, they play a colossal role in our food web and ecosystem. It is our job as individuals to educate others such as our families and friends about this growing problem and what we can do to protect them. Thank you Ilana!

Check our display on these endangered animals in the main corridor at school.

Presh and Czarina, Eco Ambassadors 2016

PLAYGROUP- END OF TERM PARTY PHOTOS

This weeks theme was party week to celebrate the end of term. The children focused on making necklaces and bracelets with string pasta, making party hats, fairy bread, playing pass the parcel and other fun activities. **Playgroup will re-commence in Term 3 on Tuesday 12th July, 9.15 to 10.30am**, so come along and join in the fun and make new friends.
Bring all books to room 10 for collections

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.

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.
SPORT NEWS

**READY, SET, GO!!**

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL- YEARS 4-6 - THURSDAY JULY 14TH**

Our school Athletics Carnival is on next term *Thursday 14th July*, at Casey Fields Athletics Track, for years 4, 5 and 6 students. We are looking forward to seeing the students participate and have lots of fun trying all of the events on the day. Thank you to all our parent helpers who have signed up to help on the day. If you are able to help out on the day, please contact your child’s teacher or Miss Goder. We hope as many people as possible will feel welcome to join us in celebrating the improving athleticism of all our children.

**Basketball Victoria Hoop time**

Last Friday we had three teams entered in the Basketball Victoria Hoop Time competition. The three Thomas Mitchell teams played extremely well, playing against schools in the Endeavour Hills District. The All-star boys finished in second place. The Mixed future stars which was a year five team, finished in 4th place and the year six future stars team finished in 1st place, with a very close grand final. They now progress to the Regional competition in October. Thank you to all our parent helpers for their support and time on the day.

**YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT**

Well done to our year six students who have completed their first term of interschool sport. All results will be finalised next term. Term three we move onto different sports and students will be in a new team. The sports are football, sofocrosse, volley stars, softball and basketball. We look forward to another successful term in interschool sport.

**HOUSE POINTS- WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS RESULTS**

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**TOTAL HOUSE POINT RESULTS FOR 2016**

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**THOMAS MITCHELL TIGERS – GRAND FINAL WINNERS**

- 1ST: FRASER 770
- 2ND: FREEMAN 620
- 3RD: PERKINS 610
- 4TH: FRASER 660

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS! 😊**

*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.

5c Fundraiser – Amazing!!
Once again we thank everyone who supported this fundraiser, it has been a massive success!! We collected a grand total of 32,579 coins!!!! That equals $1,628.95. Our overall profit after deducting expenses for the prizes is $1,533.95!! Congratulations to our major winner, 6CW. We hope you enjoyed your special Pizza Lunch held yesterday! The runner up classes from all other year levels were 0LH, 1JX, 2WR, 3SC, 4MR & SHP. Well done everyone and we hope you all enjoyed your Freddo Frogs!

A special thank you to Sallie Morrison for suggesting the fundraiser in the first place. If anyone else has any great fundraising ideas, please come along to our next meeting or leave a note at the school office!

School Banking
We had 70 deposits this week. Thank you to all our regular savers and welcome to our new savers! Remember, the Commonwealth Bank rewards the school with 5% commission on each deposit made (as well as $5 for each new account registered). The Flying Snake Tail and Mud Splat Handball rewards have both now SOLD OUT and are no longer available. Rewards still available are: 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). The major competition for a trip to Australia Zoo is still running and anyone who makes 15 or more deposits before the end of Term 3 will receive an entry. New Competition – the Commonwealth Bank have just announced a new competition for Term 3! Further details will be provided when we return after the holidays.

Entertainment Books
We only have 4 copies of the 2016/2017 Melbourne Entertainment Book left so please get in quick if you’d like to purchase a hard 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 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 fun-filled shopping tour for Term 4! Further details will be provided in Term 3 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.