FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – PRESENTATION BY HON. ANTHONY BYRNE – 9.00AM FRIDAY 13TH MAY

On Friday 13th May, at 9.00am, we will be holding a special whole school assembly where Hon. Anthony Byrne, Federal Member for Holt will be making a presentation to our school. All parents are welcome to attend.

NAPLAN TESTING NEXT WEEK

Each year, students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in Australia wide testing in –

- Language Conventions and Writing
- Reading
- Numeracy

These tests will all take place next week. Please ensure children are at school on time.

CIS (COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS) PRE-ACCREDITATION VISIT

We currently have our 3 Pre-Accreditation visitors at our school. They will be here until tomorrow afternoon. We will receive a report before they go.
YEARS 2 AND 4 SINGING CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY
A reminder to parents that next Wednesday, 11th May, Years 2 and 4 Singing Concert will be held at the River Gum Performing Arts Centre in Hampton Park. A separate notice has been sent home previously.

CSEF (CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND) RECIPIENTS
If you are the recipient of funding from this State Government initiative (or you are a holder of a current Health Care Card but have not yet claimed), and you have a child in Prep this year, you are eligible for free school uniform items to the value of $57.00. Please contact the school office for more information.

John Hurley
Principal

NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- 1IW & 1JX Melbourne Museum Excursion
- 1SB, 1NW and 1JW Melbourne Museum Excursion
- Year 3 Young Australia ‘Frane Lessac’ Workshop
- Year 4 Young Australia ‘Mark Greenwood’ Workshop
- Canteen Special Lunch Day
- Mother’s Day Stall

CSEF Applications

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their achievements.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students

How to Apply
- Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF or TMPS website.

Please note:
Prep children who have been approved for CSEF are now entitled to specific school uniform items free of charge.

A letter was sent home to eligible Prep families last week.

Tomorrow, Friday 6th May is the last day to return forms to obtain your free Thomas Mitchell Uniform Voucher.
A reminder to our families that the Parents’ Club will be holding a Mothers’ Day Stall at school tomorrow morning.

**All gifts will be $5.00 each.**

There may also be an opportunity to purchase a second gift so send an additional $5.00 with your child if you would like them to buy two gifts.

Please remember to send a plastic/recycle bag with your child to take home their presents.

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**Naplan Testing (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)**

These tests are conducted Australia-wide for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. They are a “snapshot” of how a student achieves on that 40 or 50 minute test on the test day. As parents would be aware, this may or may not be an accurate assessment of a students’ overall achievement.

At school, we conduct a number of tests throughout the year to give both parents and teachers a more accurate view of how each student is learning. This is then conveyed to parents in half yearly reports.

The test days are as follows:

- **10/5/16** Language Conventions and Writing test
- **11/5/16** Reading test
- **12/5/16** Numeracy test

On testing days we would ask that students arrive at school as promptly as possible to ensure a consistent start and finish time. More detailed information will follow in a Parent Information Pack which will be distributed to relevant year levels shortly.

*Mark Reid, Assistant Principal*

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**Canteen Special Lunch Day**

On Tuesday 7th June, the canteen will be holding a Special Lunch Day for the whole school. Order forms have been sent home today with the newsletter.

No other lunch orders will be available on this day.

If you would like to order a Special Lunch, please return the order form and money by **no later than 4.00pm on Friday 20th May**. Late orders cannot be accepted.

*Canteen Staff*
EFT & credit card facilities available (minimum transaction of $15)

### 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

A 2\textsuperscript{nd} hand uniform sale will be held on Tuesday 31\textsuperscript{st} May 2016 between 3.00pm and 4.00pm outside the library. Please note that it will be a cash sale only. No EFTPOS, credit card or cheques will be accepted.

Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} May will be the last day of accepting any items to sell at our 2\textsuperscript{nd} Hand Uniform Sale. Please make sure all clothes are laundered, bagged and returned with a completed 2\textsuperscript{nd} Hand Uniform Sale form which is attached to this newsletter. Please leave bags at the office.

### Year 6 Hooded Windcheaters

We have 1 size 12 and 1 size L Year 6 hooded windcheater for sale at a cost of $54.00 each available for purchase to the first person to bring the order form below and money to school.

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**THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Year 6 Hooded Windcheater**

I would like to purchase the following windcheater:

1. Size 12 Year 6 Hooded Windcheater @ $54.00
2. Size L Year 6 Hooded Windcheater @ $54.00

Child’s Name: ________________________________  Class: ____________________________

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*Sally Opie  
Uniform Shop*
2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Thomas Mitchell Primary School is excited to be participating again and encourages all students to participate.

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is a great way to get students reading and talking about books. Students can discuss book lists with their friends to find out what they’re reading and what’s worth reading. The Challenge also encourages students to push themselves to read as many books as they can. This is the eleventh year of this Challenge and since 2005, it has helped inspire nearly two million students to read 34 million books.

IT IS FREE TO PARTICIPATE. For those parents who are new to the Challenge, you will find that it is a great way to motivate your children to read more books and discover new and exciting titles. Children who complete the Challenge, will be rewarded with a certificate of achievement. They will also have the opportunity to see their name on an online honour roll, and view a special video to congratulate participants. TMPS will also have special raffles and prizes for those who complete the Challenge. Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge need to read or ‘experience’ 30 books during this period. (This means books can be read to these students as well). Students in Years 3 to 6 who accept the Challenge, must read 15 books during this period.

Students must choose most of their books from the Challenge book list, and record their reading online. The school will enrol students and issue them with a password and user name. This is used by students to logon to the website and record what they have read. The 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. The extensive Challenge booklist has something for everyone with much-loved classics as well as new releases. There are thousands of books to choose from, with fiction, non-fiction, plays, poetry, short stories and graphic novels all available. Reading books in other languages also counts towards the Challenge.

Consent forms are available from the school library and must be signed and completed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school by Friday 24th June. Further information and forms are available from the Library. The Library is open before and after school if any parents wish to find out more details.

Josie Morando, Librarian
Divisional Cross Country Carnival
The Divisional Cross Country Carnival will take place on Monday 23rd May at Toomuc Recreation Reserve on Princess Highway, Pakenham. Congratulations to the 21 Thomas Mitchell students who have qualified.

Dalia  Alyssa  Ela
Nikolina  Snezana  Victoria
Jyothika  Emily  Ebru
Lachlan  Jesse  Andrew
Mitsuki  Joseph  Daniel
Claudia  Senam  Ryan
Neveen  Nazif  Allen

Cross Country Training
Students wanting to train for the Divisional Cross Country Carnival or any students who would like to train to improve their fitness, the following training dates are available:

- Wednesday 11th May 8:20am
- Wednesday 18th May 8:20am

All students are to meet in the gym foyer and training will be conducted on the oval.

Year 6 Interschool Sport – Friday 6th May
Please see below for game fixture:

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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

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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.

**Jamberry Nails Fundraiser – Extended!**
We are running a Jamberry Nails fundraiser this term in conjunction with Mayuri Wickramarachchi. The school will receive 20% commission on all sales made using the link below. Products must be ordered before 31st May. Jamberry Nails are also donating $3 from all special Autism wraps sold, to Autism Spectrum Australia. If you’d like to find out more, please check out the flyers posted up around the school or call Mayuri on Mb:0422 621 187. Please use the following link to make your online purchase and select Thomas Mitchell Primary at the checkout. Please check the online newsletter through the school website if you wish to click on the link directly instead of typing it in!

[https://aussiejammy.jamberry.com](https://aussiejammy.jamberry.com)

**Mother’s Day Stall**
The Mother’s Day Stall will be held this Friday 6th May. All gifts will be $5 each and students wishing to purchase additional gifts can do so at the end of the day. We ask that you let your teacher know, on the day, if you have $10 or more. Please bring a shopping bag for your purchase/s.

**5c Fundraiser**
Thank you to everyone for continuing to support this fundraiser! We love a bit of healthy competition but it’s just a game so please keep it fun! Please continue to donate your 5c coins via your class teacher each morning. The amount of coins donated from each class is being recorded once a week. The class which has donated the most coins by 17th June will receive a special Pizza lunch in the last week of Term 2!! Therefore, please keep looking for all your spare 5c coins under the couch, in the car etc and bring them along to school each morning.

**School Banking**
We had 91 deposits this week. Maybe we can reach 100 next 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 new rewards now available are Mud Splat Handball and Outback Pat Bag Tag. Other rewards still available are: Flying Snake Tail, Wildlife Writer Set, Dollarmites Moneybox (2014), ET DVD (2015), Outerspace Money Box (2015), Intergalactic Rocket (2015) or Galaxy Glider Frisbee (2015). Please include a note and 10 silver tokens (or 1 gold token) with your banking if you’d like to claim a reward.

Remember the competition is still running as well to win a family trip to Australia Zoo!! Just make 15 or more deposits before the end of Term 3. Further details are available on the Commonwealth Bank website.

**Entertainment Books**
We are now selling the 2016/2017 Melbourne Entertainment Book. 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](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.
COMMUNITY NEWS

**Thomas Mitchell Playgroup – Tuesday Mornings - 9.15am – 10.30am**

The school is running a Playgroup for 0-5 year olds each Tuesday morning from 9:15am – 10:30am during the school term again this year. We ask for a gold coin donation to participate and for parents to please bring a nut free snack for their child/ren.

It is a great opportunity to meet other parents of children attending our school or local families and for your younger children to meet other children who may be joining the school in the future.

Please feel free to bring a friend along, or if you know someone with younger children, who would like to join this group, please let them know.

Fun activities include: playdough, painting, pasting, stories, music, singing and games.

Look forward to seeing you at Playgroup.

**ENDEAVOUR HILLS PANTHERS BASKETBALL**

Under 9’s – Under 23’s)  
Endeavour Hills, Gleneagles Gym, Thursdays 5.30PM (Training)  
Matches at Dandenong Stadium (Dandenong)  
For more information please email:  
endeavourhillspanthers@live.com or ehpbasketball@yahoo.com.au

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Thomas Mitchell OSHC 5th May 2016  
OSHC Telephone Number - 0415 326 328

Tomorrow we are having our morning and afternoon tea to help raise money towards cancer.

OSHC will take part in **Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea.**

We are inviting all parents, family members and teachers to come into OSHC and enjoy a coffee, tea and light refreshments as well as getting your nails painted by your child.

All we ask is for a small donation to support this great cause.  
Janice and the OSHC Team 😊
Please return this form with the goods for sale to the school.

Family Name: ........................................ Child’s Name: ............ Class: ............
(Please Print Clearly)

Items submitted for sale (Must be school uniform pants, logo on tops, hats etc.)

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- All items have been washed and placed in a plastic bag prior to delivery to school.  
  Yes

- I acknowledge the school will attempt to sell my uniform items at a cost based on condition of quality. (Each article will be inspected and priced according to quality)  
  Yes

- I acknowledge the school will retain $1.00 per item as sales commission. This amount will be deducted from the money due to me from sales.  
  Yes

Please choose one of the following items only (tick relevant box):

- I would like to donate these items if not sold at the sale  
  
- Please retain any unsold items for next sale (to be held each term)  
  
- Please return unsold items if not sold at this sale  
  

Signature: ____________________________  
Contact Phone No: ________________
Camp is finally here!
The Giant Swing

The Giant Swing was the scariest to me because when it was my go my legs were shaking. I heard myself say to go but my brain was saying I shouldn’t. But I did.

I saw the pull team pull me to the top. But I only went a third of the way when it came to pull the red cord. I pushed on it and waited to fall but I didn’t fall, I fell 5 seconds after I pulled the cord. But guess what! I didn’t scream. When it was over, I didn’t regret it and I don’t know why? But this was the second best day of my life.

The next exciting thing I did was the flying fox. I felt the cold breeze of air hit me and my partner Capri. We lowered ourselves to the edge and down we go! Capri did the dead man’s drop! But I didn’t because I was too scared but at least I went on it!

Panning for gold! OHH YEAHH!
It was fantastic!

By Alicia SHP
Year 5 Camp!

Recently, the year 5’s had camp! I’m sure that everyone would agree that it was a wonderful experience. We learnt so much about Ballarat’s gold, the Eureka Stockade and more about ourselves and everyone around us.

We stayed at Caverside, Log Cabin Camp in Ballarat. Firstly, we built huts with any materials we could find around us. As always, when you travel back in time, you need damper. A damper is a mixture of flour, water and salt. We cooked them over little campfires on sticks and got to add our favourite toppings to eat it with.

We were also lucky to get the opportunity to visit Sovereign Hill. We got to pan for gold, we got a tour and we also got to watch the sound and light show. We learnt so much about Ballarat and how the people from all over the world came to search for gold.

Year 5 camp was amazing! (Thanks to all of the teachers!) By Bill, Fresh and Jensen

SCI
The Giant Swing

By Evelina Stamatopoulou

Swoosh! Swoosh! The wind was very strong and it was very strong. I was standing there, shivering while waiting for my turn impatiently. Adhya was going to go right before me.

It looks very scary... What if something happens to me? I thought to myself. I was having second thoughts about going up high down. I told Adhya that I wasn't going upside down and everyone started shouting, "Awww, come on Evelina! You can do it! Nothing will happen!" Then I thought, YES, OK, right? So why not do it?

I was walking toward the metal step as Adhya walked past me. I stopped to high-five her and then asked, "Did you get a head rush?" I was scared of getting one. "Surprisingly, no I didn't get one! It's so much fun!" she replied. "Okay! I'm so nervous please help me!" I say. She laughed. I'm shivering to death.

I got up on the step as a shiver ran down my spine. I was extremely nervous. Soon, the instructor booked me harness to the thingy. We had a short conversation before he asked me to flip me upside down. I had trouble hooking my legs around the loops. It took me around 2 minutes to figure it out. I was doing it wrong the whole time.

The pull team were pulling me up while cheering me on. "Come on Evelina! You can do it! We believe in you!" On the other hand, I was whispering to myself "Oh, my god! I just... I can't... I just can't even right now..."

CAMP- Giant Swing

YES! Come on, I mumbled in my head. I want my turn now, so I can get it over and done with.

NEXT! Yelled the instructor for the Giant Swing. I ran up and then the pull team pulled me up. I was so anxious to get down. I smelt fear and I knew it was from me.

I kept on shaking as I pulled the red rope and then... HAHA! WOOF! Best day ever! Everyone was looking, and asking 'did you think the harness was quite tight? Yes or no?'

I need to do that again. PLEASE! Just to let you know, Camp was AMAZING! And if you didn't go, well let's just say you missed out on a lot of fun.

It was a marvellous experience.

By Sabine SHP