



THOMAS MITCHELL WEEKLY

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Friday	3/2	Whole School Assembly 9.00am in Gym Uniform Shop Open – 8.30am to 9.30am
Monday	6/2	Prep Students commence school full time (9.00am – 3.30pm)
Tuesday	7/2	Uniform Shop Open – 3.00pm to 4.00pm 2017 Swim Team Trials – 4.00pm to 5.00pm at Doveton Pool in the Park
Thursday	9/2	2017 Swim Team Trials – 4.00pm to 5.00pm at Doveton Pool in the Park
Wednesday	22/2	District Swimming Carnival – Noble Park Swimming Pool
Monday	13/3	Labour Day Public Holiday – Students do not attend school on this day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to everyone to the 2017 school year!

It's lovely to see all the families who have returned to Thomas Mitchell for another year, and also to welcome all our new families to our school. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. The students have returned with lots of excitement and enthusiasm!

Whole School Assembly

There is a whole school assembly tomorrow, (Friday) morning at 9.00am to welcome everyone back to school. Parents are welcome to attend.

Welcome to Our New Staff Members

The following teachers have joined our staff this year – Karolina Stypa (2KS) and Olivia Banas (5OB). We also welcome back Holly Allan (formally Holly Byers, PHA).

We also welcome our new Education Support Staff – Emma Darbyshire, Dina Gotsis and Kate Macklin.

School Hats and School Uniform

All students are required to wear a school hat when they are outside at recess and lunch times. Please ensure that your child/children has/have a Thomas Mitchell hat (which can be purchased from the Uniform Shop).

The wearing of a school hat is an important part of our school's Sunsmart policy.

Students are also required to wear school uniform to school.

John Hurley

Principal

Notices Sent Home

- Canteen Price List 2017
- Reminder Notice for Year 3 – 6 Students Swim Trials for 2017 Swim Team



Term Dates for 2017

- Term 1 Monday 30th January – Friday 31st March
(Labour Day Holiday – Monday 13th March)
- Term 2 Tuesday 18th April – Friday 30th June
(Anzac Day – Tuesday 25th April)
(Queens Birthday – Monday 12th June)
- Term 3 Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September
- Term 4 Monday 9th October – Friday 22nd December
(Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday 7th November)



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

THANK YOU to our families for your cooperation on our book selling and Uniform Shop day last Monday. We had a fantastic response to our request for payments and our students have been able to settle quickly into their new classes for 2017.

If you have not yet made arrangements to pay for your books, excursions and any other fees please do so as soon as possible. If you had paid via the prepayment method, please be assured that all book packs have been labelled and distributed to your child/ren's classrooms already.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Department of Education has advised us that the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will be accessible again in 2017 for eligible families. The fund will assist these families to cover the cost of school excursions, camps and sporting activities to ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important educational and fun activities.

If you hold a valid, means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for \$125 per student attending primary school.

Application forms and further information were distributed with our Parent Payments Information pack, and spare copies are available at the office. If you have not yet applied for this fund, please ensure you do so by Tuesday February 28th.

Books

If you have found any item that is missing from your child's pack, or has been supplied incorrectly, could you please contact the office. We will endeavour to rectify the problem as soon as possible for you.

Years 4, 5 & 6 Camps

Children in years 4, 5 & 6 are invited to participate in our Camp Program each year. Please keep your eye on the newsletter next week, which will provide more information about the scheduled camps.

Finally, if you have not yet met our admin/office staff, please say 'hi' on your way into school next time you are visiting. Our team have a varying range of duties, and you may encounter any one of them helping out at the reception desk: Louisa Boucher, Jennie Darbyshire, Elise Kennedy, Karen MacGregor and Robyn Shelton, our Facilities/Daily Organiser, Emily Aw and our School Nurse, Anthea Cupido.

Tracey Etherington

Thomas Mitchell Primary School App & Website



THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL PHONE APP

Thomas Mitchell Primary School's own iPhone/Android App is now available from the App store/Play store as a free download. If you are downloading the app to your iPhone/ iPad you will need to search for the app using the App store. If you are using an Android phone search for the app using the Playstore, then download it onto your device.

The app is designed to allow TMPS parents to access and receive information about events and activities at the school. We trust that you will enjoy the convenience that this app will bring you. If you have any queries, please contact us at school ph: 9706 2254, or via the school's email thomas.mitchell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or the app (if you have successfully downloaded it) under the requests tab.

THOMAS MITCHELL WEBSITE

Our website <http://www.tmps.vic.edu.au/> has lots of useful information about our school including copies of newsletters, excursion notices, forms, price lists, enrolment information etc that can be downloaded for your use.

A feature of the web is the ability to subscribe to our weekly Newsletter as well as excursion notices. If you would like to take advantage of this feature, click on the parents tab on our website, select 'newsletters' and then click on the "Email me updates" link on the right hand side of the page. This link will ask you to fill out your name and email address and each week you will automatically receive an updated copy of the newsletter once we have added it to the webpage.



To receive excursion notices and forms repeat the same process by clicking on the School Notices & Excursion forms tab. Please go and visit our new web page and tell us what you think, we would appreciate your feedback.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – TERM 1 2017



Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th February

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March

Each 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm

7th & 21st February

7th & 21st March



Canteen News

The canteen supplies lunch orders every school day. The canteen is also open for counter sales at recess and lunchtime every school day **except Tuesday lunchtime**. A canteen price list is sent home at the beginning of the year. Apart from lunch money, students should not have more than \$5.00 to spend. For safekeeping should your child have more than \$5.00 the excess will be held at the office for collection by their parent.

A new pricelist has been sent home today with the newsletter. Spare copies of the price list are available at the office or can be downloaded from the Tmps website under the Parents/General Information Tab, or alternatively using the following link. <http://www.tmps.vic.edu.au/parents/114/>

Name:	
Class:	
Room:	
Food	Price
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Amount Enclosed	\$.....

The canteen staff find it much easier if parents/children fill out their lunch order correctly (see picture).

Many orders are received without student names or classes, sometimes with incorrect prices and /or no money enclosed. We hope you can assist us by completing your child's lunch order in the format shown.

Please note: An additional fee is charged if the canteen is required to supply paper bags.

Canteen Staff

New Concept Chinese Language School Welcomes All Students to Learn Chinese

Location: Thomas Mitchell Primary School
Community Facility

Time: Every Thursday during school terms
(commencing Thursday 9th February)
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Every Student will have 3 Chinese Books, free of charge!

Please contact Ms Ma to enrol your child by phone/SMS to: Ms MA on 0403 086 532



Health Centre News

At Thomas Mitchell Primary School we take pride in our vision and endeavour to provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT 2017

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life-threatening. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (cashews), cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medication.

The key to prevention of anaphylaxis in schools is knowledge of those students who have been diagnosed at risk, awareness of triggers (allergens), and prevention of exposure to those triggers. Partnership between school and parents is important in ensuring that certain foods or items are kept away from the student while at school.

This year there are several students in our school community that have a severe life threatening allergy to tree nuts/ peanuts/ coconut milk/ milk/ sesame and eggs.

This reaction is known as **ANAPHYLAXIS** and can cause death by suffocation within minutes of a reaction. A severe anaphylactic reaction can occur simply from skin contact with a trace of the food product. When a severe reaction occurs, it can be frightening to both the child and those involved in their care.

At Thomas Mitchell Primary School, we feel we have a role to play in reinforcing appropriate avoidance and management strategies.

To support the safety and welfare of our students, we ask all parents to carefully consider foods that you send to school with your child. Please **avoid sending** the following products:



- SPREADS CONTAINING NUTS SUCH AS NUTELLA AND PEANUT BUTTER
- SNACK BARS CONTAINING ALL NUTS/ PEANUT BUTTER
- PEANUTS,CASHEWS ETC
- EGGS

As a whole school community, I think it is important to make every effort to ensure that the safety and health of our children are not jeopardized.

Parents who have concerns or require clarification are urged to speak to the classroom teacher. Alternatively, you can contact the office or school nurse for further information.

Anthea Cupido
School Nurse

Parents ' Club

Welcome everyone for 2017! We need new members for the school Parents' Club so please have a think about what you can contribute. We will be holding a meeting in the next couple of weeks. The date and time of the meeting will be advertised in the school newsletter next week.

School Banking

Welcome back to another exciting year. This week we had 34 deposits, which is a good effort for the first week back.

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

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).

Wednesday is banking day for Thomas Mitchell Primary School.

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.

The two new FUTURE SAVERS REWARDS available for Term 1, 2017 are:

Cyber Hand Ball and Colour Change Markers!

Bankers this week should have received "Welcome Back to School Kits" including the rewards slips and these will be distributed to the school bankers in the next few weeks. All children starting in Prep will receive these. The packs will also be available at the school office.

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!



SPORT NEWS



Swimming Trials

Welcome back to TMPS for 2017!



As always, the beginning of the year is very busy! Next week we will be running our TMPS swimming trials for students aged between 9 – 13 years. The trials will be held on **Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th February** at Doveton Pool in the Park from 4.00 to 5.00pm.

The trials are used for forming our 2017 TMPS Swim Team. All students that participate can choose to try out for any, or all of the following events:

50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke or 50m Butterfly.

All students are timed, and the team is created based on times achieved.

Once the trials are finished, all students who have been selected will be notified. They will then compete in the District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 22nd February at Noble Park Swimming Pool.

House Points

Keep your eye on this space!! Next week, our first House Points for the year will be listed!!

Have a great week.

Olivia Goder

Physical Education Teacher

TMPS Playgroup – Change of Day to Thursday

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 commencing Thursday 9th February 2017 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.



Community News

Noble Park Chess Club Junior Coaching Program

NPCC proudly presents our new and exciting coaching program designed specifically for children at beginner level. The group classes will be taught by FM Christopher Wallis and will cost \$7.00 per lesson or \$50.00 per term.

For further information please contact Laszlo Nemeth on 0411 726 873 or email laszlon@iprimus.com.au





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or call 1300 105 343

2nd February 2017

OSHC Telephone Number - 0415 326 328

Hello everyone!

Welcome back to Term 1. We hope everyone had a wonderful break!

We encourage all families to log onto their parent portal to please confirm their bookings and make any changes needed.

Just a friendly reminder to parents to please contact us if your child will not be attending the After School Care session you have booked them in for so we are aware that they have been safely collected from school.

-The Camp Australia OSHC team! ☺

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