FRIDAY 2/5   Uniform Shop Open  8.30am – 9.30am
FRIDAY 2/5   Year 6 Interschool Sport, Blue Team Away/Gold Team Home
MONDAY 5/5   Year 5 and Year 6 Assembly, 9.00am in the Gym
FRIDAY 9/5   Mothers’ Day Stall
MON-FRI 12-16/5   Year 6 Camp, Golden Valleys Lodge, Mornington Peninsula
FRIDAY 16/5   Year 2 Excursion – Eureka Tower & Cook’s Cottage
FRIDAY 16/5   Parents’ Club Meeting – 2.30pm in the staffroom
THURS/FRID 5-6/6   Advance Notice-Curriculum Days, Students do not attend school

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
Although it is early in the year, we are now taking enrolments for Prep for 2015. This year we had to restrict our enrolments, so I encourage current parents with siblings to enrol early. Contact the office for details.

CARE FOR OUR STUDENTS – TRAFFIC LAWS
With the onset of wet weather, parents are reminded of the importance of driving carefully around the school, and complying with the parking signs around the school.

We have been informed by the City of Casey that they will be patrolling the roads around the school, and booking people parking illegally and not conforming with traffic laws.

HOSTING A CHINESE STUDENT HOMESTAY VISIT
As per last week’s newsletter, we are asking parents to help us by hosting a Chinese student for about a week. A payment is made to each family to help with the costs involved.

Please complete the form below if you are interested and have not yet done so.
John Hurley, Principal

THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL – HOSTING A CHINESE STUDENT

We would consider being a host family for the China Study Tour

We would like more information about being a host family for the China Study Tour

Child’s Name: .............................................................................................................. Class: ........................................
Parent Name: ..............................................................................................................
Contact Number: ...........................................................................................................
MOSAIC ART FOR VEGIE PATCH

During Art students are designing, creating and building a mosaic sign for our vegetable patch. To complete this project we need a variety of tiles, plates and mirrors of different colours, sizes and textures and other mosaic art materials. If you have any of the above materials that you would be able to donate, we would gratefully appreciate them, small or big.

Thank you for your support and keep an eye open for this beautiful piece of art that will appear later in the year near our vegie patch.

Liz Cooke, Environmental Club Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

A size 10 brand new year 6 graduation bomber jacket is for sale from our Uniform Shop. If you have a year 6 student and would like to purchase this jacket please see Sally or the office staff.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP DURING TERM 2

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<th>Friday Mornings 8.30am – 9.30am</th>
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EFT & Credit Card Facilities Available (Minimum Transaction of $15)

ANZAC DAY BADGES

Thank you to the members of our school community who purchased an ANZAC badge this year. We were able to raise $121.30 to support programs run by the RSL. These programs are aimed at helping families of the Australian Defence Forces. I would also like to thank the students from 6CW who volunteered their time to sell the badges.

Cherie Wilson, Year 6 Teacher

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 3

Brochures for Issue 3 have been distributed. This will be the only issue for this term. All orders are due back by FRIDAY 9th May. Please place the correct money/cheque/credit card receipt details with the order form. NO late orders will be accepted. NO change can be given.
We welcome the following students to the Thomas Mitchell Primary School Community

Neel, 2BR
Omar, 1IW
Jawad, 5LR
Reshad, 3LP
Messiah, 4JT

Nude Food

Nude Food is back! As part of Thomas Mitchell Primary School’s Education in Sustainability program, we have reintroduced our Nude Food competition. This is an opportunity for students to combine healthy eating with being environmentally aware. Parents and teachers at Thomas Mitchell Primary School are urged 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). Using a percentage we will work out which class is the overall winner for the week and the winning class will receive a certificate and a prize to be distributed to a student who participates. Look out for week 2’s winning class in the newsletter next week!

For more information contact Rose Arbuthnot or Liz Cooke.

SPORT NEWS

YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
The year six students will participate in their first round of interschool sport this Friday morning the 2nd of May. Thomas Mitchell has two teams entered, Gold and Blue. Each week one team will play at home and one team will play away. The first round is as follows:

Friday 2nd May

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<td>TMPS GOLD TEAM</td>
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<td>James Cook</td>
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Good luck to all year six students!!!
DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING
Just a reminder we have our district cross country training on Monday mornings. Last week we had our first training session, it was great to see students committed and participating in training. Students who have qualified for the district cross-country team are encouraged to attend the following training sessions held at school on Monday mornings from 8:20am-8.45am:

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Training sessions will be held on the top oval. If it is raining students will train in the gym. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

HOUSE POINTS
House points will start back from next week due to the public holiday last Friday. As of the end of last term the house points standings are as follows:

Total House Point Results for 2014:

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<td>Perkins (Green)</td>
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Have a great week!

Olivia Goder, Physical Education Teacher

Thomas Mitchell 1st May 2014
The children at OSHC have been making mothers’ day surprises.

We have a new staff member named Dylan. Dylan enjoys all sports and has brought this knowledge to the program which all the children and staff are excited about.

Each week we will be asking the children at OSHC to tell you all a bit more about the program.

Introducing Aleksia - I am in year 3 and I attend the program each morning. I enjoy creating things, I enjoy playing with my sister and my friends. The staff are awesome.

Janice ☺
Our Journey in 2013

In 2013, we began our journey in Education in Sustainability. With only a small team we achieved many goals, many we hope you have seen around our school grounds.

The Year 4's planned and planted a butterfly garden where there has been reports of butterflies in the area. This learning space is for all year levels to enjoy and use as a resource to learn from. From investigating minibeasts to exploring types of plants and how they grow.

The Year 4's also planned, researched and planted a bush Tucker garden. Students investigated and explored the types of plants Koori people use in their foods and for medicinal purposes.

Students from all year levels were involved in the planting of our vegetable patch and also the harvesting of the ripe vegetables, fruits and herbs. The garden is a resource for all year levels to use in their curriculum, from Math's to Science and Literacy.

A Environmental team was formed, where students met on a weekly basis. They carried out a number of roles from, creating signs to turn the lights off, weeding the veggie patch, checking for leaking water and watering the garden.

The Year 4 students were also interviewed by the Berwick News about what we have been doing, this was then published. This was followed by an interview on the local radio station. Our journey is all about not only educating ourselves but the broader community and this connection has continued into 2014.

Plans for 2014

We have many plans for 2014. Firstly we have formally created an Environmental group, The Eco Kids, with participants from all grades. We meet on a weekly basis having discussing and planning and carrying out different projects around the school. These students will be our leaders in sustainability and have a role of passing on and educating their grade and the wider community.

As part of our leadership team we elected two Eco Ambassadors, Krish and Paige from year 5 to be our voice at assemblies and to the wider community. On behalf of the team we would like to congratulate Krish and Paige. They are both demonstrate a keen interest in caring for the environment and wanting to make a difference.

We are in the process of aligning ourselves with Resource Smart Aust VIC, which is a sustainability program run by DEECD, Sustainability Victoria and CERES. This program will take us through a module in Water, Energy, Waste and Biodiversity. It will involve the students participating in activities in all these areas and creating an increased awareness in the school and their home environments in many areas of sustainability.

We will be using our web site, newsletter and school app to share our journey and educate the community on numerous issues and projects that we carry out. Over our journey we will may ask for assistance or donations to help us along. It would be greatly appreciated for any support you can give us.

If you have any questions or suggestions about our Education in Sustainability Program, please contact me.

Liz Cooke, Sustainability Coordinator
ph: 9706 2254  e: tmps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Entertainment Books/Memberships
Entertainment Books/Memberships are now available for purchase at the office for $65.00, with 20% of all sales going towards school fundraising.

Mothers’ Day Stall
The Mothers’ Day Stall will be held on Friday 9th May 2014. All gifts are $5.00 each and students who wish to purchase additional gifts can do so at the end of the day. We ask that you let your teacher know on the day if you have $10.00 or more. If you could bring along your own shopping bag it would be great, after all we don’t want mum seeing her surprise.

Student Banking
Don’t forget Student Banking is every Wednesday, every little deposit counts. This week we had 59 deposits, so well done to everyone who banked, let’s see if we can keep increasing that number. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to help us process the deposits, please meet in the staffroom at 9am each Wednesday. The more the merrier as the deposits increase!

Save in Term 2 for a chance to win the Dollarmites’ sunken treasure.
If you have a Youthsaver account and are aged between 5-13 years, simply make three or more School Banking deposits between 21 April and 4 July 2014 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

Major prize – a family underwater adventure holiday.
Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast; VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast; A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and a $3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up prizes.
130 Toys”R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

There will be a separate draw giving one school in each state/territory of Australia the chance to win $1,000 cash to spend as they wish. Remember, no matter how small, regular deposits will help your savings grow.

Where does all the fundraising money go you may ask?
We are currently looking at improving the surface of the red playground as well as working towards funding an outdoor kitchen near our vegetable patch. Details attached.

Next Meeting to be held on Friday 16th May 2014 at 2.30pm in the staffroom. We would love to see some new faces!
Parents’ Club Fundraising – Outdoor Kitchen for Our Vegetable Patch

Over the last year, Thomas Mitchell Primary has begun a journey in Education for Sustainability. We have implemented a number of initiatives such as light saving signs, water warriors who check for water leaks on a weekly basis, a butterfly garden, a vegetable patch, encouraging nude food and an environmental group that includes both teachers and students. We have many more ideas and plans to implement which will allow students from all year levels to actively be involved and continue to educate themselves and the wider community about sustainability.

The success of our first crop in our vegetable patch bought with much excitement and interest as students from all year levels had the opportunity to harvest the crop. With support from Bunnings in Dandenong, we are now beginning to prepare to sow our winter crop, which will include broad bean, cauliflower and cabbage. We hope to have as much success with this crop as we did with our first.

The students are now keen to go the next step and cook, eat and explore the produce that they harvest. We are exploring the idea of installing an outdoor kitchen near our vegetable patch. This would allow students from all year levels to participate in the full circle of the food production from planting to harvesting to preparing and eating. This learning opportunity will give students an understanding of healthy and fresh eating practices, guiding them in their own health choices outside our school environment.

With the support of the Parents’ Club at Thomas Mitchell, through fundraising, we hope to see our outdoor kitchen come to life.
TOMORROW ONLY!
You are invited to our one-day BIG BOOK SALE!
We are taking 50-90% off everything for one day only. We will be bringing thousands of children’s books to the Cranbourne Public Hall including novels, nonfiction, picture and chapter books, activity items, popular series and more!

Friday 2 May: 8.00am-5.30pm
Cranbourne Public Hall
Corner Clarendon & High Streets, Cranbourne