Friday 11/11 Remembrance Day Assembly – 11.00am in Gym
Year 6 Interschool Sport – TMPS Gold V Fleetwood Home
Year 6 Interschool Sport – Moosgiel Park (Maroon) V TMPS Blue Away

Monday 14/11 Prep Activity – ‘Catch the Reading Bug’ at TMPS

Tuesday 15/11 Whole School Assembly – 2.40pm in Gym
School Council Meeting – 7.30pm in Staffroom – Finance 7.00pm

Wednesday 16/11 SBS & SSP Excursion – Dandenong Ranges National Park

Thursday 17/11 SCI, SHP & STP Excursion – Dandenong Ranges National Park
Year 4 Excursion – Lysterfield Lake

Tuesday 22/11 Canteen Special Lunch Day – No other lunch orders on this day
Kids Dream Dress Up Day - Gold Coin Donation

Thursday 24/11 2017 Prep Transition – 9.15am – 10.30am
Tuesday 6/12 2017 Prep Transition 9.30am – 12.30pm
2nd Hand Uniform Sale – 8.30am – 9.30am outside the Library
Year 6 Orientation Day

Tuesday 13/12 Parents Information Evening – New Prep families in 2017 6.30pm – 7.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kids Dream Day – Kids Helping Kids – Tuesday 22nd November
On Tuesday November 22nd let your child’s imagination run free to dream about what they would like to be
when they grow up: a dancer, doctor, teacher, footballer, superman, etc. Your gold coin donation will be
used to research brain cancer in children, which kills more of our kids than any other disease. Khush Harris,
an Integration Aide at TMPS and co-founder of the Isabella and Marcus Fund, lost her daughter Isabella to brain
cancer, a student at TMPS, when she was in Year 1.

Please note, if you would like to donate more than $2 and obtain a tax deductible receipt, please
donate online. Simply go to: goo.gl/lq8Rpg (case sensitive). The school cannot issue receipts for
tax deductions. We thank you in advance for supporting this charity.

Please note, that this day is also the Canteen Special Lunch Day.

Indonesian Teachers Visit to Thomas Mitchell
As indicated in last week’s newsletter, Thomas Mitchell hosted 26 elite teachers from Indonesia last Thursday
afternoon. We were very proud to greet them and show them around our school. Our 12 school captains were very
involved in the visit and participated in an interesting question and answer session with them. Some of the visiting
teachers were keen to set up a sister school relationship (see photos further on in the newsletter).

Remembrance Day Assembly – Friday 11th November at 11.00am.
We will be holding a Remembrance Day Assembly tomorrow, Friday 11th November at 11.00am in the Gym. Parents
are welcome to attend.

2017 Enrolments
We are at the point of allocating teachers to classes and then forming classes for 2017. If parents have or know
about an enrolment for next year that has not yet been completed, please contact the office as soon as possible.
I have also asked parents to write to me if they have any special requests for next year by Friday 18th November.

John Hurley, Principal
**Nude Food**

*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!

**Nude food winners for Week 5, Term 4:**

We didn’t get many entries in our Nude Food competition last week – even though it was a short week. Students - Don’t forget to remind your teacher to enter your class results each day.

- Junior School: No winner. Percentage was too low!
- Middle School: 3RC brought an average of 55% of Nude lunches.
- Upper School: No winner. Percentage was too low!

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**WeetBix Slice**

Follow this QR code to find a quick and easy lunch box idea. Each day put a slice in a re-useable container for a rubbish free snack.


*If you don’t have a QR reader and would like a copy of this easy recipe, please see Mrs A. Enjoy!*

If you have a recipe to share that is quick and easy to make, hand a copy to Mrs A and it may be featured in next week’s newsletter.
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – TERM 4 2016

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:
11th, 18th & 25th November
2nd, 9th & 16th December

Each 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm
15th November
6th December

2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE – TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

The school is having a 2nd hand uniform sale on Tuesday 6th December.

FOR THE BUYERS
Sale times will be 8.30am – 9.30am outside the library.

Please note it is cash sales only. No EFTPOS, credit card or cheques can be accepted.

FOR THE SELLERS
If you have items to sell, please wash and forward them to school by Tuesday 29th November. Unfortunately, we will not be able to receive any items after this date.

Please be sure you complete the form sent home last week with the newsletter and return this with your garments.

We will price each item according to condition and sell them on your behalf.

Please note only school uniform approved pants, logo shirts, tops and hats will be accepted and they must be in a reasonable condition. If any of your items are sold you will receive a note shortly after the sale day advising you to collect the money from school. Any unsold items will be retained, donated or returned according to your indication on the form provided previously with the newsletter. Please telephone Sally Opie if you have any questions.

YEAR 6 JUMPERS - 2017

Letters will be going home next week 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 and Tuesday 15th November between 3.00-4.00pm by appointment. The last day for orders is Monday 12th December 2016.

Sally Opie, Uniform Shop Coordinator.
Regular attendance at school is fundamental to education success. We regularly monitor and manage student attendance in order to maximise the opportunities of all students to learn. Please remember that if your child is away from school for any reason, you must provide an explanation to your child’s classroom teacher on their return or prior to being away from school eg. family holiday.

This may be done in any of the following ways:

- Letter, sent to the classroom teacher explaining dates that your child was/is away and absence reason
- Thomas Mitchell School App
- Email the school on thomas.mitchell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
- Phone the school on 9706 2254
- Absence notification letter held at the office

We have sent letters home for all unexplained absences this week. If you have received a letter, could you please return it to either the school office or your classroom teacher with an explanation as soon as possible.

**PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE WINNERS**

Congratulations to the 131 students who completed the Challenge. They read 6,500 books between them. Students can now view their name online on the Honour Roll. Every student received a certificate and a small prize for completing the Challenge. As well, the following students won additional prizes.

**RAFFLE WINNERS 2016**

A raffle was held for all children who completed the Challenge. All students in grade 6 who completed the Challenge will receive a book prize for their extra special effort in a busy and exciting year for them.

The winners are:

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“Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers.”

- Harry S. Truman

Josie Morando, Librarian
TERM 1 DIARY DATES FOR 2017

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| Monday 30th January| Teachers Return to School  
Book Collection Day                      |
| Tuesday 31st January| Students in Years 1 to 6 commence school               |
| Tuesday 31st January – Friday 3rd February | Prep Interviews and Testing (Students will be allocated an interview time) |
| Monday 6th February | Prep students commence full time (9.00am – 3.30pm) |
| Monday 13th March  | Labour Day Public Holiday                                  |
| Friday 31st March  | Last day of Term 1                                        |

SPORT NEWS

Year 6 Interschool Sport

The fourth round of Interschool Sport will be played tomorrow, Friday 11th November. Please see below for fixture details:

Thomas Mitchell (Gold) Vs. Fleetwood
Mossgiel Park (Maroon) Vs. Thomas Mitchell (Blue)

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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Have a great week! ☺

Olivia Goder, Physical Education Teacher

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: .......................................................... ..........................................................

Signed: .......................................................... Dated: ...................................
(Parent/Guardian)
SCHOOL BANKING

We had 75 deposits again this week. Thanks to everyone who consistently banks every week. Your account balances must be looking very good! School Banking is a great way to encourage kids to save money. The school also receives a 5% commission for each deposit made.

Lapsed Bankers - If you have a CBA account but have lost your deposit book, please send a note via your teacher and we’ll issue a new one! We have a lot of students registered for banking, who haven’t made any deposits for a while. We’d love to see some of them returning!

Rewards – students can claim a reward each time they collect 10 silver tokens (or 1 gold token). A few more rewards have now sold out so please process your claim as soon as you’re eligible if there’s something you’d really like. Rewards still available at this stage are: Bush Fly Fan, Wriggly Glow Worm, Skipping Rope, Outback Pat Bag Tag, Dollarmites Moneybox (2014), ET DVD (2015), Outerspace Money Box (2015). Please include a note with your next deposit, including the required number of tokens (10 silver or 1 gold), to claim a reward. Unfortunately you can’t use siblings’ tokens. As we’re nearing the end of the year, please list a second or third choice for your reward in case your first choice has sold out.

Rewards must be claimed before 30th November to be received this year. Any reward redemptions processed after the 30th of November will be delivered after the 20th January, 2017.

New Bankers – if you’d like to join School Banking, please go to your local Commonwealth Bank branch or ask for an Application Form at the school office.

Community News

Thomas Mitchell OSHC

OSHC Telephone Number - 0415 326 328

Hello everyone!
This week the children enjoyed doing origami. We made lots of different animals such as elephants, dogs, cats and bunny rabbits.

To make a booking for either Before or After School Care, please log onto your parent portal or alternatively you can contact the Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343. Bookings made to the service phone should be emergency and or last minute bookings only.

Holiday Club bookings are now open. We will be running the Holiday Program from the 21st December until 27th January with the exclusion of public holidays. To see the program, please follow the link https://www.campaustralia.com.au/HolidayClubs/Program/ThomasMitchell/17425
Year 4 Camp
Phillip Island Adventure Resort

On Wednesday the 2nd of November, the Year 4's left for camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort. At 8:45am the gym was buzzing with excitement.

Our first stop was at the Nobby's for snack and lunch. There we went to visit the Antarctic Journey; we saw lots of things. There was a screen reflecting what was some 10km away from it (ocean creatures). A little while later, we got back on our buses and arrived at our resort. It was then we found out who was in our cabins. The cabins were spacious, and they were in a straight line next to each other. After dinner we went to see the Penguin Parade. We saw between 150-200 penguins come out of the water.

The activities started on Thursday. There were the low ropes, giant swing, single flying fox, archery, initiative course and crate climb.

On Friday the 4th, the Year 4's ended their camp experience. My first camp experience was extremely exciting. I can't wait for Year 5 camp!

By Lachlan, 4EH

Year Four Phillip Island camp was amazing, especially the activities. On the first night we went to see the penguins which were all coming out of the water near their houses, it was extraordinary. There was the giant swing, flying fox, obstacle courses and many more flawless activities. The food there was OK for my liking, but I have to say the best food was these big chicken tenders with veggies and gravy, which was mouth-watering, but that's my opinion. Oh, and don't forget the calvins – the calvins were big, but not so big, but at least we had comfortable beds. There was a tennis court, basketball court, there was even a playground! There are also many more things to do. It was a great few days and we had lots of fun!

Zane, 4MV

When I woke up on Wednesday I was soooo excited to go to camp for the first time ever. Just before I took a bath I was jumping in front of the mirror. I had my breakfast and I hopped into my car waiting for my slow dad to come.

When I got to school everyone was in the gym and it was as loud as a fog horn. I went to the place where we left our bags. Then all the Year 4s walked to the buses. I was in bus 1.

Miss Reid said that there was so many activities like the flying fox, the giant swing and archery. We had to be on the bus for 1 and a half hours.

When we got to camp, we went to our cabins. In my cabin was Neel, Vimal and Stefan. For dinner we had pasta and for dessert, chocolate mouse. We went to the penguin parade. There were so many penguins.

On the second day we had breakfast then started our activities. First my group did is the initiative course where we had to work together. The second activity was the crate climb, where you had to stick crates together and climb it.

The third activity was archery, the forth was the flying fox and the fifth was low ropes. The sixth activity was the giant swing; it was sooo scary.

I was so sad to leave camp, but I had an exciting time. I would recommend that all Year 4 students go next year.

Haresh, 4MR

Wow! Camp was so much fun!

When I got there, I was really happy that I had my best friend in my cabin. It was AWESOME! The cabins looked nice too.

I really liked the food. I really liked the chicken schnitzels with chips and steamed vegetables. I liked breakfast as well. It was toast and cereals.

My favourite activity was the giant swing. I liked it because when the other children pulled the rope, you went higher and higher. I went all the way to the top! I thought I'd only make it halfway. When you pulled the cord, you just go bashing down. It was awesome! When you swing, you swing high and eventually get lower and lower. When I was at the top, I could see a view from a thousand kilometres away.

I was so happy. I thought camp went for only 10 minutes! I didn't realise it was time to go back!

By Den, 4CM
YEAR 4 PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP