FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STAFF NEWS — RETIREMENT OF MRS MAUREEN TAN
Tomorrow we say goodbye to Mrs Maureen Tan, who is retiring after 24 years as a member of our school’s office staff. We will all miss Maureen’s friendly and thoughtful care for the Thomas Mitchell Community. I’m sure everyone joins with me in wishing her well for her retirement.

STUDENT REPORTS
Reports will be sent home next Thursday. If there are any aspects of the reports that you would like to discuss, please contact your child’s teacher.

LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Next Friday, 24th June is the last day of term. School ends at 2.30pm on this day. School resumes on Monday 11th July.

PREP 2017
We are now accepting enrolments for Prep 2017. Please see the office for enrolment papers and more information.

SCHOOL CENSUS DATA
A separate form is being sent home with this newsletter, asking all parents to provide us with updated census information. It is really important for the funding of our school that we get this information. **ALL families are asked to complete the form and return it to school.**

John Hurley, Principal
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Year 6 Hooded Windcheaters
We have one new hooded size Large year 6 autographed windcheater for sale at a discounted cost of $50.00. If you would like to purchase this windcheater please complete the form below and return to school with payment.

THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL - YEAR 6 HOODED WINDCHEATER

I would like to purchase the following windcheater:

1 Size Large Year 6 Hooded Windcheater @ $50.00

Child’s Name: __________________________________________________________ Class: __________________________

School Uniform – Price Rise
As of the 11th July (1st day of term 3) there will be a price rise to all uniform shop items. If you wish to still purchase items at the old prices you will need to purchase items before the last day of Term, Friday 24th June.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – TERM 2 2016

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:
17th, 24th June

Each 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm
21st June

Sally Opie, Uniform Shop

RCH GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL RECEIPTS
Big thank you once again for your kind donations towards the Royal Children’s Hospitals Good Friday Appeal. Official receipts for your donation will be sent home this afternoon.

Louisa Boucher, Social Service
Workshop for Eco Warriors

A special event has been organised for all Eco Warriors at Thomas Mitchell PS on Friday 17th June at 12:00pm for 45 minutes. It has been offered to us through Young Australia Workshops. This is a free session for the Eco Warriors of each class, to say thank you for the extra effort and support they have given the Sustainability Program.

The workshop will be presented by Ilana Hoffman, an author, veterinarian and wildlife conservationist. Her workshop will cover the importance of diversity in the wild, the value of animals, endangered animals and how we can help and support wildlife. This will be done through an interactive session, with Alana sharing her experiences and passion for protecting and caring for our wildlife.

If you would like to read more about Alana Hoffman go to www.krillseeker.org/

For further questions please contact Liz Cooke.

2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
Only a few weeks left to enrol

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Thomas Mitchell Primary School is excited to be participating again and encourages all students to participate.

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is a great way to get students reading and talking about books. Children who complete the Challenge, will be rewarded with a certificate of achievement. They will also have the opportunity to see their name on an online honour roll, and view a special video to congratulate participants. TMPS will also have special raffles and prizes for those who complete the Challenge. IT IS FREE TO PARTICIPATE.

Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge, need to read or 'experience' 30 books during this period. (This means books can be read to these students as well). Students in Years 3 to 6 who accept the Challenge, must read 15 books during this period.(at least 10 from the Challenge list)

The school will enrol students and issue them with a password and user name. This is used by students to logon to the website and record what they have read. The children can keep reading for the Challenge until it ends on the 2nd September.

The Thomas Mitchell Library Resource Centre has hundreds of books from the Challenge list, so it is easy for students to find books to borrow and read. Reading books in other languages also counts towards the Challenge.

Consent forms are available from the school library and must be signed and completed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school by the 24th June 2016. Further information and forms are available from the Library. The Library is open before and after school if any parents wish to find out more details.

Josie Morando, Librarian
SPORT NEWS

**READY, SET, GO!!**
**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL- YEARS 4-6 - THURSDAY JULY 14TH**

Our school Athletics Carnival is on next term **Thursday 14th July**, at Casey Fields Athletics Track, for years 4, 5 and 6 students.

We are looking forward to seeing the students participate and have lots of fun trying all of the events on the day. Thank you to all our parent helpers who have signed up to help on the day. If you are able to help out on the day, please contact your child’s teacher or Miss Goder. We hope as many people as possible will feel welcome to join us in celebrating the improving fitness of all our children.

**BASKETBALL VICTORIA HOOP TIME**
This Friday the 17th June, we have three teams entered in the hoop time basketball competition. The teams are made up of year five and year six students. The teams will play against schools in the Endeavour Hills district, in a round robin tournament. The tournament is located at Dandenong Basketball Stadium. We wish both teams the best of luck!

**REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY**
Congratulations to Ela, Andrew, Claudia, Mitsuki and Jesse on making it to the Regional Carnival. They placed in the top ten and will now compete at the next level, on **Thursday June 23rd** at Ballam Park in Frankston.

**CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING**
Students wanting to train for the Regional Cross Country Carnival or any students who would like to train to improve their fitness, the following training date is available:

*Monday 20th June- 8:20am*  
*All students are to meet in the gym foyer and training will be conducted on the oval.*

**YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT**
Well done to our year six students who have completed their first term of interschool sport. All results will be finalised next term. Term three we move onto different sports and students will be in a new team. The sports are football, sofocrosse, volley stars, softball and basketball. We look forward to another successful term in interschool sport.

**HOUSE POINTS- WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS RESULTS**

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**TOTAL HOUSE POINT RESULTS FOR 2016**

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HAVE A GREAT WEEK! 😊

*Olivia Goder, Physical Education Teacher*
FUNDRAISING TARGET
All our fundraising this year will be going to the Art Department to help with the purchase of a new Kiln! We hope everyone will continue to support the efforts of the Parents’ Club and help us work towards achieving this goal. We’ll be so happy if we can contribute $10,000.

5C FUNDRAISER – CLOSING THIS FRIDAY!
Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity which has assured a very successful outcome! The fundraiser will finish this Friday 17th June. The final totals will be calculated asap and the class winning the Pizza Lunch will be notified early next week.

The Pizza Lunch for the winning class will be held next Wednesday 22nd June. If you are a member of this class you will not need to bring lunch, however you will need to bring a drink and snack as usual. Due to the success of this fundraiser, the class which has raised the most coins for each of the remaining year levels, apart from the winning one, will receive a smaller prize for each student.

SCHOOL BANKING
We had 80 deposits this week. Thank you to all our regular savers and welcome to our new savers! Remember, the Commonwealth Bank rewards the school with 5% commission on each deposit made (as well as $5 for each new account registered). The Flying Snake Tail reward has SOLD OUT and is no longer available. Rewards still available are: Mud Splat Handball, Outback Pat Bag Tag, Wildlife Writer Set, Dollarmites Moneybox (2014), ET DVD (2015), Outerspace Money Box (2015), Intergalactic Rocket (2015) or Galaxy Glider Frisbee (2015). Please include a note and 10 silver tokens (or 1 gold token) with your banking if you’d like to claim a reward.

Competition - win a family trip to Australia Zoo!! Just make 15 or more deposits before the end of Term 3. Further details are available on the Commonwealth Bank website.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
We are now selling the 2016/2017 Melbourne Entertainment Book. For only $65, you get over $15,000 worth of valuable offers that can be used straight away. The vouchers are valid up until 1st June, 2017!! $13 from each book sold will go towards TMPS’ fundraising. You can order an Entertainment Book online https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1876q86 or pay by EFT/Credit Card or correct cash at the school office. A copy of the Entertainment Book is available at the office for viewing.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thomas Mitchell Playgroup – Tuesday Mornings - 9.15am – 10.30am

At playgroup this week the children painted animal shapes made out of salt dough that they had made the previous week. Children made animal shapes out of playdough, read animal books and sang animal songs. Next week is the last playgroup for the term. We are having a PPPARTY!!!! Come along and join in the fun.
Winter Holiday Club-Places are filling fast. Be sure to book ASAP to avoid missing out. Book online or by calling 1300 105 343
Janice & the OSHC team 😊
Yesterday we went for a ride on an ice cream car.

We learnt about shadow puppets. We made a model and rode on a scooter. We learnt about the alphabet and learned to Modah.

Yesterday we went on the local and we played Indonesian games.
Winter Holiday Club

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Janice & the OSHC team

Indonesian Day

We took a car and it was Indonesian.

On Thurs day it was Indonesian Day.

Indonesian Day

I had a lot of fun.

Indonesian Day

We had a bike ride.

Indonesian Day

I enjoyed the bus rides.

Indonesian Day

Name: Methina

Name: Abdylia