Monday 10/10 Year 4 Excursion – Gleneagles Cup Sports Day
Basketball Victoria Regional Hoop Time Round Robin

Tuesday 11/10 3SC Activity – Fizzics Education ‘Lego Robotics’
Year 5 Activity – Project Rockit ‘Social Leadership’ Workshop
3SB Activity – Fizzics Education ‘Lego Robotics’ Rescheduled

Tues – Fri 11-14/10 Year 6 Camp – Coonawarra Farm

Thursday 13/10 3RC & 3JC Activity – Fizzics Education ‘Lego Robotics’
Regional Athletics Carnival – Casey Fields Athletic Track

Monday 17/10 Year 4 Activity – The Rookeepers ‘The Wildlife Works’

Thursday 20/10 3TV Activity – Fizzics Education ‘Lego Robotics’ Rescheduled

Friday 21/10 1SB, 1JX & 1IW – Write Away With Me ‘The Ideas Factory’ Workshop

Wednesday 26/10 1PC & 1JW – Write Away with Me ‘The Ideas Factory’ Workshop

Friday 28/10 Last Day for Graduation Bear, Football & Soccer Ball Orders

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back to Term 4, 2016

We welcome everyone back to this long last term of 2016. The last day of term is Tuesday 20th December. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. All the students I have spoken to seem happy and enthusiastic about being back at school.

Child Safe Policy

At the end of last term, I wrote about new Child Safe Policies. Here is some more information for parents about this important issue –

CHILD SAFE POLICIES MANDATED

The Victorian Registrations and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) has mandated that in order for all schools to maintain a child safe environment for students, specific standards and policies need to be in place. The child safe standards are being phased in during 2016 and 2017. The initial focus during implementation is on awareness-raising and capacity building to assist schools and education and training providers to create and maintain child safe environments. For registered schools, Ministerial Order No. 870 sets out the specific actions they must take to meet these requirements. The standards involve:

- Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements.
- A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
- A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.
- Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel.
- Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.
- Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
- Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.
In complying with the child safe standards, schools need to be mindful of the diversity of students and school communities and include the following inclusion principles as part of each standard:

- Promoting the cultural safety of Aboriginal children.
- Promoting the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- Promoting the safety of children with a disability.

TMPS parents can find our Child Safe Policies on the school website [www.tmps.vic.edu.au](http://www.tmps.vic.edu.au)

**Enrolments for 2017**

We are now starting to organise classes and teachers for 2017. If you know of someone who intends to enrol at our school, but has not yet done so, please advise them to do so as a matter of urgency. We have very limited spaces available at some year levels.

*John Hurley*

*Principal*

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**Welcome to Zion Pang (3SB), Aleksa Koncar (1IW) and Mia Koncar (3RC) who commenced at Thomas Mitchell this week.**

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**Notices Sent Home This Week**

- 1SB, 1JX & 1IW Activity – Write Away with Me ‘The Ideas Factory’ Workshop
- 1PC & 1JW Activity – Write Away with Me ‘The Ideas Factory’ Workshop
- 3TV & 3SB Activity – Fizzics Education ‘Lego Robotics’ – Rescheduled
- Year 6 Camp – Camp Details and Reminders
- Basketball Victoria Regional Hoop Time Round Robin – Selected students

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**Uniform Shop News**

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

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:
- 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th October
- 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th November
- 2nd, 9th & 16th December

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

*Sally Opie, Uniform Shop*
Working with Children Check (WWC)

In support of keeping our students safe and meeting Department regulations, the Department of Education Policy encourages volunteers in schools to obtain a Working With Children Check. As a parent helper, you are one of the main strengths of our school and as such, you might be required to provide a WWC in some circumstances, i.e., to help on overnight activities, or on some excursions and activities where you are working closely with a group of children.

The WWC Check is a minimum checking standard set by the Working with Children Act 2005 for those who work with children, either on a paid or voluntary basis. This card is:

- Valid for 5 years.
- Free of charge for volunteers.
- Transferable between volunteer organisations.

Whilst currently it is not necessary to obtain a WWC if you are helping out in your child’s classroom under the teacher’s direction, the school may at times hold events requiring volunteers to obtain a WWC to participate. As the process can take up to 6 weeks to receive approval, we encourage you, as a parent helper, or even as someone who might become involved in a local sports program as an assistant, to complete the online application form for obtaining a WWC. This will avoid any disappointment in circumstances where volunteers are called upon, but only those who hold WWCs.

To complete the online form (Dept of Justice Website is www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) you must have:

- An email address, so the Department of Justice can contact you about the status of your application.
- The address of every place you have lived in the last 5 years in Australia.
- The name, postal address and phone number in Australia for each organisation you will be doing paid or volunteer child-related work for.
- A printer that will print a legible copy of the Application summary.

After filling in the online form, finalise your application at a participating Australia Post retail outlet, by presenting your Application summary, proof of identity documents and a passport quality photo (Australia Post can provide photos if you don’t have one). The volunteer WWC is free, however a small cost will be involved if you are requiring Australia Post to provide a passport quality photo.

Once your card has arrived, please bring it to the school office so that we can copy and keep it on our records of approved volunteer helpers.

If you need assistance to apply for a WWC – we are here to help you!

Please contact me at the school office on 9706 2254 or thomas.mitchell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Tracey Etherington,
Business Manager
ICAS English

Our latest ICAS results have arrived. In the English competition we had 90 students participating and they received 2 High Distinctions, 15 Distinctions, 32 Credits, 9 Merits and 32 Participation certificates. Our results were very strong in comparison to National averages, particularly at Year 3 and 4, where our average score out of 40 was around 5 marks higher.

I would particularly like to recognise the following achievements:

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Mark Reid
Assistant Principal

RACV Street Scene Visitor

On Tuesday 11\textsuperscript{th} October, Anne Hughes, an RACV Street Scene Educator, will be visiting the Year 2s. This visit is part of the Walk to School Program, encouraging students to walk to and from school. She will be talking to each class about pedestrian safety, passenger safety and bike safety. There is no cost to this visit. We encourage you to have a chat with your child after the visit to reinforce the safety issues that Anne will talk about. If you have any questions please ask.

Liz Cooke, Sustainability Coordinator
Walk to School kicked off on Monday and we have already seen lots of students walking to school or using the running track in the morning. It is fantastic to see!

On Tuesday we had some special visitors from the Casey City Council visit us at assembly. The Crossing Mascot Lottie (the Lollypop Lady) was here to educate our students on school crossing safety and being safe on our roads around schools. Steve, a Local Law Officer also attended and spoke to us about safety on the roads and making sure our parents are abiding by the road laws. Some lucky students got to dress up like Steve and Lottie.

They also gave us some great prizes to be given away at the end of Walk to School month.

We understand that it is not possible for all students to walk to school due to different circumstances, but if possible try walking a couple of times or even parking a couple of blocks away and walking a short distance.

Starting in Week 3, Miss Goder will also have some extra activities happening before 9am on the hardcourts to encourage students to be active before school starts.

Happy walking!
Sustainability Team
Nude Food 2016

Nude food winners for Week 10, Term 3:
Junior School: Not enough results for the week.
Middle School: 3RC brought an average of 49% of Nude lunches.
Upper School: Not enough results for the week.

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 lunch box idea

Try baking with your kids on the weekend and make some yummy muffins. Below is a recipe Mrs A uses every couple of weeks. They are really quick and easy to make, have no added sugar and freeze beautifully.

Ingredients
150g self-raising flour
½ tsp ground cinnamon
60g butter (melted)
2 large eggs (beaten)
4 large, very ripe bananas (or swap one banana for a handful of berries)

Method
Preheat oven to 190 degrees and grease or line muffin trays. Sift the flour and cinnamon into a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Mash the bananas into a smooth puree consistency using a fork, then add the beaten eggs and melted butter and mix well. Add the berries now if you are using them. Pour the banana mixture into the flour and fold together gently. Spoon the mixture into the muffin tray and bake for 10-15 minutes (depending on the size of your muffins).

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!

SPORT NEWS

Divisional Athletics Carnival
The Divisional Athletics Carnival was held yesterday at Casey Fields Athletics Track. It was a very cold and windy day at the track, but the TMPS students produced fantastic results. Well done to all students who competed at the divisional level.

Congratulations to the below students who have qualified for the Regional Athletics Carnival, which will be next Thursday 13th October at Casey Fields Athletics Track.

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Year 6 Interschool Sport
Term 4 Interschool Sport will commence on Friday 21st October. The term 4 sports are cricket, hockey, basketball, softball and volleyball stars. We look forward to another successful term of Interschool Sport.

Hoop Time- Basketball Victoria Competition - Thomas Mitchell Tigers
Next Monday 10th October, our year six basketball team, the Thomas Mitchell Tigers will be competing at the Regional Hooptime Basketball Competition. Last term the year 6 team won the District Competition and have now progressed to the next level.

Good Luck Thomas Mitchell Tigers!
House Points

Weekly House Points Results

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Have a great week! 😊

Olivia Goder,
Physical Education Teacher

PARENTS’ CLUB

Shopping Tour
Unfortunately the Shopping Tour has been cancelled due to lack of numbers. We sincerely apologise to those few who had booked seats. The school office will be in touch to organise a refund.

School Banking
We had 64 deposits this week which is great for first week of term! We look forward to seeing more regular bankers back next week.

Lapsed Bankers - If you have a CBA account but have lost your deposit book, please send a note via your teacher and we will 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!

Year Long Competition – The qualifying period for the major competition to win a trip to Australia Zoo has finished. Good luck to all the students who’ve received an entry!

Rewards – students can claim a reward each time they collect 10 silver tokens (or 1 gold token). Rewards still available at this stage are: Bush Fly Fan & Wriggly Glow Worm (new for Term 4), Eraser Pen, Skipping Rope, Outback Pat Bag Tag, Dollarmites Moneybox (2014), ET DVD (2015), Outerspace Money Box (2015), Intergalactic Rocket (2015) or Galaxy Glider Frisbee (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.

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.
**Year 6 Graduation Bears, Football and Soccer Ball**

We will soon be ordering Graduation Bears, Footballs and Soccer Balls for all interested Year 6 students. If you’d like to purchase one or more, please fill out the order form below and return it to school by **no later than Friday 28th October**. The cost will be $15 each and payment must be made in full when placing your order. Please send correct money in an envelope with the order form as no change can be given. Samples will be available for viewing at the school office. EFT and credit card payments can be made directly at the office.

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**THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Graduation Bears, Football & Soccer Ball**

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**Community News**

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[Image of Grasshopper Soccer advertisement]
Year 4: Expositions

Hotels are better than camping

Hotels are better than camping because hotels are fun, they are more safe and camping is tiring.

Hotels have better safety because you can lock the doors so people can’t come in. You can’t lock tents, so people can come in and take your things.

In a tent, you can’t play video games and watch TV as there is no power, but in hotels you can. At a hotel you can relax, camping on the other hand is tiring. When you camp, you have to walk a long way and you might hurt your legs and too much of anything is unhealthy. Camping is hard work. Building fires and putting up tents takes time. At hotels it’s all there for you.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that hotels are far better than camping for a relaxing holiday.

Zain 4CM

We should get $10 every week for pocket money

I believe every child in the world should get $10 every week. They should get $10 every week because they can buy more games, buy a car and buy a house.

They should get $10 every week so they can buy different games. Children could buy a variety of games like: Monopoly, Connect 4, Jenga and Twister. Children need games like these to be entertained and get a break from the computer. Games are important so you’re not by yourself, you are with friends. That’s why I believe $10 a week for children is important.

Children should get $10 every week so when they are older, they can buy themselves a car. Children need to practise driving a car so when they’re older they have already had training and then don’t need to go to driver’s school. They also need driving practise so they won’t crash. If children save their money and buy a car, then their parents don’t have to buy it for them. It is also faster transportation driving a car, instead of walking to places. So children deserve $10 every week.

All children should get $10 every week to buy a house. Children should have some shelter and protection. Shelter means you will not get wet during winter and protection means being safe from criminals. Living in a house means you’re responsible and more educated and know how to spend wisely. That why I think children should get $10 every week.

Every child should get $10 every week so they can get: more games, car and a house.

Tyson 4JT

The best game is Minecraft

Minecraft is an exciting game where you can embrace your imagination – the sky’s the limit. From mining to exploring, this game has become a big success of 5 million copies sold and downloaded. Have you got Minecraft?

Minecraft is a good game because you can explore the desert, jungle, Nether, The End, Mesa and flat biomes. To get to the Nether and The End you need to go through a portal.

When night comes you need to survive from hostile mobs like zombie, skeletons, spider, Creeper, Enderman, Husk, Spider Jokey, Zombie Horse and Skeleton Horse.

When you explore you might find a mineshaft, dungeon, desert temple, jungle temple, villages, and ravine, but watch out, you might find yourself in trouble!

In conclusion, I believe Minecraft is the best game because you might like the Nether or The End or playing with hostile mobs or search for treasure in jungle or desert temples or trade with villagers.

Whatever you do, you will have a great time!

Kody, 4EH

We Should Not Wear School Uniform

Do you not like your uniform or is it just not your type? If so then add your vote to show school who’s boss!

Now you will see why you want to vote for me! You want to vote for me because you don’t want to wear school uniform, do you? Sometimes your uniform doesn’t fit or its just itchy. Why would you even want to come close to your school uniform? I officially asked 769 people and ONLY 2 people said no, OUT OF 769!!

School clothes are also very dangerous because they keep the smell on them and if you ate cooked steak the night before and didn’t take a shower, then you’re going to get chased by dogs, bears and or hungry students.

Now you see why you don’t want to wear school uniform!

Esteban 4MR
Year 4 Cinquain Poems

Football
Outdoors, oval
Running, kicking, playing
The Bulldogs won the Grand Final
Footscray
Taelyn, 4EH

Brothers
Younger, mean
Creating, fighting, annoying
Pesky as a pig
Twins
Jordano, 4MR

Sky
Blue, white
Drizzling, gleaming, hailing
Stars fill the sky
Clouds
Yalda, 4MR

Winter
Cold, beautiful
Blowing, swishing, snowing
Sparkling in the day
Season
Jennifer, 4JT

Stars
Amazing, sparkly
Twinkling, shooting, floating
Up high, twinkling in the sky
Tiny suns
Zoe, 4MV

Birthdays
Fun, intoxicating
Eating, playing, wrapping
Always totally amazing
Party
Sara, 4MV

Minecraft
Creative, fun
Creating, building, destroying
Letting your imagination run wild
Game
Bella, 4EH