Friday 15/3  Year 2 Eureka Tower/Cooks Cottage Excursion
Monday 18/3  Year 3BS/3CS/3LP(½ class) Melbourne Museum Excursion
Monday 18/3  Parent Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 19/3  Foundation ‘Proud to be Me’ Activity
Tuesday 19/3  School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 22/3  TMPS Cross Country Whole School
Friday 22/3  Last Day Easter Raffle Tickets
Monday 25/3  Year 3MM/3SP/3LP(½ class) Melbourne Museum Excursion
Tuesday 26/3  Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday 28/3  Last Day Term 1 School Finishes 2.30pm
Monday 15/4  First Day Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Presentation of Badges to Our School Leaders
Last Friday, 8th March, our school student leaders were presented with their badges by our Local Member of Parliament, Mr Luke Donnellan. The following are our school leaders for 2013.

Captains: Phoebe Cooper  
Vice Captains: Jennifer James  
James Jemma

Fraser: Anaika  
Perkins: Radhika  
Saleh Byron

Bradman: Jasmine  
Freeman: Hasna  
Ryan Ali

The badge presentation took place at a whole school assembly, and was followed by morning tea for the students, and their families and Mr Donnellan.

Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings
These meetings are a very important part of your child’s education. Please be sure to attend. If you do not have an appointment yet, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a convenient time.

Stopping/Parking in the Drop Off/Pick Up Area
The marked area in Cunningham Drive is for short term drop off and pick up. You cannot park in this area, or leave your car between 8.30-9.15am and 3.30-4.00pm. There is a substantial fine for cars parked during these times. Please also be aware that it is illegal to drop off/pick up students when you are NOT in the pick up area. Fines can be given for this also. Please note that fines are given by the City of Casey or the Police. The school has nothing to do with this.

John Hurley  
Principal
“Parent/Teacher/Student interview booking period extended”. School Interview online bookings have been extended to Monday 4pm

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on **Monday 18th March** and **Tuesday 26th March** at 3.50pm – 6:50pm. Some teachers have times available outside of these dates, which will be made available to you when you log in.

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.

**Bookings open – Friday 8th March at 9am**

**Bookings close – Monday 18th March at 4pm**

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

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

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – Term 1/2 2013**

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:

- 15th & 22nd March
- 19th & 26th April

Each 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm

- 19th March
- 16th April

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**HEALTH CENTRE NEWS**

There have been a small number of children recently diagnosed with Chicken Pox at Thomas Mitchell Primary School. Chicken Pox is highly contagious. Please refer to recent school newsletter publications for a full description of Chicken Pox identification.

**SCHOOL EXCLUSION**

Chicken Pox cases should be excluded from school until full recovery, or for at least five days after the first eruption appears.

**PERSONS AT RISK**

Infants less than one month old, pregnant women and immunosuppressed individuals.

For further information, please consult your doctor, or contact the school. Information previously supplied in February 21st newsletter can be viewed on our school website at [www.tmps.vic.edu.au](http://www.tmps.vic.edu.au) under newsletters. Alternatively, information can be found in “childhood illnesses & other conditions”

*Anthea Cupido*
Year 6 2013 Windcheater Orders

Year 6 windcheaters ordered last year have now been supplied to students. We are now offering year 6 students a second opportunity to purchase the specially printed year 6 2013 windcheaters. Please note this will be the final opportunity to purchase a garment for the year and no late orders can be accepted.

Payment may be made by cheque (payable to Thomas Mitchell PS), cash (please send correct money as we are unable to give change) or by coming into the office to pay by EFTPOS or credit card by Thursday 22nd March.

These garments will take 6-8 weeks from the date the order is submitted by the school, therefore delivery is expected late April / early May. Please choose styles and sizes carefully as we are unable to exchange items.

Sally Opie
Uniform Shop

2013 YEAR 6 AUTOGRAPHED WINDCHEATER – ORDER FORM

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

Please tick the preferred style and size you wish to order.

☐ Bomber Jacket with Stripe   Size: ..........  Quantity: ........   Amount $ 58.00 ea
☐ Standard Windcheater        Size: ..........  Quantity: ........   Amount $ 42.00 ea
☐ Hooded Windcheater          Size: ..........  Quantity: ........   Amount $ 58.00 ea

Amount enclosed: ..................................................................................................................

Signed: ......................................................................................................................... Date: .................

BOOK CLUB

Orders for Issue 1 for 2013 have now been distributed. The school received over $300 worth of rewards, which will be used to purchase items for the Library Resource Centre.

In 2012, with the support of the school community, Thomas Mitchell received $2085 worth of resources. The resources have been placed in the Library Resource Centre for all the students/teachers to use.

Josie Morando
Librarian
TMPS CROSS COUNTRY

The date has been set for our annual TMPS Cross Country! The date is **Friday 22nd of March**. Year 4-6 students will participate during sessions 1 & 2 and Foundation- Year 3 students will participate during sessions 3 & 4. Parents are most welcome to come along and watch/encourage their children.

All students have been training hard during our warm ups in P.E sessions, so they will be very prepared. Listening carefully to your teachers as they have all the information you need to know for the big day.

DANDENONG BASEBALL CLUB

The Dandenong Baseball Club is a proud and traditional club that is focused on providing local people with safe and enjoyable sporting and social activities and pursuits. All of their coaches, at a junior level, meet the ‘Working With Children’ accreditation requirements as set by the Victorian State Government. The Dandenong Baseball Club will be entering teams into the Dandenong Baseball Association at T-ball under 11’s, 13’s, 15’s and 17’s levels. Competitions start on Saturday 20th April.

The Dandenong Baseball Club will also be conducting its own **Tee Ball** sessions, along with **Come & Try Day on Saturday 16th of March starting at 9am at Robert Booth Reserve, Clow Street Dandenong.** There will be a free sausage sizzle afterwards and promises to be a fun exciting morning for all involved.

DIVISIONAL SWIMMING

We had 20 TMPS students represent the Endeavour Hills District last Thursday the 7th of March at the divisional swimming competition. Congratulations to all 20 students for making it into the team and an extra congratulations to Phoebe, Henry, Marko, Tori, Bailey and Samuel who were all place getters. Well done to all

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HOUSE POINTS

Well done to all of those students who have been earning house points during the school day. Each point you earn helps your house out and there is a big opportunity to earn extra points over our school cross country! Just a reminder for how the house points system works:

- Sports captains collect all house points on a Friday afternoon.
- They tally ALL of the points to see which house has finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
- Houses then receive the following points: 1st = 100 points, 2nd = 50 points, 3rd = 20 points & 4th = 10 points.

**Results from Week 6 Term 1:**

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**Overall House Point Results for 2012:**

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Troy Diaz, Physical Education Teacher
**Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013**

It’s Challenge time again! All students from Foundation to Year 6 are invited to participate. To register, parents need to complete and sign the consent form which is attached to this newsletter and return it to school by the 28th June 2013.

Once students have returned their signed form to school, they will be registered for the Reading Challenge and will be issued with a username and password which will enable them to start entering the books they have completed reading.

Students from Foundation to Year 2 need to read or experience 30 books (20 of these must be from the Challenge Booklist). Students in Years 3 to 6 need to read 15 books (10 of these must be from the Challenge Booklist). Those who complete the challenge will receive a certificate from the Premier of Victoria.

The Challenge website, [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) has detailed instructions on how to use the system as well as a list of all the books on the Reading Challenge Booklist. A copy of this booklist is also available at our school library and a large number of books on the list are available to be borrowed.

Registrations for the challenge close on Friday 28th June 2013. The Challenge itself will close on Tuesday 3rd September 2013.

*Josie Morando and Linda Loxton*
*Reading Challenge Coordinators*

**INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)**
**(FORMERLY KNOWN AS UNIVERSITY OF NSW) COMPETITION 2013 - YEARS 3 – 6**

**COMPUTER SKILLS, SCIENCE, SPELLING, WRITING, ENGLISH & MATHS**

**YEARS 2 - 6 ENGLISH & MATHS ONLY**

These competitions will be held from May to August. Entries close on Wednesday 27th March. Forms are available from the school office or may be downloaded and printed from last week’s newsletter.

**EASTER RAFFLE!!!!!**

Any donations for our Easter raffle would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the school office. Thank you for your support!

Only 8 more sleeps before all tickets need to be returned to school. At only 50c each or 10 tickets for $4, make sure you’re in the draw!! Please be sure to put your name, class and contact phone number, on the LEFT HAND SIDE OF EACH TICKET. **All tickets sold need to be returned to school by no later than FRIDAY 22nd March 2013. Please ensure CORRECT MONEY as CHANGE CANNOT BE GIVEN.**

The raffle will be drawn on Monday 25th March and prizes will be distributed on that day.

*Parents’ Club*
Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013

Students have a chance to take part in the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge (Challenge) in 2013. Details of the Challenge are available at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc. There is no cost to you.

SECTION 1 of the consent form below must be signed if your child is to participate in the Challenge and receive a Certificate of Achievement.

SECTION 2 of the consent form below is optional.
In October/November 2013 an Honour roll lift-out in The Age will contain the names of all Victorian children who completed the Challenge (publication only with the permission of their parents or guardians). Consent is sought from students and parents for the publication of names following the conclusion of the Challenge.

When consenting, you authorise collection of the names of the students who are participating and their schools by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. This information will only be used for the purpose of conducting the Challenge in 2012 and printing certificates of achievement for students who meet the Challenge. If you consent, the student will be issued by their school with a username and password. If you have any concerns about providing this information please email readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au. All queries will remain confidential and all information that is to be provided to the Department will be held via a secure website and kept confidential in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2000.

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013 Consent Form

Student name (Print Full Name)................................................................................ Class............................

SECTION 1: Consent of a parent/guardian to authorise student entry and to authorise awarding of certificates of achievement for students who meet the Challenge in 2013

Please tick ✓

☐ I consent to my child entering the Challenge and authorise their name on a completion certificate

Signed: ............................... (Parent/guardian) ............................... (print name)

Date: ................................................ Signed by Student................................................

Age in years as at 1 February 2013 .............................................................

Student’s Certificate Name: __________________________ (Only required if different from name given above)

SECTION 2: Optional Consent to publish child’s name in Achievers Honour Roll in the Age newspaper

Please tick ✓ only one of the boxes below.

☐ I consent to publication of my child’s name in the Achievers Honour Roll in the Age Newspaper.

☐ I do not give consent for my child’s name to be published

I understand that if I wish to withdraw this consent to publication it will be my responsibility to inform the Reading Challenge Coordinator at my child’s school on or before 10 August 2013.

Signed: ............................... (Parent/guardian) ............................... (print name) Date / /
Year 6

Exploring Global Village - Hands On
Holiday program is only 3 weeks away. We will keep the kids smiling with activities such as watching “The Croods” at the movies, Secret Garden, Hogwarts, Rio Carnival, Thai New Year Water Festival and a colour explosion, More information on the website or visit the OSHC room.

Please remember to call or text the service when your child will be absent from the program.

Janice 😊

REMINDEERS

How to get started before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

Save on Care You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.