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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

*School Council Meeting – Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm*

Next Tuesday, 21st February, our School Council meets at 7.30pm in the staff room. The School Council is an important part of the functioning of our school. It is made up of parents and staff members. Parents are invited to attend this meeting to observe School Council proceedings. There will be several parent vacancies when elections are held in March, so attending this meeting is a good opportunity for parents to learn more about School Council.

*English Language Classes for Parents*

On Tuesday mornings, at 9.00am, we will be offering English Language Classes for parents. Classes will start next Tuesday, 21st February. The classes will be conducted by our highly experienced EAL (English as an Additional Language) teacher, Mrs Annamaria Scardamaglia. Please ask at the office for directions or more information.

*Driving and Parking Around the School*

It is really important for the safety of everyone that parents obey the road and parking signs around the school. There are substantial fines from The City of Casey or the Police for not obeying the signs or rules, however our most important consideration is the safety of the children.

*Parents’ Club Meeting*

The Parents’ Club provides support for the school in a number of ways, including fundraising, student banking and Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls. We are always looking for new members!

A meeting will be held on Friday 24th February at 2.00pm and interested parents are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the staff room.

*John Hurley*

*Principal*
NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Year 1 Excursion – Community Walk
- Prep to Year 6 Curriculum Information Booklets
- District Swimming Notice
- Prep Activity – Carp Productions ‘Happy To Be Me’

Canteen News

The Canteen will be out of stock of Lasagne (Meat) and Mac & Cheese until further notice. If either of these items are ordered a substitute of noodles or a spinach ricotta roll may be offered.

Anne Olierook
Manager, Bellbrook Catering

Sentral Education

As you may be aware, our school has undertaken a new Parent Information initiative known as Sentral. Sentral is a computer based program that allows our school to integrate all of our systems such as marking student attendance, student reports, booking Parent Teacher interviews as well as a Student and Parent Portal.

The first step in helping you become familiar with Sentral is you creating your own Student and Parent Portal account. Over the next week, families will be receiving a letter with details of how they can set up their own Student and Parent Portal account.

Attached will be a step by step guide of how you can create this account, as well as a Youtube link to further assist you in this process. If at any stage you need assistance please contact the school office. A copy of the Youtube link is also on our website www.tmps.vic.edu.au

As we progress with this initiative, I am confident that the Parent Portal will become more and more significant in your day to day management of your child’s enrolment at our school.

Please read the school newsletter for updates of new modules that will be slowly rolled out throughout the year.

Ben Stanford
Leading Teacher
ICT Co-ordinator

Year 1 – Our Community

As part of our topic ‘Our Community’, the Year 1 students are learning about various community helpers and their roles and responsibilities. Throughout this term the students will be visited by a number of different community helpers (e.g. nurse, doctor, police officer, dentist etc.) who will speak to them about their occupations. There is no cost for this activity.

Thank you
Year 1 Teachers
Classroom Helpers Program 2017

If you did not attend the information and training session in 2016, are new to the school or simply want to revisit being a classroom helper; we invite you to attend the session on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 from 2.00 to 3.30 in the staffroom.

Similar to last year we are running this information and training session to assist parents to:
- Understand the different ways they can help in the classroom
- Gain confidence in their abilities to support the classroom teacher
- Learn about how children learn to read and how they can help with reading in the classroom

We will particularly focus on the Early Years Classroom (Prep and Year1) however anyone is welcome to attend. Please speak with your child's teacher if you want further information or to let them know that you will be attending.

NUDE FOOD 2017

Nude Food is back for 2017! As part of Thomas Mitchell Primary School's Sustainability Program, we are reinstating our Nude Food competition. This is an opportunity for students to combine healthy eating with being environmentally aware. Parents and teachers at TMPS are encouraged to help students make healthy lunch choices and prepare their food without the use of extra wrappers.

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!

Every day we will count how many students in each class bring “nude” lunch boxes (including snack and lunch). The winning class for the junior, middle and senior school will receive a certificate and the overall winner for the term will receive a special treat.

Nude food winners for Week 2:
- Junior School: 2WR
- Middle School: 3RC
- Upper School: 5JC

For more information, contact Rose Arbuthnot.
**Library Bags**

All students are being asked to have a waterproof/plastic bag, to borrow books from the school Library.

Parents **DO NOT** need to purchase a new bag. An old share book bag or any other type of plastic bag you already have at home, would be suitable. Some examples are – a large zip lock bag, a strong shopping bag or a plastic envelope folder. This is to protect our books from damage. All students should have a bag by Monday 6th March.

If you have any concerns or queries please contact me at school.

Josie Morando
Librarian

**Book Club**

Brochures for Issue 1 were sent home last week. All orders are due back at school by **tomorrow, Friday 17th February**. The **completed order forms and payment (correct money only), or cheque**, should be placed in an envelope and returned to the classroom teacher. No change can be given. **No late orders can be accepted.**

Book Club Coordinators

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – TERM 1 2017**

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:
- 17th, 24th February
- 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March

Every Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm
- 21st & 28th February
- 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March

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**TMPS Playgroup**

The school will be running a Playgroup for 0-5 year olds each Thursday morning from 9:15am – 10:30am during the school term again this year in the Early Learning Centre.

We ask for a gold coin donation to participate and for parents to please bring a nut free snack for their child/ren.

Please note the Playgroup will be held on Thursday morning instead of Tuesday morning as it has been previously.

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.
SPORT NEWS

**TMPS Swim Team 2017**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent TMPS at the District Swimming Carnival. The carnival will be held next Wednesday 22nd February at Noble Park Swimming Pool.

Good Luck to all students competing!

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**School Sport Victoria Trials**

School Sport Victoria trials are now open online. These trials are for students who turn 10 – 12 years by the end of the year. The trials are designed for students who play at an extremely high level in AFL, Soccer, Netball, Cricket and Basketball. Parents are responsible for registering their child online.

All State Team information is available and nominations can be registered online via the SSV website [www.ssv.vic.edu.au](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au) using the Team Vic State Teams tab and selecting the relevant sport.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Miss Goder.

*Olivia Goder*

*Physical Education Teacher*
Parents' Club

Meeting
A Parents’ Club meeting will be held on Friday 24th February at 2.00pm in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend.

School Banking – WEDNESDAY each week
This week we had 80 deposits, with 4 NEW bankers registering. Our school receives $5 commission for each new account registered as well as 5% for each deposit made on School Banking Days (up to a maximum of $10 commission per deposit).

The School Banking Program is a fun way for your child to develop the knowledge and confidence to handle their money, combining a savings Reward Program with great activities throughout the year. If you have not yet registered your child but would like them to participate in our School Banking program in 2017 and beyond, please register your interest at www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Any parents wanting to help with the processing of the student banking are most welcome. The banking team meets at the staffroom Wednesday from 9am and are finished by recess time. It is a great way to meet other parents while giving the school a much needed helping hand.

Tokens for Rewards - every deposit earns one silver token, 10 silver tokens = one gold token. There are some weeks that the banking team may forget to put tokens in books but please be assured that the bank keeps a record as well. If you'd like to double check the amount your child should have, please include a note with your banking and we'll provide an exact total.

FUTURE SAVERS REWARDS available for Term 1, 2017 are:
Cyber Hand Ball and Colour Change Markers!
More will be available throughout the remaining terms. These rewards will be on display at the display cabinet next to the library. To redeem a reward place a note with your child’s bank book or collect a flyer from the office for the reward slips and include 10 silver tokens (or 1 gold token).

The major prize this year is a trip to Disneyland Tokyo for 2 adults and 3 children with $1000 spending money and 5 nights’ accommodation. Any child who makes 15 or more School Banking deposits, by Term 3, will go into the draw. Good Luck!
The Year 2’s are Caring, Connected and Courageous!

Courage...

What skill do you use to protect yourself?

Courage is like knowing when you can and when you can't. When I was brave, I knew I could do it.

What if everybody did not follow rules while they played outside?

They will fight and they will get hurt.

What if everybody were nice while you were stuck in the mud? Would you know what to do?