Friday 9/5 Mothers’ Day Stall at TMPS
Friday 9/5 Last day for Bookclub Issue 3 orders. No late orders accepted
Mon-Fri 12-16/5 Year 6 Camp, Golden Valleys Lodge, Mornington Peninsula
Tuesday 13/5 Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN Test
Thursday 15/5 Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN Test
Friday 16/5 Year 2 Excursion – Eureka Tower & Cook’s Cottage
Friday 16/5 Parents’ Club Meeting – 2.30pm in the staffroom
Tuesday 20/5 ICAS Competition - Computer Skills
Tuesday 20/6 Open Day at TMPS, 9.00am – 3.15pm
Wednesday 21/5 District Cross Country, Sydney Pargeter Reserve, 12.30pm
Wednesday 28/5 Prep – Responsible Pet Education Program at TMPS
Wednesday 28/5 Year 1 Activity – Melb Water ‘Land Use in a Catchment’ at TMPS
Wednesday 28/5 Year 3 Activity – Market Fresh Schools Program at TMPS
Friday 30/5 Year 6 Excursion – Melbourne Star/Shrine of Remembrance
Thurs/Frid 5-6/6 Advance Notice-Curriculum Days. Students do not attend school
Monday 9/6 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Congratulations to our wonderful students who have been most successful in a writing competition. See the separate report by our Enrichment Teacher, Jenny Comrie elsewhere in this newsletter.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
Although it is early in the year, we are now taking enrolments for our 2015 Prep classes. This year we had to restrict our enrolments, so I encourage current parents with siblings to enrol early. Contact the office for details.

CURRICULUM DAYS – THURSDAY 5TH AND FRIDAY 6TH JUNE, 2014
Parents are advised that Thursday 5th June and Friday 6th June will both be Curriculum Days. Monday 9th June is the Queen’s Birthday holiday.

John Hurley, Principal

NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
YEAR 1 ACTIVITY – MELBOURNE WATER ‘LAND USE IN A CATCHMENT’
YEAR 6 EXCURSION – MELBOURNE STAR AND SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE
YEAR 3 ACTIVITY – MARKET FRESH SCHOOLS PROGRAM
PREP ACTIVITY – RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION PROGRAM
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FLYER
COMMONWEALTH BANK – DEEP SEA SAVERS PROMOTION
School photos have been distributed to all students who ordered and prepaid their photos. Please note that family photographs are packed in the eldest child’s package. Unfortunately, due to a printing error, the group photo for 2BR has been delayed and will be sent shortly. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any issues or enquiries regarding school photos, please contact MSP Photography directly on 5222 6747.

Uniform Shop News

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

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

We see lots of muesli bars as snacks in students’ lunches. Why not make your own? These can easily be packed into small containers or re-useable zip-lock bags and put into lunchboxes – no need for plastic wrap! Once you see the savings you can make and the fun you can have, you will find it hard to go back to buying expensive snacks.

Easy Muesli Slice – Donna Hay (nut and egg free)

Ingredients
1. 125g butter
2. ¼ cup (90g) golden syrup
3. 1 cup (90g) rolled oats
4. ½ cup (80g) sultanas
5. ½ cup (65g) sweetened dried cranberries (or other dried fruit)
6. ½ cup (75g) chopped dried apricots
7. ½ cup (75g) self-raising (self-rising) flour
   ½ cup (90g) brown sugar
For home consumption:- If you would like to add nuts, try ½ cup slivered almonds

Alternative: simply use 2 ½ cups of your favourite muesli instead of individual cups of oats and dried fruit.
**Method**

Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F). Place the butter and golden syrup in a small saucepan over low heat and cook, stirring, until the butter is melted. Place the oats, sultanas, cranberries, apricot, flour and sugar in a bowl and mix to combine. Add the butter mixture and mix to combine. Press into the base of a lightly greased 20cm x 30cm tin lined with non-stick baking paper. Bake for 20–25 minutes or until golden. Allow to cool completely in the tin before cutting into slices to serve. Makes 8–10.

The winner for Week 2 was 4CM with an average of 50% of students bringing completely “nude” lunch boxes all week. This means they had no rubbish at either snack or lunch. 4CM received a certificate and a prize.

Runner up was Grade 5LR who had 47% of students bringing “nude” lunch boxes. 5LR received a certificate.

**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!


**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 3**

Brochures for Issue 3 were distributed last week. Tomorrow, **FRIDAY 9th May is the last day for orders**. Please place the correct money (cash/cheque/credit card/receipt details) with the order form. NO late orders will be accepted. No change can be given.

**WRITE FOR FUN COMPETITION**

Congratulations to all “Enrichment Program” students who entered their short story or poem in the competition. We have more than ten students who have made it to the finals and will have their work published in a book called ‘Write As Rain’ which will be coming out in October.

Finalists have the opportunity to have their work published and to win prizes. We will find out the results next Wednesday (May 14th).

There are over 1000 finalists from schools all over Australia so we are very proud to have so many students in the finals.

A full list of competing students will go out in the next newsletter.

Fingers crossed!!  

*Ms Comrie, Enrichment Program*
**SPORT NEWS**

**YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT**
Well done to all year six students on a fantastic start to Interschool Sport this term. Thomas Mitchell won six out of the ten matches played. It was great to see all students getting involved and displaying great sportsmanship throughout the morning. The next round is as follows:

**Friday 9th May**

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Good luck to all year six students!!!

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING**
The countdown is on – there is just under 2 weeks until the District Cross Country! We have our last cross-country training session next Monday. It was great to see some new faces join training this week; hopefully all students will be able to make the last session next Monday morning. The session is from 8:20am-8.45am:

| Date: | Monday - 12th May |

Training sessions will be held on the top oval. If it is raining students will train in the gym. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**GYMNASTICS**
A huge well done goes to Daniel Bull in 4HP and his twin brother Andrew Bull in 4DH. The boys competed in the CYC gymnastics competition for Endeavour Hills last Sunday and their team received a silver medal! Daniel and Andrew competed in a team of 6 in the under 11s. The boys competed in level 2-3 in the following apparatus: high bars, floor, piggy bars, pommel horse and vault. **Well done Daniel and Andrew!**

Please pass any exciting sports news you may have onto myself (Miss Goder). I would love to share everyone’s achievements.

**HOUSE POINTS**

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**Have a great week!**

Olivia Goder, Physical Education Teacher
PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2014

The 2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is on again and Thomas Mitchell Primary School encourages all students to take part. The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is a great way to get students reading and talking about books. Students can discuss book lists with their friends to find out what they’re reading and what’s worth reading. The Challenge also encourages students to push themselves to read as many books as they can. Entry forms are available from the office or the library.

Thomas Mitchell 8th May 2014

Curriculum days- 5th and 6th of June.
Please book online or by calling the Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343. Minimum numbers are required for the days to run

Each week we will be asking the children at OSHC to tell you all a bit more about the program.

Check this page for future articles!
The article this week is from Christian R. I like drawing minecraft people. I like making my own breakfast in the morning, my favourite breakfast is cornflakes and pancakes. I love to do cooking, especially chocolate truffles.
Janice 😊

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thomas Mitchell Playgroup – Thursday 15th May, 9.00am – 10.15am

Hello to all the parents of Thomas Mitchell Primary School who have children under school age. The school runs a Playgroup for 0-5 year olds each Thursday morning in the Prep Rooms near our school gym. Please ask for directions from the school office if you are unsure.

Fun activities are held at playgroup such as playdough, painting, pasting, stories, music, singing and games just to name a few. Please bring a snack for your child and a gold coin donation. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents of children attending the school and for your younger children to meet other children who may be joining the school in the future.
Feel free to bring a friend, or if you know someone with younger children who would like to join this group, please let them know.
Hope to see you on Thursday.

Jenny Wallace, Playgroup Coordinator
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 2. Interested parents should call Marika during office hours on 9818 2333.

**PARENTS’ CLUB**

**Mothers’ Day Stall – Tomorrow - Friday 9\(^{th}\) 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. If you could bring along your own shopping bag it would be great, after all we don’t want mum seeing her surprise.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS/MEMBERSHIPS**

Entertainment Books/Memberships are now available for purchase at the office for $65.00, with 20% of all sales going towards school fundraising.

**STUDENT BANKING**

Don’t forget Student Banking is every Wednesday, every little deposit counts. This week we had 68 deposits, that’s 9 more than last week, what a great effort. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to help us process the deposits, please meet in staffroom at 9am each Wednesday. The more the merrier as the deposits increase!

**Save in Term 2 for a chance to win the Dollarmites’ sunken treasure.**

If you have a Youthsaver account and are aged between 5-13 years, simply make three or more School Banking deposits between 21 April and 4 July 2014 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

See attached flyer for full details!

**PARENTS’ CLUB MEETING**

*Our next meeting will be held on Friday 16 May 2014, 2.30pm in the staffroom. We would love to see some new faces!*
Look what we've been doing in Investigations!

We love investigations!

Kevin 1B

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Investigations
We are learning to write narratives. A good narrative starts with a good plan.

One day there was a polar bear. It was happy and then the sun was coming. The polar bear can’t live. Then the snow came hack then the polar bear lived happily ever after. The End.