FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Last Day of Term 1 – Thursday 28th March** School Finishes at 2.30pm.

Parents are reminded that school starts again on Monday 15th April.

A whole school assembly will be held on Thursday morning at 9.00am. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Eating Times During the School Day**

There are 2 times during the school day that are put aside for students to eat.

At about 10.30am there is a time of about 10 minutes that has formally been called ‘snack time’. This will now be called ‘fruit time’. Parents are requested to send fruit to be eaten at this time.

At 12.50pm, a bell goes to signal lunch eating time. During this time students eat their lunch in the classroom. This lunch may include fruit. Younger children may need more than 10 minutes to eat their lunch. Teachers may start lunch eating time a little before 12.50 if this is necessary.

**New School Council**

Our new School Council will begin its term from the start of Term 2.

The following is the composition of our new school council.

- **President** Jason Jurjens
- **Vice President** Andrea Lew
- **Treasurer** Magdeline Goh
- **Assistant Treasurer** Kathie Arnold
- **Minutes Secretary** Tracey Etherington
- **Correspondence Secretary** Giselle Cassar

- **Parent Members**
  - Keetha Rajavel
  - Omar Abdul Rahim
  - Diane Tsagazones
  - Kyrani Zapantis
  - Jenny Wallace
  - Michael Vekic
  - Didi Karkas (PTA Rep)
Our President, Irene Velican, has resigned from School Council. On behalf of the school community, I thank Irene for her dedicated service to our school.

Newsletter – Wednesday 27th March
As school finishes early on Thursday the newsletter for next week will be sent home on Wednesday.

John Hurley
Principal

“Parent/Teacher/Student interview booking period extended”.
School Interview online bookings have been extended to
Tuesday 26th March - 12pm

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held again on
Tuesday 26th March, 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 close – Monday 26th March at 12pm

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

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – Term 1/2 2013

Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:
   22nd March
   19th and 26th April

Each 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm
   19th March
   16th April

Canteen News

The canteen will be open on Thursday 28th March for lunch orders as usual.

ART NEWS

To celebrate Cultural Diversity Week, the Victorian Multicultural Commission invites families to attend the multicultural ‘Viva Victoria’ festival held Sunday 24th March at Federation Square from 12.00pm to 6.00pm.

The festival consists of many free activities, exhibits and food stalls. Head to the atrium at Federation Square to view the finalists’ entries for the Primary School Art Competition.

Look out for our four finalists from Thomas Mitchell Primary School:

Chris Risini
Lily Rose
Sanja

For more information: multicultural.vic.gov.au
Rosa Spizzirri
Visual Arts
Coles Sports for Schools Equipment

We have received ALL of our sports equipment from last year’s Coles Sports for Schools voucher collection!! Thank you to all of the families that supported the program. The sports equipment that we received included: basketballs, footballs, netballs, soft gator balls, softball bases, tennis racquets, shuttlecocks, table tennis balls, whistles, climbing blocks, shot puts, beanbags and a few other fun throwing items. Photos of the equipment will be displayed around the school shortly, so please have a look!

Calikids at Thomas Mitchell Primary School

Calikids is back in term two offering a Calisthenics class every Friday during lunchtime. Calisthenics is an artistic sport, incorporating elements of dance, gymnastics, simplified ballet, singing, acting, marching, apparatus technique and performance skills. CaliKids is a great way for your child to learn something new and exciting, whilst still being at school! It is not compulsory and does come at a cost, for more information please see the flyer attached or visit http://www.calisthenics.asn.au/

TMPS Cross Country

Tomorrow is Thomas Mitchell’s cross country event below is a reminder of when you will be running, don’t forget to invite your parents and guardians along to help cheer you on.

Date: Friday 22nd March
Sessions 1 & 2: Year 4 – 6 Cross Country 9.00am – 10.50am
Sessions 3 & 4: Prep – Year 3 Cross Country 11.10 – 12.50pm

As this is a ‘House’ event, students are allowed to dress in their house colours during their Cross Country session, but must return to full school uniform for the remainder of the school day. Please don’t go and spend lots of money on new clothes, re-use and recycle what you have at home! If students don’t have anything in their house colour, we will give them coloured sashes to wear on the day. Below is a list of what students can and can’t wear:

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<td>• House coloured t-shirt, shorts, pants (If there is a small picture on your clothes, but is predominantly your house colour that is ok!!)</td>
<td>• Jeans</td>
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<td>• Skins – under shorts</td>
<td>• Coloured Hairspray</td>
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<td>• School Uniform</td>
<td>• Coloured Zinc</td>
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<td>• Bring a warm jacket (if weather is cold)</td>
<td>• Boots/football boots/slip on shoes</td>
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<td>• House coloured ribbons/scrunchie in your hair</td>
<td>• Necklaces</td>
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<td>• House coloured hat</td>
<td>• Dangly earrings</td>
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<td>• 1 wrist band in your house colour</td>
<td>• Singlets</td>
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<td>• Runners (NOT SCHOOL SHOES)</td>
<td>• Makeup/nail polish/tattoos</td>
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<td>• Really small shorts</td>
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Parents are most welcome to come along and watch/encourage their children.

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! 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 7 Term 1:

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Overall House Point Results for 2013:

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<td>Freeman (Blue)</td>
<td>180 Points</td>
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<td>4th</td>
<td>Bradman (Red)</td>
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Troy Diaz
Physical Education

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 available from the school office or maybe downloaded and printed from last week’s newsletter. Registration forms need to be returned to school by the 28th June 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 of may be downloaded and printed from previous week’s newsletter.
EASTER RAFFLE!!!!!!

We still need chocolate donations for our Easter raffle please! All items will be greatly appreciated and can be left at the school office tomorrow. Thank you for your support!

All sold raffle tickets need to be returned to school by tomorrow Friday 22nd March as well.
That's only 1 more sleep so make sure you get your tickets in! Still only 50c each or 10 tickets for $4!! Please be sure to put your name, class and contact phone number, on the LEFT HAND SIDE OF EACH TICKET. Please ensure CORRECT MONEY as CHANGE CANNOT BE GIVEN. Additional ticket books are now available at the school office again if you would like some more. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 25th March and prizes will be distributed on that day.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
We are now selling the 2013/2014 Melbourne Entertainment Books. For only $65.00 you get over $15,000 worth of valuable offers that can be used right away. The vouchers are valid up until 1st June 2014!!!!

$13.00 from each book sold will go towards TMPS' fundraising. Brochures have been sent home with this newsletter. If you wish to order an Entertainment Book, you can either order online https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1876q86 or return the order form with correct money to school for immediate delivery.
If you did not receive an order form, spare forms are available from the office.

Parents’ Club

TMPS 0-4 YEAR OLDS - PLAYGROUP CLUB

Wednesday 27th March- Teddy Bears Picnic

Please bring your favourite teddy, stuffed toy or doll to playgroup. If the weather is good we will be having our snack outside with our teddies.

Storytime will be ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’

Please bring a snack for your child and a gold coin donation.
Holiday program is just two weeks away and bookings are still open. Be quick to avoid missing out.

Both staff and children would like to extend a very big thank-you to the QIAN family for donating to the program a new T.V.

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

REMINDERS

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.campaaustralia.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.

SEAL Opportunity for current Year 6 students- Gleneagles Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program for 2014

Gleneagles Secondary College is one of 35 schools accredited to offer Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL) in Victoria. One SEAL class of 25 students is offered at each year level from Year 7 to 10.

The SEAL program provides an opportunity for high potential students to undertake a challenging, concept-based curriculum in the company of like-minded peers. Instruction is designed to stimulate and inspire this highly motivated group, and emphasis is placed on developing creativity, independent inquiry and research skills. SEAL students complete the same subjects as other students in the year level but curriculum delivery is differentiated to provide faster paced instruction and minimal repetition. The concepts explored in class are often more complex, abstract and challenging.

Entry into the SEAL program is via formal testing and interviews. To be eligible for the Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program, students need to apply and complete the selection process. Prospective students and parents are encouraged to attend a SEAL 2014 Information Night on Thursday, 18th April 2013 at 7.00pm to hear more about the program and collect an application package.

For further details, please visit the Gleneagles website: http://www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment-process/ or contact the SEAL Manager, Julie Mullins on Tel 9708 1319 or email gleneagles.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.
NAB AFL Auskick – Mossgiel Park 2013

Auskick is a great fun way to learn the basic skills of AFL Football and is open to all primary school aged children. Registration Day and the first clinic for Mossgiel Park Auskick 2013 will be on Saturday 27th April (the second Saturday in Term 2) from 9:15am until 11:00am at Barry Simon Reserve, Gleneagles Drive, Endeavour Hills (Mel 91 F2) and includes an introductory skills clinic from 9:45am and a free sausage sizzle. Clinics will then be held on Saturdays from 9:30am until 11:00am at the same venue until mid-August.

For more details and to register and pay on-line, go to www.aflauskick.com.au, enter the postcode 3802, scroll down to Mossgiel Park, click on ‘Register’ and follow the instructions. If you register and pay online by Monday 15th April 2013, you will receive a free family pass to an AFL game of your nominated club. Please contact Julie Webber, Centre Co-Ordinator, on 0439 839 351 if you have any queries.

CaliKids at Thomas Mitchell PS!

Calisthenics Victoria is excited to announce that the CaliKids Program is coming to Thomas Mitchell PS in Term 2, 2013!

Calisthenics is an artistic sport, incorporating elements of dance, gymnastics, simplified ballet, singing, acting, marching, apparatus technique and performance skills.

The dynamic, 8 week program introduces students to the fundamentals of Calisthenics in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Games, stretching, skill based activities and short routines to modern music are just some of the highlights. Students will also receive a special gift at the end of the program to recognise their participation.

Day and Time: Thursday lunchtimes 1:05 – 1:35pm
First session (FREE ‘Come and Try’ session): DATE TBA
Cost: $35 for the remaining 7 sessions

All CaliKids programs are run by qualified Calisthenics coaches, who hold both a current first aid certificate and Working with Children Check.

The first session is FREE so we invite everyone to come and have a go!

For more information, please visit www.calisthenics.asn.au
The Foundation integrated topic for this term has been Me, My Family, My School. On the 19th of March we invited Carp Productions Company to come and present an interactive show titled “Proud to be me”. The interactive performance provided an introduction into the themes of Friendship, Acceptance and Working Together. All the Foundation students enjoyed this performance and learnt a lot about interacting with each other.
The Foundation and Grade Five teams have joined up to do PMP together. Our first PMP session ran very smoothly, all the teachers were very happy with both the Foundation students as well as the Grade Five leaders. We heard a lot of praises from the Grade Five students towards the younger ones, such as: “great work”, “keep trying”. “well done”, “you’re doing a great job”.