Friday 25/11 Year 6 Interschool Sport – TMPS Blue V Hallam Home
   Year 6 Interschool Sport – Mossgiel Park (Maroon) V TMPS Gold Away
Monday 28/11 Year 5 Activity – City of Casey Graffiti Education Program
Tuesday 29/11 6RQ – Screening of ‘He Named Me Malala’ (PG Rated DVD)
   Year 5 & 6 Assembly – 2.40pm in Gym
Wednesday 30/11 6JR & 6CW – Screening of ‘He Named Me Malala’ (PG Rated DVD)
Thursday 1/12 6TG & 6CH – Screening of ‘He Named Me Malala’ (PG Rated DVD)
Tuesday 6/12 2017 Prep Transition 9.30am – 12.30pm
   2nd Hand Uniform Sale – 8.30am – 9.30am outside the Library
   Uniform Shop Open – 9.00am – 1.00pm and 3.00pm – 4.00pm
   Year 6 Orientation Day
   Last Playgroup Session for 2016
Wednesday 7/12 Parent Helper Morning Tea 10.50am in Library
Monday 12/12 Last Day for Year 6 2017 Autographed Windcheater Orders
Tuesday 13/12 Parents Information Evening – New Prep families in 2017 6.30pm – 7.30pm
   Uniform Shop Open – 4.00pm – 6.15pm
   Creative Music End of Year Concert 4.00pm – 5.00pm Room 3
   School Council Meeting 7.30pm in Staffroom – Finance 7.00pm
Wednesday 14/12 Year 6 Graduation Evening – 6.00 in Gym
Friday 16/12 Last Day for Canteen Lunch Orders and Sales for 2016
Tuesday 20/12 Last Day of Term 4 – School finishes at 1.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Helper Morning Tea
We are indeed very fortunate to have so many parents who give up their time to help us in so many different ways at school. We would love to see you at the Parent Helper Morning Tea being held on Wednesday 7th December at 10.50am in the Library.

Outstanding Student Achievement Awards
The following students have achieved outstanding results in ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Australia wide tests. These students received Principal’s Awards, which puts them in the top 1% of all students who took the test in Australia this year.

Congratulations to all of these students. We are very proud of you!

Digital Technologies Kishon 3JC, Meruna 3SC, Carmen 4MV, Jody 4EH
Spelling Prisha 2AB, Gunaa 3RC, Savith 3RC
Writing Teodora 4MR, Jody 4EH
Science Abigail 2WR, Carmen 4MV, Muhammad 5TP, Hayden5SP
English Carmen 4MV, Czarina 5TP
Maths Bailey 3SB, Eric 5HP
2017 Student Leaders
The current Year 5 students have voted and elected the student leaders for 2017. Our leaders for next year are –

**School Captains**
- **Girl** Sasha
- **Boy** Kai Xuan

**Vice Captains**
- **Girl** Dalia
- **Boy** Nimal

**House Captains**

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Congratulations to all of the students who were elected, and also to those students who put themselves forward to be elected, but were unsuccessful.

**School Attendance and Punctuality**
It is important that students attend school every day until the last day of the school year, Tuesday 20th December. It is also important that they arrive at school before 9.00am each day.

*John Hurley*
*Principal*

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**NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK**
- Year 6 Graduation
- Parent Helper Morning Tea Invite

**TERM 1 DIARY DATES FOR 2017**

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**Canteen News**
The last day for canteen lunch orders and sales will be **Friday 16th December**. The canteen will be closed after this day and will reopen on Tuesday 31st January 2017.

*Canteen Staff*

**Special Religious Instruction**
As the year is quickly coming to an end, both Islamic and Christian SRI classes will finish for the year next week. The last day for Islamic SRI classes will be on Monday 28th November. The last day for Christian SRI classes will be on Tuesday 29th November.
Thank you to all the students and staff who visited and purchased books and other resources from the 2nd hand book sale last term. We raised $230. We have used the money raised to purchase new books to be implemented into our reading and sustainability programs. The books are by Steve Parish and Rebecca Johnson about the animals around Australia.

As part of our sustainability program at Thomas Mitchell Primary School, we are collecting mobile phones and batteries for MobileMusters. MobileMuster is a free not for profit mobile phone recycling program that accepts all brands and types of mobile phones, batteries, chargers and accessories. MobileMusters is ensuring old mobile phone products don’t end up in landfill, but instead are recycled in a safe, secure and ethical way.

Our MobileMuster box is located in the office. You can drop your old phones and batteries off at the office during school hours. If you have any questions please contact Liz Cooke or check out the MobileMuster web site. 

Please make sure you delete all personal information from your phones and contact details before dropping your phone off. Once phones are placed in the box they are the property of MobileMusters and the box will be collected once full.

Thanks
Liz Cooke
Sustainability Coordinator

**Uniform Shop News**

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – TERM 4 2016**

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

Each 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm
- 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 previously 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 Autographed Windcheaters - 2017**

Letters have been sent home previously 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 by appointment. *The last day for orders is Monday 12th December 2016.*

*Sally Opie, Uniform Shop Coordinator.*

**Health Centre News**

*Asthma Management at Thomas Mitchell Primary School*

Over the past few days, I have examined and treated a high number of students with Asthma related symptoms. Thomas Mitchell Primary School is an Asthma Friendly school. To comply with this program, all students with Asthma must have an up to date (annual) written Asthma Management Plan consistent with Asthma Victoria’s requirements and completed by a doctor or paediatrician. Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring their children have an adequate supply of appropriate Asthma reliever medication (including a spacer) provided to the school.

*What Is Asthma*

People with Asthma have sensitive airways. These airways are more likely to react to triggers. When a person with Asthma is having an Asthma flare-up, the muscles around the airway squeeze tight, the airways swell and become narrow and there is more mucus. This makes it hard to breathe. An Asthma flare-up can come on slowly (over hours, days or even weeks) or very quickly (over minutes) – a sudden or severe Asthma flare-up is sometimes called an Asthma attack.
Typical Asthma Symptoms Include:
- a tight feeling in the chest
- wheezing – whistling noise when breathing
- shortness of breath
- coughing
- struggling to breathe and talk

These symptoms are often worse at night, in the early morning or during exercise.
Children may also:
- not eat or drink as much
- cry
- have a tummy ache and vomiting
- become tired quickly
- get more puffed out than usual when running and playing

When To See Your Doctor
- If your child wakes up coughing wheezing or breathless
- If your child struggles to keep up with normal activity
- If your child has Asthma symptoms more than 2 days per week

Anthea Cupido
School Nurse

SPORT NEWS

Year 6 Interschool Sport
Round seven of Interschool Sport will be played tomorrow, Friday 25th November.
Please see below for fixture details:

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Reminder: Year 6 students who are in the home team are reminded to please bring a cut orange for Interschool Sport.

House Points
Weekly House Points Results

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Have a great week! ☺️

Olivia Goder
Physical Education Teacher
School Banking
We had 75 deposits this week. Thanks to everyone who consistently banks every week. You’re being rewarded with healthy bank accounts!

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). The remaining rewards for 2016 are now running out fast so please process your claim as soon as you’re eligible if there’s something you’d really like! If you’d prefer, you can wait and see what rewards will be available in 2017 as your token total will be rolled over for the new year. Rewards available at this stage are: Wriggly Glow Worm, Outback Pat Bag Tag, Dollarmites Moneybox (2014), ET DVD (2015), Outerspace Money Box (2015). Please include a note with your 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

Playgroup
Firstly we would like to give a big 'Thankyou' to Kristen in 0DH giving up her toys and donating them to playgroup. They are really appreciated. We only have TWO WEEKS of playgroup left. The children enjoyed painting jars this week, sketching on boards and lots of other fun things, also playing with the friends. Next week we are starting our Christmas projects. Come along and bring a friend and enjoy the fun, parents and children alike. Hope to see you all there!

Tuesday, December 6th, will be the final playgroup session for 2016. Playgroup will recommence during the week commencing 6th February 2016. Once our timetables are finalised, and we can allocate a sufficient facility for this group, the days and location for playgroup in 2017 will be announced. Keep your eye out for our newsletter on 2nd February for more information, or simply telephone us at school anytime after 1st February for the details.

We hope you have enjoyed our playgroup sessions this year and we look forward to seeing you again in 2017.
Chinese After School Language Program
Today, Thursday 24 November will be the last day for children to attend the Chinese After School Language program for 2016. Thank you for your attendance throughout the year. Arrangements for a 2017 program have not yet been made, so if you are interested in your child participating again in 2017, please keep an eye on our newsletter early next year for any further information.

Rowville Hawks Girls & Boys Free Football Superclinic

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Hello everyone!
If your child is absent from school or you have picked them up at the end of the day and no longer require After School Care, please contact us on 0415 326 328 to let us know.

Holiday Club bookings are now open. We will be running the Holiday Program from the 21st December until the 27th January with the exclusion of public holidays. To see the program, please follow the link


The Camp Australia OSHC team! 😊