Friday 1/8 Preps 100 Days of School Celebrations
Friday 1/8 Book Club orders and money due back to school
Friday 1/8 Last day for submission of Applications for 2nd EMA Instalment
Monday 4/8 Year 2 African Mask Making and Dancing at TMPS
Tuesday 5/8 3SC, 3LP, 1/2 3JC excursion to Lego Education Learning Centre
Friday 8/8 Prep Activity – Drama Toolbox “Fairytale Fiasco”
Wednesday 13/8 6CW, 6RQ excursion to Old Melbourne Gaol and Royal Botanic Gardens
Thursday 14/8 Year 5 City of Casey Graffiti Awareness Program
Tuesday 19/8 Year 3 Yakult Factory/Bunnings Dandenong excursion
Tuesday 26/8 6CH, 6TV excursion to Old Melbourne Gaol and Royal Botanic Gardens

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Years 4, 5 & 6 Athletics Day
Last Thursday, 330 students from years 4, 5 & 6 had a wonderful day at Casey Fields Athletic Track for our annual athletics day. Even though the weather was, at times, very wet and windy, everyone joined in and had a most rewarding day. I was most impressed in the way all adults at the event (both staff and parents) braved the elements to make the day a great success.
Could I please ask parents to ensure that children have appropriate warm clothing available to take on similar days.

Student use of Makeup, Nail Polish and Jewellery
Parents are reminded that students do NOT wear any of these to school, as indicated in our Uniform Policy.

Parent Survey
We have sent home around 130 Parent Opinion Surveys. This is a computer generated random selection of parents. We ask parents to return the survey to school in the sealed envelope. Responses are strictly confidential and are not opened by TMPS personnel. Responses are sent to a contracted organisation for collection and summarised reporting to schools. Students will receive a small ‘prize’ for returning the completed form.

Gonski Week Newsletter
A separate notice about Gonski School funding is elsewhere in this newsletter. Please take time to read it and be aware of the importance of this funding to our school.

John Hurley
Principal
Gonski Week

What Gonski means for your child

National Gonski Week is taking place from July 28 to August 3 and it is a great opportunity to focus on what the benefits of additional resources are for your child and our school. Gonski is a way of funding schools based on the needs of students. It was recommended by the Gonski Review that found too many students were missing out due to a lack of resources. For us, the additional Gonski funding over the next six years will allow us to really expand the educational programs and learning support we know will make a difference in what our students achieve.

With this funding we will be able to:

- Provide appropriate resources for all our students
- Put in place additional literacy and numeracy programs and provide one on one assistance to students at risk of falling behind
- Increase the specialist support and assistance for students who really need it – such as those with disabilities or special learning needs.
- Take a whole-of-school approach to building the skills and knowledge of teachers
- Provide more extension programs that will help teachers really push our smartest students to do even better

The significant problem we have is that the Abbott Government in the May budget announced it will only provide the Gonski funding we are relying on for four years, not six. That is a big issue because only one third of the funding comes in the first 4 years.

Cutting the Gonski funding means public schools across the country will be denied the money they need to provide all students the opportunity for a high quality education. In addition, we are very concerned that the Napthine government has not delivered appropriate additional funding for the first year of the agreement to our schools and we do not know what will happen from 2015 onwards.

Principals, teachers and parents are working hard to try and get the Prime Minister to change his mind on this critical investment and you can learn more at www.igiveagonski.com.au

If you would like to know more about our plan for the Gonski funding please contact our school.
This year the CBCA Book Week will be held from Saturday 16\textsuperscript{th} – Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August. The week is a celebration of books and Australian authors and illustrators. Students at TMPS will again be participating in a range of activities over the course of the week.

As part of our \textbf{Book Week} celebrations, we are holding a \textbf{poster competition}. Entries are open to all students. The requirements for entries are as follows:

- The poster can be either A4 or A3 in size.
- The poster must contain the words of the Book Week theme – “Connect to Reading”.
- The poster must contain the dates of Book Week – 16\textsuperscript{th} - 22\textsuperscript{nd} August.
- Posters may be illustrated by hand or created on a computer, but must be submitted in paper form.
- The student’s full name and class must be written on the back of the poster.
- It is important that the posters are the student’s own work and that they do not receive any assistance from others.

The posters will be judged by an expert panel on the basis of the above criteria and on their creativity and originality.

Prizes for winning posters will include a special lunch with Mr Hurley and winning posters will be put up around the school to promote Book Week.

Entries need to be submitted to Mrs Wasantha Ramanayake in room 8 by Wednesday 6\textsuperscript{th} August. Questions about the poster competition or Book Week are to be directed to Miss Amanda Ball in room 7.

\textbf{BOOK CLUB}

All orders are due back tomorrow \textbf{FRIDAY 1\textsuperscript{ST} August}.

Please place the order form and the correct money, cheque or credit card payment receipt details, in a sealed envelope etc.

\textbf{No late} orders accepted. \textbf{No change will be given}. 
The City of Casey Graffiti Education Program has been educating and deterring young people from undertaking graffiti and vandalism for many years. The program will be visiting our year 5 students on Thursday 14\textsuperscript{th} August, 2014. The approach involves an interactive, entertaining presentation with the aim of involving the students to think about and discover the impacts of graffiti, with some focus on the criminal aspects and consequences. Ultimately, it will provide our students with an understanding of the social and economic costs of vandalism to them and the community. The program will run in rooms 18 and 19. For further information please contact your child’s teacher. There will be no cost for this activity.

Liz Rout  
Year 5 Leader

**Nude Food**

Week 2 winners were:

- **Prep SP** with an average of 76\% of students bringing completely “nude” lunch boxes all week.
- **3JC** with an average of 54\% of students bringing completely “nude” lunch boxes all week.
- **5LR** with an average of 31\% of students bringing completely “nude” lunch boxes all week.

This means students had no rubbish at either snack or lunch. These classes received a certificate and a prize to distribute.

**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!


**Last Call For Education Maintenance Allowance Applications for 2\textsuperscript{nd} Instalment**

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance will be processed in early August. If you **successfully** claimed the first instalment earlier this year AT THIS SCHOOL, you **do not need** to reapply. However, if:

1. you were not eligible in term 1 but now have a valid Health Care or Pension Card as at 14\textsuperscript{th} July 2014 or;
2. your children have commenced at Thomas Mitchell P.S after 28\textsuperscript{th} January 2014 and you previously applied at another school;

you may now be eligible to apply for the 2\textsuperscript{nd} instalment. To apply you will need to call into the office to complete a form. Please ensure you bring your Centrelink Card along with you for verification. Claims for the Education Maintenance Allowance must be **submitted to the school by tomorrow** Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} August 2014. Please note: no late claims can be accepted. Please enquire at the office if you require further information.

*Tracey Etherington, Business Manager*
The MS Readathon is a reading-based fundraiser run by Multiple Sclerosis Australia (MSA). Now in its 35th year, the MS Readathon encourages people of all ages to read and improve their literacy whilst at the same time raising their community awareness and empowering them to make a difference in the lives of people living with MS.

Children read as many books as possible during a designated period. This year, the reading period is the month of August. They can ask friends and family to sponsor them either online or by giving a donation in cash or cheque. This money goes towards providing vital support and services for people living with MS.

All participants receive a certificate of appreciation and children under 18 can receive a reading reward as a thank you for their efforts. (Make sure to return all your fundraising and complete the program by October 31 to be eligible!)

**Important Dates:**

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For more information or if you would like your child to participate, log onto the website [http://www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) and click on Register (on the top right corner of the page) or call 1300 677 323 or come and collect a registration form in Room ELC 3.

*Miss Anna Yin*

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**UPCOMING DATES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP DURING TERM 3**

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

**Preps 100 Days of School Celebrations**

Earlier this term a notice was sent home with all Prep children about our celebrations tomorrow (Friday 1st August) of 100 Days of Prep. The notice detailed what food your child should bring to share, as well as their own snack and a bottle of water for the day. The lunch party will commence at 12.00noon in the Early Learning Centre. Please be aware of children who have allergies, and refrain from send any foods which have nuts or eggs in them.
The winter holiday program was fantastic. We watched 'How to Train Your Dragon 2' and went roller-skating. We made superhero capes and FIFA jerseys.

Currently we are updating the child enrolment forms at OSHC. This is a very important and time consuming task so please be patient with us. We need all information checked making sure that it is all current and up to date.

Janice 

Trolley Tokens
As part of our ongoing fundraising commitment we will be running a Trolley Token Drive. Trolley Tokens cost $3.00 each and come in 25 different designs. Attached is an order form and we ask that it be returned by Friday 15th August. Samples are available to view at the office.

How do they work?
Trolley Tokens are made of metal and enamel and are the same size as a two dollar Australian coin, with the exception that they have a hole in them. This is so that they can be removed from a keyring and used in any device that uses a refundable two dollar coin ie. shopping trolleys. They come in handy and make great gifts.

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser
Our Cadbury Drive will run from Tuesday 5th August through to Friday 22nd August. Thank you to all those parents and guardians who kindly responded to the expression of interest. Your boxes will be available for pick up on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th August from 2.00pm in the Early Learning Centre Foyer. If you are unable to collect your order on either of those days other arrangements can be made by contacting us prior to collection days. We do have a few extra boxes available for anyone who has not yet expressed an interest, but would like to help with our chocolate drive. Please contact us if you wish to take a box.

School Banking
Once again the banking deposits have been great with 79 deposits received this week. Keep up the great work! With so many deposits we would appreciate any volunteers who can spare some time on a Wednesday morning to help with processing. Volunteers meet in the staffroom every Wednesday morning at 9.00am.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Stay Tuned
FATHER’S DAY STALL FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2014
SHOPPING TOUR SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER 2014
Learn music
here at school

ENROL TO START NOW AND RECEIVE A 20% DISCOUNT OFF THE FIRST TERM’S LESSON FEES!

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Thomas Mitchell Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 3.

Interested parents should call Marika during office hours on 9818 2333

www.creativemusic.com.au
Thomas Mitchell  31st July 2014

The safety of your child/ren is of utmost importance to us. We therefore ask for your cooperation regarding on the day bookings:

To ensure that we receive your text message or voicemail, please leave a clear message stating your child’s full name and classroom teacher. You will then receive a text confirming that we have received your message, and we will follow this up with your child’s teacher. If we receive your message, you will **ALWAYS** get a text back from us. If you **do not receive a text by 3:15pm** this means that we have not received your message. You will then need to call us directly and speak to a staff member to confirm this booking.

Additionally, we are currently updating the child enrolment forms at OSHC. This is a very important and time consuming task so please be patient with us. We need all information checked making sure that it is all current and up to date.

Janice 😊

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**Singleton 3 Year Old Preschool**

We are now taking enrolments for our 2015 program. Children must turn 3 years of age, on or prior to 30th April 2015 to be eligible to attend.

Please call Kylie on 9706 1976, email singletonpreschool@gmail.com or drop in and see us at 30 Singleton Drive, Endeavour Hills (preferably between 12noon – 2pm Wednesdays or Thursdays).
**Trolley Token Keyrings Order Form**

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By 15th August, 2014

*Only $3 each*

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