Welcome Everyone to Term 4 2014.
This is a very important and busy term for everyone at school. Friday 19th December will come around quickly.

Staff News
We welcome 2 new staff members to Thomas Mitchell. Mr Mark Reid is our new Assistant Principal. He comes to us with lots of knowledge and experience from Serpell Primary School. We are very pleased to welcome him to our school leadership team.
Miss Ashley Scarth has also started at our school. She is an enthusiastic young teacher who is early in her teaching career. Welcome Ashley!

International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Congratulations to all the students who achieved awards in ICAS Mathematics. A list is published elsewhere in the newsletter.

School Hats
All students are required to wear a “Thomas Mitchell” hat while they are outside at recess, lunch time and at sport and education during Terms 1 and 4. This is part of our ‘sun smart’ policy to protect children from the sun.

Upgrade of Student Toilets
During the holidays, we had the student toilets beside the Early Learning Centre upgraded. We have now upgraded all the student toilets.

John Hurley, Principal

Notices sent home this week
- Year 4 Activity – Gleneagles Cup Sports Day
- Year 1 Activity – Write Away with Me ‘Storytelling Workshop’
- Kelly Sports – Enrolment Form - Term 4
- Curriculum Information - Booklet Term 4
- Year 4 & 5 Camp Details and Final Reminders
Welcome to Aaron (1BR), Annia (1LH), Victoria (2BR) and Salma (5MR) commenced at Thomas Mitchell Primary School this week.

Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents of 5FH and 6CW students,
Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Tuesday 21st October for students in 5FH and 6CW. There are also other times available during that week, which will be made available to you when you log in.

Bookings open – Friday 10th October at 9am
Bookings close – Friday 17th October at 3.30pm

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP DURING TERM 4

| Friday mornings | 10th October 2014 |
|                | 17th October 2014 |
|                | 24th October 2014 |
|                | 31st October 2014 |
|                | 7th November 2014 |
|                | 14th November 2014|
|                | 21st November 2014|
|                | 28th November 2014|
|                | 5th December 2014 |
|                | 12th December 2014|
|                | 19th December 2014|

| Tuesday afternoons | 21st October 2014 |
|                    | 18th November 2014 |
|                    | 2nd December 2014  |
|                    | 16th December 2014 |

(EFT & credit card facilities available (minimum transaction of $15)
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

‘The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools’ (ICAS) provide extensive independent evaluations of students’ skills, knowledge and understandings in the core learning areas.

Congratulations and well done to everyone who participated in the 2014 ICAS Mathematics test.

Our students received 4 High Distinctions, 16 Distinctions, 26 Credits, 9 Merits and 36 Participation Certificates. Those students whose achievements were outstanding received Certificates of High Distinction or Distinction. They are listed below.

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SPORTS NEWS

TERM 4 SPORT

Welcome back to another busy term in sport! I hope everyone had a great holiday. In term 4 the Year 6 students will be participating in their last term of interschool sports with Thomas Mitchell. Interschool sport runs every Friday, starting next Friday the 17th of October. The Year 6 students will play other schools around the district in Softball, Volleystars, Basketball, Cricket and Hockey.

Students in Years 4 and 5 will also continue with their sport round robins. Good luck to all students in sport this term, both in and out of school.

Regional Athletics Carnival - 16/10/2014

Good luck to the students below who will be competing at the Regional Athletics Carnival at Casey Fields Athletics track next Thursday 16th of October.

Ela, Izabella, Lily- Rose, Amira, Krish, Vivianne, Naomi and Andrew.

Wishing everyone the very best! 😊

House Points- Results from Term 3 2014

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Have a great week!

Olivia Goder - Physical Education Teacher
Health Centre News

WHOOPING COUGH - (PERTUSSIS)

An increase in the incidence of pertussis has been observed in Australia, with a large number of cases occurring amongst school aged children. Did you know that 4409 Victorians were diagnosed with Whooping cough in 2012. Whooping cough is a highly contagious “bacterial” disease involving the respiratory tract. Current information on numbers of cases can be found on the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System website.

CLINICAL FEATURES
Initial symptoms begin like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, followed by a cough which gets worse over the following week. Symptoms include:

- Severe cough, which may develop into bouts of uncontrollable coughing. Whoop or gasping sound produced after breathing-in or between coughing bouts (this can sound like hiccups in young babies) and may not be present in every case.
- Coughing to the point of vomiting, gagging, or going red in the face.
- Some babies may have episodes where they stop breathing for short periods or have difficulty breathing.
- The cough can last for more than three weeks, sometimes months, and can become worse at night.

OCCURRENCE
Whooping cough can occur anywhere regardless of ethnicity, climate or geographic location. You can still get whooping cough even if you have been immunised, however symptoms are likely to be less severe and of shorter duration.

INCUBATION PERIOD (the time interval between initial contact and the appearance of clinical signs and symptoms)
- 6-20 days. Infected persons are contagious for about 1 week prior to coughing and 2 weeks after the coughing has started.

TRANSMISSION (the transfer of disease from one individual to another)
Whooping cough is very easy to catch. It is spread by tiny drops of fluid when coughing and sneezing. It can also be spread on hands to the nose if the hands have come in contact with the bacteria.

COMPLICATIONS
- Whooping cough is a serious disease and can be life threatening to babies under 6 months of age. This is because they are not fully immunised yet.
- Apnoea (lack of oxygen) during coughing fits can cause cyanosis (going blue) and/or convulsions (fits).
- Fever suggests secondary infection of the lung.

TREATMENT
- There is no cure for Whooping cough.
- Antibiotic therapy will help prevent infected persons from spreading the infection to others.
- Antibiotics are usually prescribed if Whooping cough is detected early. After 5 days of Antibiotic therapy, you will no longer be contagious.

DIAGNOSIS
If you suspect that you may have Whooping cough, consult your doctor immediately. A swab taken from the back of the nose or a blood test will be done to confirm the diagnosis.

SCHOOL EXCLUSION
- A diagnosed case of Whooping cough should be excluded for five days after commencing antibiotic treatment.
- Unimmunised contacts Under 7 must be excluded from school for 14 days from the last exposure to infection, or until they have taken 5 days of a ten day course of antibiotics.

PREVENTION
Prevention of Pertussis is via the Pertussis Vaccine. The vaccine works by causing your body to produce its protection against Whooping cough...
- Pertussis vaccination is recommended as part of routine childhood immunisation. It is listed on the National Immunisation Program (NIP) Schedule and funded for children under the Immunise Australia Program.
- At the age of 15-17 children will receive a booster.
- In addition, a single booster dose of adult formulation pertussis vaccine (dTpa) is recommended for all adults planning a pregnancy, for both parents as soon as possible after delivery of an infant, and for grandparents and other carers of young children.

For further information please contact your local doctor or the Health Department.
Please seek medical advice if you are concerned about the wellbeing of your child.
**PARENTS’ CLUB**

**Trolley Tokens**
All trolley tokens were distributed yesterday. Thank you for your support at this fundraiser. A small profit was made for the school’s fundraising targets.

**School Banking**
This week we had a total of 46 deposits. Not bad for first week back but please remember to bring deposits in each Wednesday for Term 4.

**Shopping Tour**
Our annual shopping tour fundraiser 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

**We need 45 participants, & have just 23 registered to go.**
**We MUST CONFIRM TOMORROW.**
**If you have not registered and would like to participate please contact the office by**
2pm Friday 10th October.

Phone : 9706 2254 or Email **thomas.mitchell.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au**

**HOMEWARES**

**CLOTHING**

**BODY PRODUCTS**

**FOOTWEAR**

**GIFTWARE**

**COSMETICS**

**MANCHESTER**

**AND MUCH MORE!!!**
Thursday 16th October – 9:00am to 10:15am

Spring is here. We will be making cupcake flower pictures this week in playgroup.

The school runs a Playgroup for 0-5 year olds each Thursday morning from 9:00am – 10:15am during the school term in our Prep rooms. We ask for a gold coin donation to participate and for parents to please bring a nut free snack for their child/ren.

It is a great opportunity to meet other parents of children attending our school or local families and for your younger children to meet other children who may be joining the school in the future.

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.

Fun activities include: playdough, painting, pasting, stories, music, singing and games.

Look forward to seeing you at Playgroup.

Jennifer Wallace - Playgroup Coordinator
TERM 3 IN YEAR 5

We had our speech night...

We learnt about leadership qualities...

We performed in our concert...

We studied prefixes and suffixes...

...and lots more...