FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Staff News
Mrs Rose Arbuthnot will leave tomorrow to start her family leave. We wish her well for the birth of her first child.

We welcome Ms Aina Santos, who will replace Rose. Ania started at our school yesterday.

We are also looking forward to welcoming back Ms Sonja Pullen. Sonja has had an unintended long stay in Canada. We hope to see her back at Thomas Mitchell on Monday.

We also welcome Aaron Robertson. Aaron will be working at our school for 3 afternoons each week, helping us maintain and develop our ground and facilities. Welcome Aaron!

District Athletics Sports
Congratulations to all our students who represented our school at the District Athletics Carnival yesterday. We won the sports!! See a separate notice for details.

Development of our new Strategic Plan for 2015 to 2018
We have started the process of developing our strategic plan. This is a process that will take some 2 to 3 months to complete. I will keep you informed of our progress.

John Hurley
Principal

NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Year 2 Activity - Minibeast Wildlife
- Year 5 & 6 - Singing Concert Seating Survey
- Year 5 & 6 - Concert and Ticketing Information
MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are in the middle of term 3 – one full of action and activities across all classes and school groups.

School Council usually meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Prior to every School Council meeting, Finance Sub Committee also convenes to discuss the financial status of our school, all revenue and expenditure cost associated with running a school such as Thomas Mitchell. It gives all councillors a chance to receive information and ask questions in regard to school finances and government funding, as well as to understand how important it is to balance the school budget to ensure Thomas Mitchell is a well run and ever improving school.

We also had some school captains asking questions on behalf of all students, including our Junior School Council representatives. Questions varied from as simple as “can we add a 3 point line to all basketball courts” to “fixing concrete around certain rooms and renovating toilets near canteen“. We, as a council, take all these questions on board and try to come up with solutions that are within our budget and in the best interest for our students and school.

School Council is a very open, transparent, and consultative forum for approaching all the issues that we are facing as a school at the moment and into the near future.

Good luck to all students and staff in finishing term 3 positively and with good results across all classes.

Michael Vekic
School Councillor
Last week we had a wonderful time at TMPS celebrating Book Week. At our special parade assembly on Thursday we announced costume winners from each year level. The winners were Adam (PAY), Mia (1SB), Murphy (2BA), Rayna (3LP), Daniel (4DH), Cindy (5MR) and Serena (6CW).

A big thank you to all the students and staff at TMPS for their support and participation in the events on the day. A special thank you goes to the Book Week committee members for their hard work in the lead up to the day.

Amanda Ball
Book Week Co-ordinator

BOOK CLUB - Issue 5

Orders for issue 5 have now been distributed. Anyone waiting for a backorder, please come to the library for collection.

Josie Morando
Librarian
UPCOMING DATES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP DURING TERM 3

| Friday mornings | 29th August 2014  
| 8.30am – 9.30am | 5th September 2014  
|                 | 12th September 2014  
|                 | 19th September 2014  
| Tuesday afternoons | 2nd September 2014  
| 3.00pm – 4.00pm | 16th September 2014  

(EFT & credit card facilities available (minimum transaction of $15)

Tournament of Minds

After many lunchtime and recess practices and meetings, the TMPS Tournament of Minds team performed for a panel of judges on Saturday morning. They performed their solution to a Long Term Challenge as well as participating in a Spontaneous Challenge. They did a fantastic job and showed great teamwork.

A big congratulations goes to the team members – Emily (4BS), Kloe (4HP), Paige (5FH), Bailey (5LR), Bence (6CW), Mickey (6CW) and Marc (6CH).

A special thank you also goes to the teachers who worked alongside me with the students – Mrs Sal, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Comrie and Mrs Wilson.

Miss Amanda Ball  
Tournament of Minds Co-ordinator
Cinderella Opera

By Year 1

On Wednesday 27th August, ILH, Preps, Year 1s and Year 2s went to the Opera in the school gym. The opera was about Cinderella. The characters in the story were the mean step-sisters, Cinderella and Prince Charming. Our favourite part of the opera was when step-sisters tried to kiss Prince Charming but kissed each other on the lips instead. We thought it was hilarious! ILH thought the performers’ singing was loud and beautiful. We hope to see them again!

By ILH 2014

Cinderella Opera

Today IBR went to see Cinderella in the gym. There were four people who sang opera. They sang really loud and hurt our ears. They were also very, very funny. The two step-sisters were dressed up and they were mean to Cinderella. In the end the Prince and Cinderella fell in love. Most of us really liked the opera because it was funny and we liked how the singers sang. We hope they come again next year.

1NC Watch the Cinderella Opera

On Wednesday 27th of August 2014, 1NC went together with the Year 2a, Year 1a and Preps to watch the opera. The opera was called Cinderella. In the opera there were four people who played the parts in Cinderella. We thought that the opera was very funny, especially the part where both of the step-sisters fainted. They all used a clear voice and sang loudly. We thought the singing was really nice. The best part was when they all sang together.

CINDERELLA THE OPERA

Today we saw Cinderella The Opera in the gym. They dressed up in lovely costumes. They were singing about the story of Cinderella and the Prince. The Prince went to a ball to look for a Princess. The Prince found Cinderella. The step-sister who was dressed in blue had a really powerful voice and she sang extremely loudly. There were many funny parts of the performance. Some of the characters were pretending to ride on a horse. We enjoyed this performance and we hope that Opera Australia can return to TMPS next year to perform Hansel and Gretel.
**District Athletics Carnival - 27/08/2014**

**Winners!!**

Congratulations to all students who competed at the District Athletics Carnival yesterday. The Carnival was held at Knox Athletics Track. It was great to see all students trying their best whilst representing Thomas Mitchell. Thomas Mitchell had great results on the day and finished overall in first place!! Students will also find out if they have made it through to the Divisional Carnival. Only two athletes for track events and one athlete for field events will progress. The Divisional Carnival will take place on Wednesday the 17th of September at Casey Fields Athletics Track. Competing students will find out more details within the next few days. *Well done to all students who competed yesterday!!*

Please make sure if you are in the Home team to provide cut up fruit for interschool sport.

**Sport Stars**

**Football**

Jonathon, Tye, Riley, Kahn, Jake, Nash, Bailey, Jordan and Aidan

Congratulations to the above students at Thomas Mitchell, who are representing the Endeavour Hills Eagles under 11’s in this year’s football grand final. For those of you who wish to support the team, the event will be held at the Holm Park Reserve Beaconsfield, Sunday 31st August at 10:30am. *Go The Eagles!*

Also huge congratulations to Jonathon Tiralosi and Riley Begg for the nominations at this year’s S.E.J League Presentation Night. *Well done!*

**House Points**

**Results from Week 6 Term 3:**

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*Have a great week!  Olivia Goder, Physical Education Teacher*
Father's Day Stall
The Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 5th September 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 greatly appreciated.

School Banking
This week we had a total of 64 deposits. Keep up the great work. Don’t forget each deposit until end of term will earn one entry into our School Banking Competition. The winner, drawn on the last day of Term 3, will receive a back pack from the Commonwealth Bank, containing various goodies!!

Trolley Tokens
Trolley Token Forms are due back this Friday 29th August 2014.

Football Day
On Thursday 11th September 2014 come dressed in your favourite football colours for a Gold Coin donation.

Shopping Tour
The shopping tour has been booked for Saturday 25th October 2014. Tickets are $45.00 per person which includes a restaurant lunch meal, a fun day out with great company and lots of bargains. We’ll be visiting great outlets where you can save up to 70% off Retail Prices.

The tour includes the following:
❖ Luxury Coach transport ❖ A friendly and informative hostess
❖ Prizes and giveaways ❖ Refreshments on board

Shopping Tour Booking Form

Name: _____________________________________________________
No. of Seats:_________________________________________________
Contact No:_________________________________________________
Dietary Requirements:________________________________________

Please return form to office by 25th September 2014 to secure your spot.
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!

Check out www.nudefoodday.com.au for tips on bringing healthy, nude lunches

Being an eSmart is all about being Smart, Safe and Responsible. In this week’s eSmart news we are looking at digital footprints. For more information about eSmart or being an eSmart school, please visit http://www.amf.org.au/esmartschools/

Leaving a trail
Technology is great but every time you use it, you leave a trace of yourself. It could be in an email, a text or an uploaded image so take care with these simple hints.

Your digital footprint

Almost everything you do with technology leaves a trace: something called a digital footprint. Your digital footprint is a bit like a map of everywhere you’ve been with your technology - everyone you’ve spoken to (and sometimes, what you’ve said), every image or comment you’ve posted, and every file you’ve downloaded. Digital footprints are very hard, in fact almost impossible, to erase. Here are some examples:

- Text messages and emails can be saved by the person you sent them to, and forwarded to many more people than you ever intended.
- You can delete a blog, or a comment or image you’ve put on a site like MySpace or Facebook, but you don’t know how many people have downloaded it before you delete it – and a copy is always saved in the site’s archive.
- Even a one-on-one IM chat can turn into a public conversation if the person you’re talking to decides to record or copy it.
- Technology is great, but you do need to take some care about how you use it.

Week 6’s winners were:

2BR with an average of 47% of students bringing completely “nude” lunch boxes all week.

Insert Grade with an average of Insert% of students bringing completely “nude” lunch boxes all week.

Insert Grade with an average of Insert% of students bringing completely “nude” lunch boxes all week.

This means students had no rubbish at either snack or lunch.
Attached to this newsletter is a flyer for the Spring Holiday Program. Bookings are now open. Some of the fun things we are doing are going to the movies and visiting Chesterfield Farm. The children will also be taking part in a hip hop class and making their own kites.

Janice 😊

Apologies for error in last week’s newsletter please see revised article below

Thomas Mitchell 21/08/2014

In celebration of Book Week, the children have been busy creating their very own book marks. Material such as ribbons, sequins and glitter were used. The children were able to make them for themselves, their parents and their teachers!

Ranya. R said “I like making the bookmarks because I got to use colourful glitter. It was so much fun and I know mine will be very useful!”

Jessie 😊

Need help with your homework?
Two Victoria University pre-service teachers can help you!
Where? – School Library
When? - Wednesdays at lunchtime

HOMEWORK ALERT
### Camp Australia (Thomas Mitchell OSHC) Holiday Club

**Thomas Mitchell Drive Endeavour Hills VIC 3802**  
0402 728 789 (07:00-18:00)

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| Monday 22 September 2014  | **Lunar Escape**  
"Husliun... We have lift off!" Escape the world and head for outer space with lunar escape! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program. | $48.15 |
| Monday 29 September 2014  | **Spring-time!**  
It's that time of the year again... the birds are tweeting and the flowers are blooming! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program. Please arrive by 8:45AM | $64.15 |
| Tuesday 23 September 2014 | **Tail It & Sail It**  
Reach for the sky – we're creating something to fly way up high! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program. | $58.15 |
| Tuesday 30 September 2014 | **Body Beat!**  
Feel the rhythm! Feel the rhyme! Come on now... it’s ‘Body Beat’ time! The beat goes on. Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program. | $48.15 |
| Wednesday 24 September 2014 | **Boxtrolls**  
Box up your belongings and join us today for thrills and excitement! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program. Please arrive by 8:45AM | $64.15 |
| Wednesday 1 October 2014  | **Dance Jam!**  
Ready to groove and bust a move or two? Today we’ll be the hippest hip-hoppers around! Click on the heading to find out more. | $58.15 |
| Thursday 25 September 2014 | **Animals of Australia**  
Come to get totally WILD on the ultimate wildlife adventure. Click on the heading to find out more at your Holiday Club Program... | $48.15 |
| Thursday 2 October 2014   | **Upside-Down, Topsy-Turvey**  
Today is a day for some backwards and upside down fun! Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program. | $58.15 |
| Friday 26 September 2014  | **Train Your Brain**  
Today is a day to ‘Train Your Brain!’ Quizzes, questions and activities to make you think... Click on the heading to find out more about your Holiday Club Program.... | $58.15 |
| Friday 3 October 2014     | **When I Grow Up**  
Come along dressed up and show us! Today we are supporting The Smith Family “Back 2 School” initiative. Don’t forget to bring along a gold coin donation. | $48.15 |

* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day.  
* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided.