



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Once again, I would like to thank you for your hard work in supporting the home learning that your children are engaged in. The children, too, have been very co-operative and keen to engage with their teachers.

We are continuing to develop new ways of communicating between teachers and students. We are soon going to trial some video conferencing. There are some rules around this, like students being in an open room and being fully dressed before the conference starts. We will send more information as we progress with this.

I am sure parents would be fully aware that, as we are a Government school, we are required to follow the direction of the Department of Education in all matters relating to this difficult time.

John Hurley
Principal



Application for Year 7 Placement

The Application for Year 7 Placement for 2021 has been mailed out to all year 6 students this week.

School Photos

School photo packs for those who have placed an order have been delivered to the school. These will be distributed to students once onsite classes resumes.

However, if you wish to collect your photo pack before this time, please e-mail the school (thomas.mitchell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) with your child's name and class.



We will then contact you with a day and time when you can pick them up from the office. All photo collections must be pre-arranged. If you have any queries regarding your photo order, please contact Leading Image directly on 1300 084 586.

Catch Up Photo Day

Unfortunately due to the current situation, we have postponed the 'catch-up' photo day (originally scheduled for Tuesday 21st April) to Friday 31st July (Term 3).

Students who have not had the opportunity to have their individual photo taken or families who ordered family photos and could not have them taken due to the absence of one or more of their children, can have their photos taken on this day. Class group photos will not be re-taken.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

TMPS will be participating in the Challenge again this year. We are in the process of finalising the details under these different times. There is a new online platform this year, with some very exciting features for students. So stay posted for more information next week. The website is www.eduaction.vic.gov.au/prc

Book Club – Term 2

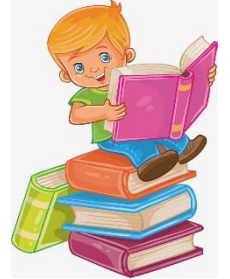
SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

BOOK CLUB IS HERE—Virtual Catalogue while Students Learn from Home

In Term 2 Book Club will still provide the opportunity to purchase books for children.

The process is different so please read the following information.

- **Orders will be ONLINE ONLY** and directly via the parent portal **LOOP**. NO orders can be made through Thomas Mitchell P.S.
- Orders are **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT ONLY**
- Orders are **HOME DELIVERY ONLY** and cannot be collected from the school (fee applies for home delivery).



The parent LOOP portal is –

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

- All orders will be **delivered directly to your home**.
- **A POSTAGE FEE OF \$5.99 per order** will apply.
(To avoid multiple postage fees, place all orders for your children under one name).

Orders can be placed via LOOP now and will remain open for this term. If you have not ordered online before, it is a simple process to join. Just follow the directions on the website. Thomas Mitchell PS will still benefit from every purchase.

If you have any queries please direct them to - Teresa at Scholastic on 0411 779 822

Art Work From Students

Thank you to all the students uploading their AMAZING art masterpieces. Here are a few from this week.

