FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome!!

A big welcome to all our prep children who started school today!

**An excellent start to the 2015 school year**
We have had an excellent start to the 2015 school year. Our new students and staff have settled in well, and there is plenty of high quality learning taking place in classrooms.

It is really great to see how quickly everyone has settled into their learning routines.

This year we have 34 classes and around 800 students.

**Riding Bikes to school**
We encourage students in the upper school to ride their bikes to school. They must wear a helmet, and cannot ride in the school grounds. There is an area to lock the bikes away during the day.

**Traffic and Parking around the school**
Parents are reminded that there are strict regulations about parking around the school.

The school car park CANNOT be used, and the City of Casey and police regularly check the parking, especially between 8.30am and 9.15am and 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Parents are advised to comply with the parking signs.

*John Hurley, Principal*

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**NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK**
- Prep 2015 School Banking Program Information
- Book Club Issue 1 – Year 1-6
- Receipts from book collection day
- Prep/Year 1 Parent Helpers Information Session
UPCOMING DATES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP 2015 - TERM 1

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

Every Minute Counts

Whilst being late can happen to all of us from time to time, when it occurs often it can really eat into your child's important learning time. The image below presents some important and surprising facts about how much time is lost due to lateness. Teaching your child to be organised and punctual will set them up with good habits that will serve them well.
BOOK CLUB – *new look brochures*

The brochures for Issue 1 have been distributed. All orders need to be back at school by **FRIDAY 13th February**. NO late orders will be accepted.

Please place your *order form* and the *correct* money/cheque or receipt number in an envelope. **NO** change can be given.

Please *do not use* the new parent ordering system called LOOP. Thomas Mitchell will not be participating in this ordering system yet.

Thank you,

Book Club Co-ordinators

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**SPORTS NEWS**

Yesterday, we had our first afternoon of swim trials for our year 3-6 students. The trials are used as a basis for forming our 2015 TMPS Swim Team. All students that participate can choose to try out for any, or all of the following events: 50m Freestyle, 50m, Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke or 50m Butterfly. All students are timed, and then the team is created based on times achieved.

There is another trial session next **Wednesday 11th February**, so if there are any students in years 3-6 that didn’t come yesterday, feel free to try out next week! The trials are held at Doveton Pool in the Park form 4-5pm. Once the trials are finished, all students that have been selected will be notified. They will then compete in the District Swimming Carnival on Thursday 26th February at Noble Park Swimming Pool.

*Well done to all the students that participated in the trial and good luck to those participating next week!*

Olivia Goder  
*Physical Education Teacher*

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**HELP NEEDED TO PHOTOCOPY OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

If any parents are able to help photocopy our weekly newsletter on a rotating roster on a Thursday afternoon from approximately 2.00pm – 3.15pm please contact the office.

Thank you
HEALTH CENTRE

As mentioned in last week’s Newsletter, I will endeavour to educate our Thomas Mitchell families about Anaphylaxis. This week’s focus is informing you of staff Anaphylaxis training.

Anaphylaxis Training Requirements for Schools

Ministerial Order 706 requires schools to provide regular training and updates for relevant school staff in recognising and responding appropriately to an anaphylactic reaction, including competently administering an EpiPen/Anapen.

Every 3 years all relevant staff at Thomas Mitchell Primary school are required to attend accredited Anaphylaxis training to gain individual accreditation. St John Ambulance Victoria is the current provider of Anaphylaxis training for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) Victorian Government Schools. This accredited course will commence very shortly for many of our staff.

Subsequent to this, relevant staff are required to attend an Anaphylaxis Refresher every 6 months. This is usually conducted in first & third term. Staff will be refreshed in the areas of risk assessment and management of Anaphylaxis, and administration of an adrenalin auto-injector.

Thank you to all families who are diligent and mindful when preparing lunches and not packing peanut/ nut and egg products.

DO YOU HAVE A PRESCHOOL CHILD OR TODDLER?

Once again, Thomas Mitchell Primary School will be hosting regular Playgroup sessions in 2015 for parents and/or guardians of any preschool child, aged between 0 – 5 years of age. The sessions will commence on Thursday 26 February and will be held in our Early Learning Centre, from 9.15am until 10.30am. These sessions will continue each Thursday of the school terms throughout 2015.

Our Playgroup is open to any interested community members. All we ask is a gold coin donation to participate, and that parents/guardians please bring a nut free snack for their own child/ren. Activities may include playdough, pasting, stories, music, singing, games and “themed” days. Materials to be used during these activities are provided by the school.

Playgroup is a great opportunity to meet other parents of children attending our school, or local families, and for your younger children to socialise with others. Please feel free to bring a friend along, or if you know someone with younger children, who would like to join this group, please let them know.

THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our playgroup is going to be held each Thursday morning from 9.15am – 10.30am.

We are seeking an expression of interest from members of the school community to run our playgroup.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Giselle Cassar. 9706 2254

We look forward to hearing from you
Welcome back to all our TMPS families for 2015 and a special welcome to all our new families!

**STUDENT BANKING**

Information packs have been given to all Prep students today and are also available from the school office for students in other year levels. These packs contain details on how to register your child with the Commonwealth Bank in order to join the School Banking program. Deposits will continue to be processed every **Wednesday morning**. When sending your bank books in, please ensure you complete the deposit slip and enclose the correct money (amount can be as little as 20c!). **Younger siblings who are not yet at school can also be registered.**

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**Thomas Mitchell Primary School**  
**OSHC service telephone number - 0415 326 328**

Welcome back!  
Please note that before your child can attend before or after school care they must be registered with Camp Australia.

Please feel free to come in and chat with the staff who are always here to answer any questions.

For the duration of term one only a Camp Australia staff member will collect all Prep children from their classrooms to attend after school care and alternatively for before school care as well, a Camp Australia staff member will also walk with the children to their classrooms.

Janice ☺️
Player Registrations 2015
U9 to U16 Boys & Girls Players
For further details and more information, please contact Agim: 0413 979 480

St Paul’s Netball Club
Players need to join our club
Boys and Girls welcome!!

Enquiries: Brett 0421 097 342 / Laura 0434 298 153
stpaulnetballclub@gmail.com

KANDO MARTIAL ARTS
Our school specialises in FOCUS, DISCIPLINE, CONFIDENCE & RESPECT.

Our certified instructors will not only help your child in these areas but also keep your child healthy through exercise.

For more information please contact:
Ph. 9763 2220
www.kandomartialarts.com.au

Endeavour Sporting Club Inc.
James Cook Junior Football Club
Email: endeavoursportingclub@gmail.com

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SUPER FUN, SOCIAL AND ACTIVE.
IT’S CRICKET AND IT’S A BLAST!

Your nearest MILO T20 Blast Centre:
Endeavour Hills Community T20 Blast Program

Location: Barry Simon Reserve, Glenaeagles Drive, Endeavour Hills
Program commences every Monday from February 2nd
4:30pm - 6:00pm

1st week COME & TRY FOR FREE
8 weeks at $99, Ages 7-11

Get your friends together to make a team of 8!!!

SIGN UP AT T20BLAST.COM.AU

Outlook Community Centre

In Pakenham runs after school hours sessions for primary school children. Some of the programs offered are “Kids in the Kitchen”, “Scrapbooking and Card Making for Kids”, “Tiny Hearts “Paediatric First Aid”.

For more information, please contact Ph. 59404728 email: communitycentre@outlookvic.org.au

24 Toomuc Valley Rd
Pakenham 3810
Become A Volunteer Host Family - It’s Fun!

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Belgium, Finland, France and Italy are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!

Getting to know your student well before he or she arrives is rewarding learning experience, fun for everyone involved and helps your student settle quickly. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive an information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au

Endeavour Hills UC Neighbour Centre
11 Hellyer Way, Endavour Hills

J.A.G – Junior Activity Group
3 & 4 – Year Old Pre- Kinder

A group for 3 and 4 year olds to prepare them for kindergarten. To help them adjust to being away from mum, learn to take direction from other adults, relate to other children their own age and especially just have fun.

Structured activities include singing, outdoor play, stories, painting, puzzles, play dough etc.

For more information please contact
Ph. 9700 3789
www.ehunc.org.au