THOMAS MITCHELL WEEKLY


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October 30th 2014

Mon-Fri 27-31/10  Year 5 Camp - Coonawarra Farm Resort
Friday 31/10  Prep Excursion - Melbourne Zoo
Friday 31/10  Year 2 Excursion - Melbourne Museum & IMAX
Friday 31/10  Last Day - Kids Art Works 2015 Calendar Orders
Monday 3/11  Curriculum Day - School will not be open/students do not attend
Tuesday 4/11  Melbourne Cup Holiday - School will not be open
Wed-Fri 5-7/11  Year 4 Camp - Phillip Island Adventure Resort
Thurs 13/11  2015 Preps- Transition 9:15am- 10:30am
Wed 19/11  Year 1 Activity- The Immersion Room at TMPS
Wed 19/11  Prep Activity- Reptile Encounters at TMPS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Long Weekend
This coming weekend will be a “long” weekend. There is no school on Monday 3rd November and Tuesday 4th November. School resumes on Wednesday 5th November.

Next Monday is a Curriculum Day, and next Tuesday is Melbourne Cup Day – a holiday. The school will be closed on both of these days.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
For the last 2 weeks, we have advised parents that there will be NO EMA payments next year and our school will receive no funding for parents. At school, we are looking at ways of keeping our school fees for 2015 as low as possible.

Remembrance Day Poppies
These are still available at 50 cents each from the office. An announcement will be made when they are to be sold.

John Hurley, Principal

Notices sent home this week

- Year 1 Activity – The Immersion Room
- Prep Activity – Reptile Encounters ‘Feathers, Fur and Scales’
**LAST DAY TOMORROW**

**Kids Art Works-2015 Calendars, iPhone 4/4S and 5/5S covers, Diaries & Cards**

Children from Prep to Year 6 have been working hard to design and create some beautiful artwork that will be made into a 2015 calendar, or an iPhone 4/4S or 5 cover, a 2015 Diary, or Card Pack. The cost of the calendar is $12.00, Card Packs will cost $14, the cost for the iPhone 4/4S or 5/5S cover will be $15.00 and the diary will be $16.00. [NB: Phone covers will not be available next year.] If you wish to purchase any of the products, order forms are available from the office. Last day for orders will be **Friday 31st October. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

If you have more than one child, a family calendar can be created for you by combining your children’s artwork. This option can also be used for the iPhone cover; however the artwork will be quite small.

Rosa Spizzirri and Jenni Entwistle, Art Teachers

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**THOMAS MITCHELL WEBSITE**

Our website [http://www.tmps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.tmps.vic.edu.au/) has lots of useful information about our school including copies of newsletters, excursion notices, forms, price lists, enrolment information etc that can be downloaded for your use.

A feature of the web is the ability to subscribe to our weekly newsletter as well as excursion notices. If you would like to take advantage of this feature, click on the parents tab on our website, select ‘newsletters’ and then click on the “Email me updates” link on the right hand side of the page. This link will ask you to fill out your name and email address and each week you will automatically receive an updated copy of the newsletter once we have added it to the webpage.

To receive excursion notices and forms repeat the same process by clicking on the School Notices & Excursion forms tab. Please go and visit our new web page and tell us what you think, we would appreciate your feedback.

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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.
**UPCOMING DATES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP DURING TERM 4**

| Friday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am | 31st October 2014  
7th November 2014  
14th November 2014  
21st November 2014  
28th November 2014  
5th December 2014  
12th December 2014 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tuesday afternoons 3.00pm – 4.00pm | 18th November 2014  
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**
Year 6 Interschool Sport
This Friday 31st of October we continue our year six interschool sport with round 3.

Please see the below table:

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*Just a reminder all students playing at home will need to bring fruit.
Good luck and have fun! 😊

House Points
Results from Term 4 Week 4 2014:

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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 PRIMARY SCHOOL - ABSENCE NOTE

Return this slip to your child's teacher.

Family Name: ....................................................... Child’s Name: ......................... Class: ..............
(Please Print Clearly)

was absent from school on ..............................................................................................................

for the following reason: ....................................................................................................................

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Signed: ................................................................................................................................. Dated: .............
(Parent/Guardian)
Our Write Away With Me Activity

Today, Beth told us many interesting stories. Our favourite story was 'The Bad Land'. This story is about one little nest sitting on a rocky ledge. On the nest was a little dinosaur named Williams. He thought he might go worm hunting. When he came back he was surprised. Another bird was sitting on the nest! His name was Wobble. Beth used many adjectives in her stories and we absolutely loved listening to her.

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Elissa McL. Ghostly and the witch.

One quiet night a little girl name Ghostly was in a deep sleep. There was a BANG of thunder but Ghostly remained asleep. It was like she was really in her sleep. At last it was a bright day, Ghostly thought about her sleep and ran outside. Outside she saw a witch and bat. Without thinking Ghostly ran to the wicked witch. The witch cast a sleeping spell. The wicked witch put Ghostly in a thorny cage and took her to her haunted house. The witch's neighbor VampiLia saw Ghostly fast asleep and stole her with his magic. VampiLia planned to have her for supper. VampiLia went to sleep and whilst he was asleep Ghostly got through the key and escaped. She ran home and lived happily ever after.

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Elissa McL.

[Drawing of a witch and a cage]
The Spooky Story

Once upon a time there was a house, but the house was haunted. One day a girl named Maya wanted to go inside but she did not know that ghosts were in the house. When she opened a cupboard ghosts came. After that Maya ran away. Meruna IBR

The Haunted House

Once upon a time there was an old haunted house and a witch with an old cat. One day the witch went into the deep, deep forest. She went with her ghost friend. Later on she met a purple dragon. Then they stopped for a lunch break. "Thank you for coming with me," said the witch. "You're welcome," said the ghost and with a flash she disappeared. Meanwhile the witch was packing up. She heard footsteps. "Click, click," "What's that noise coming from?" she said. "I'm not scared of anything." When she went back home she heard speaking and slamming. "What's that noise?" she asked. "Ha, ha, I'm not scared," she said. Crashing dropping and splashing. "What's that noise?" she asked. "Ha, ha, I'm not scared." Whispering louder, evil laughs. "What's that noise?" she asked. The kids opened the door. "AAAAAAH," "aaaaaaah." The witch gave the kids a doll and the kids gave her sweets. The witch asked them to leave the haunted house and never return again. The cat and the witch lived happily ever after. Marlam IBR

Spooky World

Once upon a time there was a witch who lived with a ghost. It was a very spooky house with lots of spider webs. The witch has a magic wand. She was a bad witch and the ghost was also a bad ghost. The witch and the ghost were the ones you would make the world spooky. They were so bad that they took over the world. From that day the whole world was spooky as. Yafie IBR

GRADE ONE STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

Yesterday all the grade 1's went to a Storytelling Workshop. First we went to the Year 5 rooms. When we got there we had to sit down. Next Beth told us a story. It was about 3 monkeys who lived in Monkey Forest. The story was from Bali. Then she told us a Japanese story. It was called The Stone Cutter. After that she told us more stories. Lastly we went back to our classroom. My favourite story was Little Pear went to the Fair. By Sethani

Yesterday we went to a story telling workshop. First we walked in a line to get to the Year 5 classroom. Next we sat down in a circle. Then we started to listen to the first story. It was about 3 monkeys that showed off. After that we heard a story called The Stone Cutter. The Stone Cutter wanted to be everything. Next we learnt about Little Pear who wanted to go to the fair. Lastly we learnt about William and Wabbit getting a baby dinosaurs. Finally we went to class. By Hasin

On Tuesday 28th of October 1BE went to a storytelling workshop. First we went to a grade 5 room. Next we sat down for Beth. Then Beth told us a story about the 3 monkeys in Monkey Forest. After that Beth told us 3 more stories. Lastly she showed us what Little Pear heard when he was hiding in the wheelbarrow. Finally we went back to our classroom and had snack. By Henah

Yesterday we went to the Grade 5 classrooms. First we sat down in a circle. Next Beth introduced herself. Then Beth told us some stories. The 4th story was a Balinese story and it was called The 3 monkeys In Monkey Forest. After that Beth told us another story and it was a Japanese story and it was called The Stone Cutter. My favourite story was the 3 Monkeys in Monkey Forest. By Alisha

First we went to the Year 5 classrooms. Next we sat in a circle. Then Beth introduced her self. After that Beth told us 4 stories. Lastly we went back to our classroom. By Jude

ILH'S WRITE AWAY WITH ME WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 28th October we went to the grade 5 classrooms. Inside the classroom Beth was telling us stories. My favourite story was about a stone cutter that lived in Japan. He wished he was the king, then a sun, clouds, wind, mountains then back to himself. There was a moral that said be yourself. My second favourite was the 3 Boasting Monkeys in Bali. The story was about the 3 monkeys that were always boasting. By Bailey W.S 1IH

On Tuesday 28th October 1IH went to a room for our Write Away With Me. We heard lots of stories from Beth. They were called Little Pear goes to the Fair, 3 Boasting Monkeys, The Stone Cutter and The Bad Lands. For The Bad Lands, Beth drew a picture and when she finished she flipped the paper upside down and it came out as a dinosaur. In the Stone Cutter there was a magic word called 'fwoosh'. I liked doing the action and saying 'fwoosh'. I want to see Beth again next year. By Ana 1IH

On Tuesday 28th October we went to listen to stories. My favourite story was the 3 Boasting Monkeys from Bali. The 3 Boasting Monkeys liked the man who came to their tree. By Anna 1IH

1IH absolutely loved listening to all of Beth's wonderful cultural stories!! We hope Beth will come visit again! 1IH 2014
NOW recruiting new players that would like to join our new club from Autumn 2015 – starting January 2015.

Registration Day: Sunday 23rd November from 10am – 12pm at Maramba Primary School. There will be a sausage sizzle, coaches available for meet and greet.

If you require any further information please contact Kris Finlay on 0418 402 819 or email Mike Hastings on spikehastings@gmail.com

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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

Child’s Name: ……………………………………………………………….. Class:……………………………………

Parent Name: ……………………………………………………………………

Contact Number: ………………………………………………………………..
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 today. Thanks to those who continue to bank each week and welcome to our new bankers! Please keep your Reward Claims coming in as well.

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).

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: _________________________________________

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.

I would like to place an order for:

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Childs Name: _________________________________________ 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.
Please return this form with the goods for sale to the school.

Family Name: ……………………………….  Child’s Name: ……………….  Class: ………….
(Please Print Clearly)

Items submitted for sale (Must be school uniform pants, logo on tops, hats etc.)

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• All items have been washed and placed in a plastic bag prior to delivery to school.  □ Yes

• I acknowledge the school will attempt to sell my uniform items at a cost based on condition of quality. (Each article will be inspected and priced according to quality)  □ Yes

• I acknowledge the school will retain $1.00 per item as sales commission. This amount will be deducted from the money due to me from sales.  □ Yes

Please choose one of the following items only (tick relevant box):

• I would like to donate these items if not sold at the sale  □

• Please retain any unsold items for next sale (to be held each term)  □

• Please return unsold items if not sold at this sale  □

Signature: ________________________________  Contact Phone No: ________________