



THOMAS MITCHELL WEEKLY

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| Thursday | 9/2 | 2017 Swim Team Trials – 4.00pm to 5.00pm at Doveton Pool in the Park |
| Friday | 10/2 | Uniform Shop Open – 8.30am to 9.30am |
| Tuesday | 14/2 | Uniform Shop Open – 3.00pm to 4.00pm |
| Wednesday | 15/2 | Whole School Assembly – 9.00am in Gym |
| Friday | 17/2 | Issue 1 Book Club Orders and Money due back at school |
| Wednesday | 22/2 | District Swimming Carnival – Noble Park Swimming Pool |
| Monday | 13/3 | Labour Day Public Holiday – Students do not attend school on this day |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Monday of this week was a very special day for Preps. They started classes and enjoyed the first day of a long school journey. It was lovely to see them, and their proud parents starting school!

Parking Around the School

We know that parking around the school can be a problem, especially when parents have to drop off and pick up preps from their classrooms. We ask you to allow plenty of time, and ensure that your first priority is the safety of everyone. Unfortunately, the car park cannot be used by parents, and parking outside the school in Thomas Mitchell Drive and Cunningham Drive is monitored by the City of Casey and the Police.

I strongly advise parents to observe the parking signs in these areas to avoid fines. Please also use the school crossings to cross the roads. This sets a good example for the students.

Special Whole School Assembly – Wednesday 15th February at 9.00am

This special whole school assembly is being held for our local Member of Parliament, Mr Luke Donnellan M.P. to present badges to our 2017 student leaders.

All parents are invited to attend this assembly.

Student Attendance

It is really important that students attend school every day, unless, of course, they are unwell. There is very strong evidence to show that student attendance is a critical indication of student achievement.

Please also ensure that your child/children are at school on time (before 9.00am) each day.

John Hurley

Principal



NOTICE SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- 2017 School Banking Program - Preps
- Issue 1 Book Club



Camps 2017

As per newsletter December 15th last year, the following camps have been booked for years 4 and 5.

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| Year 4 Camp | 8 November to 10 November 2017 | Phillip Island Adventure Resort | approx. cost \$300 |
| Year 5 Camp | 30 May to 2 June 2017 | Creswick Log Cabin Camp (Ballarat) | approx. cost \$380 |

The Year 6 Camp originally scheduled for October is still to be confirmed. We will advise you as soon as possible.

Book Club

Brochures for Issue 1 are being distributed this week. All orders are due back at school by ***Friday 17th February.*** The **completed order forms and payment (correct money only), or cheque,** should be placed in an envelope and returned to the classroom teacher. No change can be given.

Credit Card Payments are made directly to Scholastic via the online ordering system **LOOP**. Go to the Scholastic website to do this. (www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). No order forms need to be filled out for this.

Unfortunately, we **cannot accept late orders.**

Book Club Coordinators

Health Centre News – Packing Spare Clothing

For many varied reasons, children sometimes soil their clothing.

This can be embarrassing and upsetting to the child. Packing spare clothes from home does help minimise this stress. Items you should consider include:

- Underwear
- Spare shorts
- Socks

These items can be put in a named plastic bag and left in the bag area for future use. Due to the high incidence of younger children needing a change of clothes, spare clothing and underwear may not always be available.

UNDERWEAR

All underwear we supply is brand new and cannot be reused. Due to the cost involved in supplying this item, we request \$2.00 to be paid within 14 days of supply. In the event payment has not been received after this time, an invoice will be placed against your account and any credits due.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns.

Anthea Cupido
School Nurse



UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES – TERM 1 2017



Every Friday morning 8.30am to 9.30am:
10th, 17th, 24th February
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March

Every Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm
7th, 14th, 21st & 28th February
7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March

SPORT NEWS



Swimming Trials



Last Tuesday we held our first swimming trial for our year 3 – 6 students. This afternoon we will hold one more trial for students.

The trials are used for forming our 2017 TMPS Swim Team. All students who participate can choose to try out for any of, 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.

Once the trials are finished, all students who have been selected will be notified. They will then compete in the District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 22nd February at Noble Park Swimming Pool.

School Sport Victoria Trials

School Sport Victoria Trials are now open online. These trials are for students who turn 10 – 12 years by the end of the year. The trials are designed for students who play at an extremely high level in AFL, Soccer, Netball, Cricket and Basketball.

Parents are responsible for registering their child online. All State Team information is available and nominations can be registered online via the SSV website (www.ssv.vic.edu.au) using the Team Vic State Teams tab and selecting the relevant sport.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Miss Goder.

House Points

Keep your eye on this space!! Next week, our first house points for the year will be listed!!



Have a great week!

Olivia Goder
Physical Education Teacher



Parents ' Club

The existing President and Secretary for the Parents' Club are unable to continue in these roles for 2017 due to personal reasons. Therefore, we need to confirm all existing members and welcome new members in order to fill required positions going forward. Our Parents' Club is a very relaxed group of parents wanting to be involved in their child's school. If this sounds like you, please come along to our next meeting. The date and time of the meeting will be announced shortly.

School Banking – WEDNESDAY each week

This week we had 54 deposits, with 7 NEW bankers registering. Our school receives \$5 commission for each new account registered as well as 5% for each deposit made on School Banking Days (up to a maximum of \$10 commission per deposit).

The School Banking Program is a fun way for your child to develop the knowledge and confidence to handle their money, combining a savings Reward Program with great activities throughout the year. If you have not yet registered your child but would like them to participate in our School Banking program in 2017 and beyond, please register your interest at www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Flyers have been sent home with the newsletter today to all Prep children. There are spare flyers at the school office for anyone else who would like one.

Tokens for Rewards - every deposit earns one silver token, 10 silver tokens = one gold token. There are some weeks that the banking team may forget to put tokens in books but please be assured that the bank keeps a record as well. If you'd like to double check the amount your child should have, please include a note with your banking and we'll provide an exact total.

The two new FUTURE SAVERS REWARDS available for Term 1, 2017 are:

Cyber Hand Ball and Colour Change Markers!

More will be available throughout the remaining terms. These rewards will be on display at the display cabinet next to the library.

The major prize this year is a trip to Disneyland Tokyo for 2 adults and 3 children with \$1000 spending money and 5 nights' accommodation. Any child who makes 15 or more School Banking deposits, by Term 3, will go into the draw. Good Luck!

Any parents wanting to help in the processing of the student banking are most welcome. The banking team meets at the staffroom Wednesday from 9am and are finished by recess time. It is a great way to meet other parents while giving the school a much needed helping hand.



TMPS Playgroup – Change of Day to Thursday

The school will be running a Playgroup for 0-5 year olds each Thursday morning from 9:15am – 10:30am during the school term again this year in the Early Learning Centre.

We ask for a gold coin donation to participate and for parents to please bring a nut free snack for their child/ren.

Please note the Playgroup will be held on Thursday morning instead of Tuesday morning as it has been previously.

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.



Community News

ASPA – Australian School of Performing Arts – Australian Girls Choir

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. Come along and try a free class at your local rehearsal venue!

Venues are Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Cheltenham, Essendon, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarraville. For further information please phone 03 9859 6499.

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GREAT FUN

To book, visit:
www.campastralia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

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OSHC Telephone Number - 0415 326 328

Just a friendly reminder to parents to please contact us if your child will not be attending the After School Care session you have booked them in to so we are aware that they have been safely collected from school.

Please make sure all bookings are made ahead of time using the Parent Portal or by contacting the Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

The Camp Australia OSHC team! ☺

ALL ABOUT ME



This week Year 1 students have been getting to know each other and learning about being 'Caring', 'Connected' and 'Courageous'.



