2015 School Leaders
Yesterday, I attended the speeches by our current Year 5 aspirants to their fellow Year 5 students for the positions of school captains and school vice captains (boys and girls). It was a wonderful experience! The quality of the speeches was outstanding. The attention of all the Year 5 audience was wonderful. It was obvious that everyone was taking this process very seriously. The school captains, and vice captains, as well as the house captains are elected by their fellow students. Staff do not have any say in this election.

The students have elected the following 4 outstanding candidates. Who is captain, and who is vice captain will be announced at our whole school assembly on Monday morning.

Girls: Krish
Boys: Nicholas
Matilda
Pravinth

Classes for 2015
Last week I invited parents to write to me with any concerns, requests or information about the class placement of your child for 2015.
Please be sure to have that letter to me by Friday 21st November.

School Council Meeting
Our school council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th November in the staff room.
Parents are welcome to come and observe the meeting.

Free Dress Day - “Kids Dream Day”
A reminder that next Thursday 20th November, a Free Dress Day will be held for the Isabella and Marcus Paediatric Brainstem Tumour Fund. “Kids Dream Day” encourages children to let their imagination run free and dream about what they would like to be when they grow up; a dancer, doctor, teacher, footballer, superman... and dress accordingly.

Please be a part of this day and help find a cure. We would ask children bring a $2 donation on this day.

John Hurley, Principal
UNIFORM SHOP – YEAR 6 AUTOGRAPHED WINDCHEATERS FOR 2015

As in previous years we will be offering students who will be in Year 6 next year windcheaters with every Year 6 student’s name printed on the back.

Each student who is currently in Year 5 will have the opportunity to try on sample windcheaters for size and will be shown the different styles available to choose from. A separate notice will be distributed at a later time which will include prices and the recommended size for your child, should you wish to place an order. (We will allow growth over the 12 month period).

I will be in the uniform shop each Friday morning between 8.30 – 9.30am and Tuesday 18th November between 3.00 – 4.00pm with samples for students to try on should any parent like to be present. I will also visit classrooms for sizing. Windcheaters will be delivered in 1st term year. A second opportunity to purchase will be made available mid Term 1 2015.

All orders together with payment must be returned to the office by Friday 12th December. Absolutely no late orders can be taken.

Uniform Shop Coordinator

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP DURING TERM 4

| Friday mornings  | 14th November 2014 |
| 8.30am – 9.30am  | 21st November 2014 |
|                  | 28th November 2014 |
|                  | 5th December 2014  |
|                  | 12th December 2014 |

| Tuesday afternoons | 18th November 2014 |
| 3.00pm – 4.00pm    | 2nd December 2014  |
|                    | 16th December 2014  |

(EFT & credit card facilities available (minimum transaction of $15)
Please note the following special Uniform Shop dates and times for all new families to TMPS in 2015:

**Thursday 4th December**
- Return uniform pre-orders to the office for payment and collection on Tuesday 9th December

**Tuesday 9th December**
- 9:30am-1:00pm The Uniform Shop will be open for sales. Collect and pay for any pre-order and beat the 2015 price rise & avoid Uniform Shop queues. (all items can be exchanged providing tags are attached & garment not worn).
- 4:00pm – 6:30pm Please note that the Uniform Shop will be open late for 2015 Prep families. It will close **promptly at 6:30pm**.

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### 2nd HAND UNIFORM SALE

The 2nd Hand Uniform Sale will be held on the 9th December 2014, 8.30am to 9:30am. No EFTPOS, credit card or cheques will be accepted.

Tuesday the 2nd December 2014 will be the last day of accepting any items to sell at our 2nd Hand Uniform Sale. Please make sure all clothes are laundered, bagged and returned with a completed 2nd Hand Uniform Sale Form. Please leave bags at the office.

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### CASH ONLY

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Honey/soy red rock chips are going to be hard to obtain for the next few weeks so our supplies will be given to lunch orders only and we will put veggie chips in to substitute for the short term until the honey/soy rock chips are back in good supply.
Over the past few years, TMPS has been involved in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads. Every year, schools from all over Australia, New Zealand and other neighbouring countries take part. Approximately 41,400 students took part in the 2013 contests.

The Olympiads consist of five separate contests held approximately one month apart between May and September. The overall aim is to encourage students to develop important mathematical problem solving skills in an enjoyable environment.

This year, TMPS was represented in both divisions by a small group of Year 6 students. I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the following students who participated in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) Inc.

Team A in Division J (12 years of age at May 1st and in the equivalent of NSW Year 6)

Akshayan 6CW who won a trophy for achieving the highest individual score within a team and a pin for scoring in the Top 10% of all student scores in Division J.

Resi 6RQ who received a pin for scoring in the Top 10% of all student scores in Division J.

Annie Wu 6RQ who received a badge for scoring in the Top 25% of all student scores and an encouragement award for showing the most improvement in mathematical problem solving.

Alex 6CW who received a badge for scoring in the Top 25% of all student scores in Division J.

Bence 6CW and Mickey Chrisafis 6CW who also performed well in the Division J Olympiads.

Team B in Division S (14 years of age at May 1st and in the equivalent of NSW Year 8)

Akshayan 6CW who won a trophy for achieving the highest individual score within a team and a pin for scoring in the Top 10% of all student scores in Division S.

Resi 6RQ who received a badge for scoring in the Top 25% of all student scores and an encouragement award for showing the most improvement in mathematical problem solving.

Bence 6CW who also performed well in the Division S Olympiads.

Congratulations to all of our participants. You should be very proud of yourselves.

Cherie Wilson

Maths Olympiad Co-ordinator.
Year 6 Interschool Sport

This Friday the 14th of November we continue our Year 6 Interschool Sport with round 5. Please see the below table:

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Have a great week!

Olivia Goder - Physical Education Teacher
### Every Minute Counts

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much, but....

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Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!
**Credit Card and EFTPOS Payments**

Just a reminder when making EFTPOS or credit card payments at the office the minimum transaction amount is $15.00. Please note when making payment at the counter it is a requirement of all banks that the person presenting the card must be the authorised holder of the card.

Your cooperation in complying with this would be greatly appreciated.

*Tracey Etherington, Business Manager*

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**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 iPad/tablet you will need to search for the app for an iPhone and then download it onto your iPad/tablet!!

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.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Thomas Mitchell PS 13/11/2014

This week both the children and staff have been making handmade gifts for children attending Sophakama’s after school program in South Africa.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM SUMMER 2015 - The program is now available online.

Have a great week

Janice ☺
The New Concept Chinese School (Principal Ms Ma) is seeking expressions of interest from people who would like to enrol.

Classes are free and will operate each Thursday after school from 3.30 to 5.30pm at Thomas Mitchell Primary.

Each enrolled student will receive free Chinese Text Books.

Regardless of your family and cultural backgrounds the Chinese Mandarin language is seen to be a valuable skill to learn within our current world population.

Please complete the form below if you would like your child to attend next year. (Confirmation of classes will occur if we receive enough expressions of interest.)

New Concept Chinese School is a credited Language School in Victoria. For further information please contact Ms Ma 0403 086 532 or email the school at thomas.mitchell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL – AFTER SCHOOL CHINESE MANDARIN PROGRAM**

- I would like to enrol my child/ren in after school Chinese Mandarin for 2015
- I would like more information regarding this program

**New Concept Chinese Mandarin School after school classes for 2015**

**Information afternoon**

Following a successful response to the expressions of interest for the New Concept Chinese School classes for 2015 an information afternoon will be held in our Library on Thursday 27th November at 3.45pm where the Principal Ms Ma will provide more information about the course.

To assist us with seating arrangements please advise the number of people who will be attending and return this form to the office by Monday 24th November.

No. of people attending : .................................................................

Child’s Name: ............................................................................. Class: ...............
TMPS Playgroup

Unfortunately TMPS Playgroup is cancelled for the remainder of 2014 due to numbers. We hope to run this program again in 2015. It’s a great way to meet new faces and the children to have lots of fun.

PARENTS’ CLUB

Student Banking

We had 76 deposits this week. Keep up the great work!!

All 2014 rewards are still available until sold out. At this stage, it’s just the Shark Pencil Case and Penguin Key Rings which are no longer available. If you have tokens from last year, you can also still claim last year’s rewards. The items currently available from last year’s stock are: Blue Wallet, Knuckles Game, Headphones and Pru, Spen or Pat Money Boxes. Please put a separate note in your bank book if you’d like any of these (and include necessary tokens - 10 per item claimed).

Competition!!

Remember, the Commonwealth Bank are running a competition again this term. Each deposit from 20th October to 30th November will earn 1 entry (max of 6 entries per student) with prizes being 40 GoPro Cameras & 150 Slip n Slides!!!
PARENTS’ CLUB

Car boot sale

Need a bit of a clear-out at home? Constantly tripping over “stuff” you no longer need or want? Well, now is your chance to get rid of all of your unwanted books, CDs, DVDs, old clothes, toys, games and general Bric-a-Brack. Please note: Food products cannot be sold due to health regulations.

Saturday 6th December 2014
8.30am to 12.30pm
Thomas Mitchell Primary School Car Park

$15.00 per parking bay (only 40 bays available)
If you would like to reserve a bay please forward your payment of $15.00 to the office by Friday 28th of November.

I would like to register for the Car boot sale:

Qty of car parking bays: ______
Contact Name: ________________________________  Child Class: _________
Contact Number: ______________________________  Amount enclosed: $_________

Please place correct money in an envelope as NO change can be given, and forward it to the school office.

Year 6 Graduation bears, football and soccer ball.

We have once again organised to supply a Graduation bear, football or soccer ball for any interested Year 6 students. If you would like to purchase one or more please ensure your order is returned to the office by Friday 21st November. The cost is $15.00 each and payment must be made in full when placing your order. Please place correct money in an envelope as no change will be given. Eft and credit card payments can be made directly at the office. A sample of the graduation bear is on display at the front office.

I would like to place an order for:

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Childs Name: ________________________________________  Class: __________
Contact Number: ______________________________  Amount enclosed: $________

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Year 4 Camp.
Phillip Island Adventure Resort

On the 5th of November we went to Phillip Island for camp. The bus trip took 1 hour and in between we went to see the pelicans.

When we got to camp we went to the dining room to go over the camp rules. We also found out who was in our cabins. I had all my friends with me. I slept on the bed nearest to the window.

Next we unpacked and got into our activity groups. My first activity was archery and the giant swing. It was sooooo much fun. I screamed at the top of my lungs. That night we ate spaghetti and went to the Penguin Parade and saw lots of Fairy Penguins.

Charlotte 4 CM
I was tired in the morning of the camp but I got on the bus. The drive was long but we got there. We found out who was in our cabins when we arrived. I had a good cabin but we were a bit silly.

My first activity was the initiative course. It was lots of fun. My favourite part was at the end when we had to swing to the other side and not fall off. Afterward we had the photo hunt. It was a little hard but the rock climb was fun.

That night we went to the Penguin Parade. The penguins came out and looked really cool. Eventually we got back to camp and went to our cabins and went to bed.

The next day I woke up early, had breakfast and did another activity. It was the low rope course. There were lots of things to do. The second activity was the Giant Swing. We had to pull the rope so the swing went up. When it was my turn I was very scared but I was alright. I had a great time on camp.

Kaeleb 4 CM

OMG camp was AMAZING. I loved every bit. The morning I woke for camp was scary but exciting. We got ready and left straight away. We got to school and waited in the car for a while and saw Mrs Morcom’s car so then I knew people were there. We walked to the gym and there were heaps of people so I wasn’t worried. I put my bags down and gave Mrs Morcom my money and played with my friends.

After we had our names marked off we went to the bus. I was waving goodbye and in mind I was crying a little but I got over and had fun instead.

Jacquelyn 4 CM

I woke up for an exciting adventure. I actually finished my breakfast in 5 minutes. (I’m a slow eater). When I got to school I ran quickly while Mum carried my heavy bags. Finally we got to the gym where I saw Mrs Morcom. She was dressed up more casually than she is when she is teaching.

We got on the bus with our bags underneath it was at least an hour drive. I thought we were going to go to our cabins straight away but we went to feed the pelicans instead. After watching them get fed we went to camp and went to our cabins. We met our host Joel who told us what we needed to know. We listened to Miss Turleski as she told us our cabin groups. I was very happy as I had all my buddies.

To be continued........................................... Bobo 4CM
I LOVED GRADE 5 CAMP’S ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY THE FLYING FOX AND GIANT SWING. SOME OF THE DINNERS AT CAMP WERE GOOD, SAME GOES FOR LUNCH BUT BREAKFAST WAS DELICIOUS. I LOVED THE PANCAKES AND LIME CORDIAL, THE PINEAPPLE CORDIAL WASN’T THAT TASTY. I LOVED HUT BUILDING BUT I DIDN’T LIKE HOW WE ALL GOT SOAKED BY THE WATER WHEN THEY THREW THE BUCKETS OF WATER ON US TO TEST THE HUTS. I WAS AMAZED I COULD LIFT REALLY HEAVY LOGS WITHOUT ANY HELP. OUR HUT WAS VERY GOOD AND IT ACTUALLY HAD TWO ROOMS INSTEAD OF JUST ONE. I LIKED THE CRYSTAL-LIKE ROCKS IN THE BUCHAN CAVES, IT WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL INSIDE. I ENJOYED THE MOVIES IN THE REC ROOM AND THE GAMES WE PLAYED TOGETHER AFTER DINNER TOO. ON WEDNESDAY WE HAD A TALENT SHOW IT WAS OK BUT PROBABLY COULD HAVE HAD MORE ACTS. I THOUGHT ONE OF THE ACTS WAS VERY FUNNY, IT WAS TWO OF THE BOYS BEING SILLY WITH MAKEUP. THE BUS WAS RELAXING AND IT WAS TO HAVE LOTS OF SUNSHINE AT CAMP. THE FREE TIME WE HAD SOME AFTERNOON WAS FUN AS WELL AND WE GOT TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS PLAYING FOOTY, SOCCER AND CRICKET TOGETHER. THERE WERE SO MANY OTHER FUN THINGS WE DID BUT THE CAKE WAS THE BEST. BY JESSIE.

Year 5 Coonawarra camp was amazing! We had many activities so we wouldn’t get bored. The activities were: Giant swing, orienteering, archery, high ropes, initiative course and flying fox. On the first day I had archery and to be honest at the start I was very bad, but as I kept trying I got better and better I think I hit the twice or more times. The activities that scared me were the flying fox, high ropes and giant swing. They all gave me a shock when I went on it because I was scared of heights. I liked that we had a slumber party but I was embarrassed because when I woke up my feet were on somebody’s head. Overall the five days we had at camp were so much fun. The food was delicious; the activities were a lot of fun. I wold go there any time. By Alarna.
The 3 hour drive was full of amazing views! Music was flowing through our ears. As we arrived at the free range egg farm, we heard many strange noises such as moo, baa, quack quack and many more. As we went inside a demonstration shed, a lady named Karyn explained to us different types of eggs. Karyn showed us the difference between a duck egg and a chicken egg. We left the shed and explored the rest of the farm.

Then we waved goodbye and we were back on the road. As we were enjoying the ride, our teachers told us who was in what cabin and activity groups. When we heard about the people we were with, we all shouted “YEAH!” After one more hour on the road, we arrived at Coonawarra Camp Resort. We were so excited to see what our cabins looked like. It had three bunk beds, a shelf to put our luggage, hooks for our bags and a mirror to see how handsome/beautiful we look.

As soon as we unpacked our things, we had some afternoon tea and we were introduced to Emma, a staff member of Coonawarra. After that, Emma showed us around the camp and we were amazed at seeing the pool, table tennis, cricket pitch, volleyball area, basketball area, tennis court and a life size outdoor games area.

On Tuesday each activity group did many activities such as archery, giant swing, flying fox, initiative courses, rope course and orienteering. The groups only did four activities and we finished the rest on Thursday.

On Wednesday we went to the Buchan Caves and we saw many different formations that looked like crystals on the ceiling and bacon on the walls. We heard about a story of a kangaroo-like animal that fell hard and died in the cave. When we came back from the caves, we held a talent show and saw people who did amazing performances. We even had a major slumber party! This was a very enjoyable night!

After finishing the rest of the activities on Thursday, we built huts to test our survival skills. It was a lot of hard work but we worked as a team and it ended up very well. Then we all went inside the huts and they poured buckets of water over the huts to see if it was waterproof. When we came back drenched, we had a dip in the pool and it was freezing but relaxing. At the end of the day we had a bonfire. It was a great experience for some people. We sang lots of true Aussie songs with Miss Rout playing the guitar.

As soon as we woke up on Friday, we had to pack our things and head home. We said our goodbyes to the staff members and we were back on the road to Endeavour Hills. We were all excited to see our families again after five days of camp. We all had a fantastic and fun time. Coonawarra was the best!

By: Lara, Nicholas, Zacki and Magda