Friday 16/9  ‘Kids Art Work Fundraiser’ – Orders and money due back to school
Whole School Assembly – 9.00am in Gym
Last Day of Term 3 – **School Finishes at 2.30pm**

Monday 3/10  First Day of Term 4 – **School Resumes at 9.00am**

Wednesday 5/10  Divisional Athletics Carnival – Casey Athletics Track (Rescheduled)

Monday 10/10  Year 4 Excursion – Gleneagles Cup Sports Day

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

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

Thursday 13/10  3RC & 3JC Activity – Fizzics Education ‘Lego Robotics’

Friday 14/10  3TV & 3SB Activity – Fizzics Education ‘Lego Robotics’

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

Wed – Fri 2 – 4/11 Year 4 Camp – Phillip Island Adventure Resort

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Thank you, Mrs Cassar**

I would like to formally thank Mrs Giselle Cassar for the wonderful job she did as Acting Principal while I was away on sick leave for 3 weeks.

**End of Term 3**

A reminder to everyone that tomorrow (Friday 16th September) is the last day of Term 3. School finishes at **2.30pm**. I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. School resumes on Monday 3rd October.

**Enrolments for 2017**

We are at the point of organising staff for the 2017 school year, so if you have someone to enrol, or know someone who intends to enrol their child, please do so as soon as you possibly can.

**Wearing Hats in Term 4**

All students are required to wear a “Thomas Mitchell” hat while they are outside at recess and lunch times. We require a “Thomas Mitchell” hat – which can only be purchased from the school uniform shop – because we can be sure that it has the correct UV rating. Many cheaper hats do not have this rating, and do not give the appropriate protection.

**Child Safety Standards**

The Victorian Government has, through the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority, upgraded requirements for all schools in relation to child safety standards.

Our School Council has approved and ratified a school policy – **Child Safety Policy**. A Child Safety Code of Conduct will be presented to our October School Council Meeting for approval and ratification.

All of these documents are, or will be available on the school website. The staff responsible for the management of all aspects of these policies and their implementation are – Assistant Principal, Welfare – Mrs Giselle Cassar, Assistant Principal, Mr Mark Reid and Principal, Mr John Hurley. If you require more information, please contact us at school.
**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, ie 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](http://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 Tracey Etherington at the school office on 9706 2254 or [thomas.mitchell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:thomas.mitchell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

John Hurley  
Principal

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**Notices Sent Home This Week**

- Year 4 Phillip Island Camp Payment and Consent Forms
- Year 6 Coonawarra Camp Payment and Consent Forms
Book Week Book Cover Competition

Congratulations to all the students who were involved in our Book Week book cover competition this year. Students received their book prizes this week and will be having a special lunch with Mr Hurley early next term. The date will be advised.

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**OVERALL WINNER**

Carmen 4MV

Nude Food 2016

*Nude food is food that is healthy and environmentally friendly without packaging.*

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 8:

Junior School: Prep AS brought an average of 67% of Nude lunches.
Middle School: 3RC brought an average of 47% of Nude lunches.
Upper School: 5SP brought an average of 47% of Nude lunches.

Nude food winners for Week 9:

Junior School: 2MC brought an average of 40% of Nude lunches.
Middle School: 3RC brought an average of 32% of Nude lunches.
Upper School: 5SP brought an average of 45% of Nude lunches.

The winners for week 10 will be advised in the first newsletter next term.
During October, Thomas Mitchell Primary School will be participating in Walk to School month. During this month, each class will be keeping a tally of the number of times each student walks to school or does 15 minutes of exercise before school at home or school.

Walk to School encourages primary school children to walk to and from school every school day in October, to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing. By getting involved in Walk to School, we can help students learn healthy habits, and achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for children each day. Walking to school can also help reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts.

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

On Tuesday 4th October, Lottie the school crossing lady will be visiting us at whole school assembly, along with Law Enforcement Officers from Casey City Council. They will be reinforcing to us the importance of safety around the roads and using the school crossing.

Bicycle Superstore in Narre Warren will be visiting also on this day with some bike simulators that the children can race against each other. The simulators will be set up for the year 5 and 6 students to all have an opportunity to have a go on. The simulators are a stable product set up preventing the chance of students falling off. It also suits students who have never ridden before. This is a free activity for Year 5 and 6 students to participate in.

Have fun walking, riding and exercising. Keep your eyes open for more information.

Sustainability Team

‘Kids Art Works Fundraiser’

Reminder that all orders and money are due back at school by tomorrow, Friday 16th September.

No late orders can be accepted.

Rosa Spizzirri and Jenni Entwistle,
Visual Arts Faculty

Canteen News

The Canteen will be open tomorrow, last day of term and will re open on 3rd October, first day of term 4.

Tropical fruit juice has been deleted from our menu. Also a reminder that if you don’t have a paper bag, a cost of 10c will be charged.

Canteen Staff
Next term children will be required to protect their skin from damaging UV rays. Thomas Mitchell Primary School is now celebrating 8 years of being sun smart. Our school has a policy in place to support children and staff from over exposure to UV radiation. Our whole school community can encourage children to be sun smart by following these simple steps:

1. **Seek shade**
   - Children will be required to wear school approved broad-brimmed hats whenever they are outside (recess, sport, excursions, camps, special events, yard clean up, evacuation).
   - Staff will act as role models by practicing Sun Smart behaviours.
   - Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
   - Students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.

2. **Slip on sun protective clothing**
   - Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform / dress code and sports uniform. School clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of densely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts.

3. **Slap on a hat – Term 1 and 4**
   All students and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. our Uniform Policy states hats are mandatory from September to the end of April. School approved broad brimmed or bucket hats must be worn whenever they are outside. Baseball or peak caps and visors are not considered a suitable alternative.
   - **Students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play in the shade or suitable areas protected from the sun.**

4. **Slop on sunscreen**
   Schools should encourage and remind students and staff to:
   - Apply SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant, fragrance free sunscreen 20 minutes (where possible) before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if outdoors.
   - Students and staff will have access to sunscreen for all outdoor activities and this will be kept in the Health Centre (available on request).
   - Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices, newsletter items).
   - Sunscreen must be stored below 30 degrees.
   - Sunscreen must be in date as stated on the packaging.
   - Students should be able to apply their own sunscreen.

4.2 **Role- modelling**
As part of OH&S risk control and role-modelling, when the UV index is 3 and above, staff are encouraged to:
   - Wear sun protective hats and clothing for all outdoor activities and duties.
   - Apply SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen.

I will include another reminder in the next newsletter including ongoing information regarding UV radiation and sun protection.

*Anthea Cupido, School Nurse*
**Uniform Shop News**

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – TERM 3 2016**

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:
- 16th September (Last day of Term)
- 7th October (1st week of Term 4)

Each 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm
- 4th October (1st week of Term 4)

Sally Opie, Uniform Shop

**SPORT NEWS**

*Divisional Athletics Carnival - Amended Date*
Due to the weather forecast yesterday the Divisional Athletics Carnival was cancelled. The carnival will be now be held on **Wednesday 5th October**, at Casey Fields Athletics Track.

*Year 6 Interschool Sport*
Congratulations to all Year 6 students for a fantastic term of Interschool Sport. The results and the ladder are still being finalised, but it was a very successful term of sport for the year six students.

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

*House Points*

**Weekly House Points Results**

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Have a great week and happy holidays! 😊

Olivia Goder
Physical Education Teacher
**Shopping Tour - “Guilt Free Shopping!!”**

Spoil yourself with some “retail therapy”, knowing that you’re contributing to the school fundraising at the same time! Maybe even make a start on your Christmas shopping!

The tour date is **Saturday 22nd October**. The cost is $55 per person which includes a 2 course lunch with a glass of wine or soft drink. Everyone is welcome so please invite some friends to come along as well. Please pay for your tickets at the school office, by EFT or correct cash, by **3rd October (first day of Term 4)*** to secure your seat on the bus.

The outlets we will be visiting are:

Diana Ferrari (clothes & shoes)
Natio (skin care & makeup)
Ross Chocolates & Nuts (great range of lollies, nuts, seeds & dried fruits)
Linen House (bedding, towels etc)
Clothing Superstore (clothes for the whole family)
Kitchen Warehouse
Siricco (leather goods & clothing)
Book Warehouse

Lunch will be at La Notte in Lygon Street, Carlton

*Subject to unavoidable last minute changes. We may be able to visit extra shops if time permits.

As this is a fundraising event, money will not be refunded unless the whole tour is cancelled. Departure time will be confirmed closer to the date but will be approx 8am. Bus should arrive back at school around 6pm.

**BONUS** – The first 10 people who book a seat/s for this year’s Shopping Tour will receive a $20 gift voucher for the Dandenong Club (voucher valid until 31/12/16)!

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**2016 TMPS Shopping Tour**

Name ____________________________________________________________

Student’s Name _________________________________________________________ Class _______

Name/s of Attendees ____________________________________________________________

☐ I enclose $ __________ being payment for _____________ people.

**School Banking**

We had 71 deposits this week so thanks again to all our regular bankers.

**Term 3 Competition** – Good luck to everyone who’s qualified!

**IMPORTANT** – to be in the running for the PS4, there’s still time to complete the Stargazing Activity on the CBA website. Please click on this link for more details - [http://www.commbank.com.au/prizelights](http://www.commbank.com.au/prizelights)

**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!
**Year Long Competition** - The major competition for a trip to Australia Zoo is still on and anyone who made 15 or more deposits for the year, before the end of Term 3, will receive an entry.

**Rewards** – students can claim a reward each time they collect 10 silver tokens (or 1 gold token). Rewards still available are: 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, to claim a reward. Unfortunately you can’t use siblings tokens.

**Community News**

**Chinese Language Classes**

Prepare your Chinese language for the future. Free classes held every Thursday at Thomas Mitchell Primary School after school from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Every student receives 3 study books at no cost. All welcome!

We are now taking enrolments for Term 4 2016.

For further information, please contact Ms Ma on 0403 086 532.

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**Thomas Mitchell OSHC**

-15th September 2016-

OSHC Telephone Number - 0415 326 328

Hello everyone!

Holiday club bookings are now open, please log onto [https://www.campaustralia.com.au/HolidayClubs/Program/ThomasMitchell/17148](https://www.campaustralia.com.au/HolidayClubs/Program/ThomasMitchell/17148) to view the program.

We look forward to seeing you over the next two weeks!

We hope everyone has a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in Term 4!

- The Camp Australia OSHC team! 😊