FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome, everyone, to Term 2. I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and safe holiday. We look forward to a great term, where lots of exciting learning takes place for all of our wonderful students at Thomas Mitchell.

STAFF CHANGES
Ms Kathie Arnold has taken on the role of Acting Principal at Officer Primary School for Term 2. Ms Susan Campbell, who is currently on our staff, will be Acting Assistant Principal in Kathie’s absence.

CHINESE STUDENT HOMESTAY VISIT
Last year we hosted some Chinese students and staff for a very successful homestay program. We have again been approached by the Education Department to homestay a group of Chinese students and teachers. Families who hosted students last year told us of the benefits they thought the program brought to their family and to our school. A payment is made to each family to help with the costs involved.

If you would like to express an interest in hosting a student, please complete the attached form and return it to school early next week.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
Yesterday our 14 school student leaders attended the Anzac Service at the War Memorial at the Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre.

I was very proud of the way they represented the school.

At 3.00pm today we will hold a special assembly to commemorate Anzac Day. Parents are welcome to attend.

A reminder that tomorrow is a holiday to commemorate Anzac Day.

John Hurley, Principal
The Following Notices Were Sent Home This Week

- Year 4 Camp, Expression of Interest
- Year 6 Camp – Payment reminders/Student Authorisation Forms
- Year 6 Interschool Sport – Gold and Blue Team
- District Cross Country Training

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

START SMART PROGRAM FOR YEAR 3 STUDENTS

On Tuesday 29th April, the year 3 students will be participating in the Commonwealth Bank Foundation’s Start Smart Program. The students will look at identifying and understanding currency and how to make smart decisions about money. This is a free workshop that teaches money skills in an interactive and fun way.

Mary Muir, Year 3 Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS

During term 2 the canteen will be selling potato cakes every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at recess time only. They will not be available to purchase at recess on a Friday.

Just a reminder also that tomato sauce is now 30c. When placing a lunch order without a paper bag there is a 10c charge to supply a bag.

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THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hosting a China Study Tour

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: .........................................................................................................................
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The 2nd Hand Uniform Sale will be held next Tuesday 29th April from 8.30am – 9.30am. Please note that it will be a cash sale only. No EFTPOS, credit card or cheques will be accepted.

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

| Friday Mornings 8.30am – 9.30am | 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th May | 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th June |
| Tuesday Afternoons 3.00pm – 4.00pm | 6th, 20th May | 3rd, 17th June |

EFT & Credit Card Facilities Available (Minimum Transaction of $15)

START SMART PROGRAM FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS
Next Wednesday, our Year 6 students will be participating in the Smart Start workshop run by the Commonwealth Bank. In this workshop, students will learn important financial literacy skills through a range of scenarios that relate directly to their daily lives. Several concepts that are covered include:

- different ways of earning an income
- saving money
- setting personal financial goals
- the uses of banks
- setting a budget
- comparing prices

Tessa Veljanovski, Year 6 Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

TERM 2 SPORT

Welcome back to another busy term in sport! I hope everyone had a great holiday and didn’t consume too many Easter Eggs. In term two the Year 6 students will be participating in interschool sports every Friday, starting next Friday 2nd of May. The Year 6 students will play other schools around the district in Soccer, Volley Stars, T-Ball, Netball and Handball. Students in Years 4 and 5 will also continue with their sport round robins. Good luck to all students in their sport this term.
District Cross Country Training

We also have the district cross country coming up on the 21\textsuperscript{st} of May. Students who have qualified for the district cross-country team are encouraged to attend the following training sessions held at school, on Monday mornings 8:20am-8.45am:

| Dates           | Monday - 28\textsuperscript{th} April | Monday- 5\textsuperscript{th} May | Monday- 12\textsuperscript{th} May |

Training sessions will be held on the top oval, but if raining students will train in the gym. Looking forward to seeing everyone eager to train hard!

House Points
House points will start back from next week, the house points stand from the end of term 1 are as follows:

Total House Point Results for 2014:

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Have a great week!

Olivia Goder, Physical Education Teacher

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Thomas Mitchell 24\textsuperscript{th} April 2014

Welcome back to term 2. The holiday program was “awesome” just like the Lego movie that we watched. Both children and staff enjoyed the movie and the range of activities that were held at this time. Please note that we are no longer collecting the Prep children from their classrooms this term and beyond. The children have built up their confidence to walk over to OSHC by themselves.

The OSHC service number is 0402 728 789.

Janice 😊
PARENTS’ CLUB

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s 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.

PS. 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

Thanks to Debbie from the Commonwealth Bank for attending our Full School Assembly on Monday 31st March. Don’t forget younger siblings can also sign up and high school students who still have younger siblings at Thomas Mitchell can continue to deposit via the School Banking system. The new Black folders for Grades 5 & 6 are on their way and should be available in early Term 2. A huge thanks to those 10 of you who signed up on the day and to everyone who continues to support our School Banking program.

Did you know that the Parents Club fundraising receives $5 for each new account, as well as 5% of each deposit ongoing!

Next Meeting to be held on Friday 16 May 2014 at 2.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see new faces with fresh ideas to discuss upcoming fundraising events and what the money will go towards.
OMMUNITY NEWS

Thomas Mitchell Playgroup – Playgroup Resumes Thursday 1st May

Playgroup will resume for term 2 on Thursday 1st May. We will be making Mothers’ Day Cards when we come back from Easter Break, so could you please bring along a passport size photo of your child to paste in the card.

The school runs a Playgroup for 0-5 year olds each Thursday morning in the Prep Rooms near our school gym. Fun activities include playdough, painting, pasting, stories, music, singing and games etc. All you need to bring along is a snack for your child and a gold coin donation.

Jenny Wallace, Playgroup Coordinator

Mossgiel Park Auskick 2014

Auskick is a great fun way to learn the basic skills of AFL Football and is open to all primary school aged children. Registration Day and the first clinic for Mossgiel Park Auskick 2014 will be on Saturday 3rd May (the second Saturday in Term 2) from 9:15am until 11:00am at Barry Simon Reserve, Gleneagles Drive, Endeavour Hills (Mel 91 F2) and includes an introductory skills clinic from 9:45am and a free sausage sizzle. Clinics will then be held on Saturdays from 9:30am until 11:00am at the same venue until mid-August.

For more details and to register and pay on-line, go to www.aflauskick.com.au, enter the postcode 3802, scroll down to Mossgiel Park, click on ‘Register’ and follow the instructions. Please contact Julie Webber, Centre Co-ordinator, on 0439 839 351 if you have any queries.

Endeavour Hills Auskick 2014

Join us at Endeavour Hills Auskick for 14 weeks of fun while the kids hone their football skills, price for the year is $65 which will include training sessions, a pack with heaps of goodies and the chance for the kids to play at the MCG and Etihad stadium. Registration day is this Sunday 27th April starting at 9:30am, we will have prizes and giveaways as well as an appearance by AFL footballers from the Melbourne FC. You can register by clicking on the following link: http://www.aflauskick.com.au/register/

Berwick Youth Choir – Casey ‘Big Sing’ – Saturday 10th May

The Casey ‘BIG SING’ is a morning of FREE vocal workshops and master classes with a number of Melbourne’s most highly regarded vocal performers and educators. This will culminate in a concert featuring the participants of the BIG SING along with a number of school choirs from the City of Casey. Please visit the website for further information and application forms: www.berwickyouthchoir.com.au/bigsing

Berwick College Dance Academy

The Berwick College Dance Academy (BCDA) will commence in 2015 for Year 7 & 8 students and is a full time academic and dance program which will link students’ educational pursuits with their performing arts interests. An information night for BCDA will be held at the Berwick College Performing Arts Centre, Manuka Road, Berwick on Tuesday 20th May from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Further information can be obtained from the Director of Dance, Melissa Quenette on 8768 1054 or email quenette.melissa.c@edumail.vic.gov.au. An information pack and application form can be downloaded at www.berwicksc.vic.edu.au
Healthy Me

This term the grade 3s will be investigating the benefits of healthy eating habits, physical fitness and managing their emotions. These are some things they wonder about and are interested in learning more about.

I wonder what happens to your body if you only eat junk food.

I wonder how long you can live if you live a healthy life.

I wonder how fruits and vegetables help us grow.

I wonder how healthy someone can be.