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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for your support in making our Home Learning Program a success.

Planning to return to school:

As yet we have no official return to school date. However the school is making positive plans for a smooth transition to classroom learning and we will keep parents informed in every step of the process.

Our current planning includes:

- Communication will be really important. We will continue to keep you informed through the school website, direct emails and our new app, SkoolBag.
- Policies and plans will be released by the Department of Education including opening dates and initial school organisation. As you are possibly aware, some states and countries are trialling staggered grade level entry. Other aspects will include complying with local health and safety regulations, the management of social distancing, the control of who comes on site and formal reporting to government.
- School maintenance including cleaning and sanitising is already in place. Cleaners are currently onsite during the school day to provide ongoing attention to toilets and frequently touched surfaces, eg handles and benchtops.
- Hygiene practices, handwashing and social distancing for students and staff will form a part of the daily education and supervision program.
- Hand sanitiser and soap has already been delivered to the school in readiness for commencement.

Best wishes:

This is certainly a very challenging time. At Thomas Mitchell Primary we can all be proud of the way that students, teachers and parents have worked together and responded to the crisis to do the very best we can for each other. I wish you all continued good health and look forward to the days when we will welcome you at school again.

John Hurley
Principal



SKOOLBAG APP

In the coming week, we are hoping to introduce to our families our new communication app called "SkoolBag".

It is a free download available through the Apple App store/ Google Play store. Instructions on how to download can be found on our web page <http://www.tmps.vic.edu.au/parents/177/>

In this remote learning environment, this app will be particularly useful to our Thomas Mitchell families to access and receive instant communications including on line learning, transitioning to returning to school and information such as notices, events and activities held throughout the year.

Once you have followed the instructions and then subscribed to your child's year level, our administrator will approve your request for access and you will then be able to view the year level content.

To assist our families and students who come from a home where a language other than English is spoken, the app also offers a link to a multi-language app which works in conjunction with SkoolBag and converts the documentation into the selected language.

We are excited to release this new communication app to you and trust you will enjoy the benefits of up-to-date school communications.



Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

- 1 Download the app**
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**
Search for your school and add your subscription groups



SENTRAL EDUCATION

To avoid any confusion the Sentral parent portal page is still our preferred method of communication and gives parents access to their child's attendance, booking parent teacher interviews, school reports and information bulletins.





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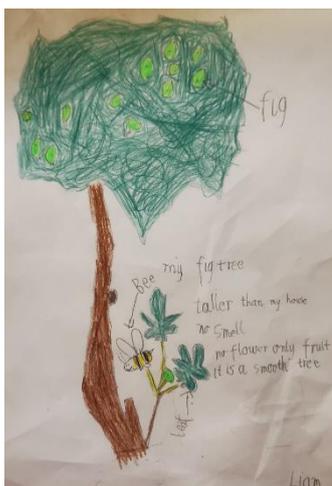
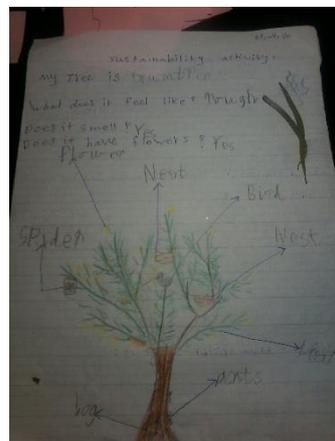
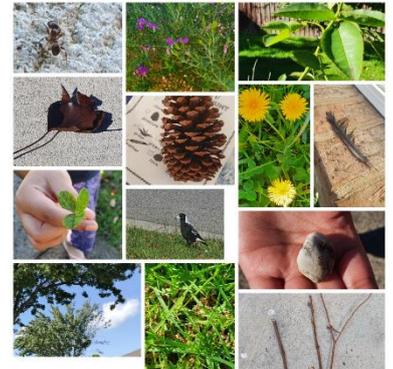


During this time at home, it is a great opportunity to get into the garden and grow your own food. Did you know you can grow your own food from vegetable scraps? Like lettuce, onion, garlic, potatoes, celery and spring onions. Check out this web site to see how. [Regrow from Scraps](#)

The Year 1 students have been sharing some of their fantastic sustainability activities that they have been doing at home. Well done.

Liz Cooke

Sustainability Coordinator





Exciting activities in OSHC this week @ Thomas Mitchell primary school Camp Australia O.S.H.C

We thank you for all your continued support and patience through these challenging times. We understand Outside School Hours Care is vital for many parents who are not able to work from home, so that you can continue to provide essential work for the nation.

Our OSHC service is open and operating for those that need our care, and will provide your children with much-needed familiarity and continuity through our engaging programs that have an increased focus on hygiene and social distancing.

Having spent the day in a classroom, children need the opportunity and space to explore their own interests and unleash their imaginations – whether that be trying new sports, craft, cooking and much much more. With activities appropriate for all ages, here is what we have planned for the week ahead:

Monday	Leaving Positive words and notes for the wider community in chalk around the school
Tuesday	May is the month of daffodils. We will be making some to take home and sewing some flower seeds
Wednesday	Cooking up some Australian Damper topped with some yummy jam
Thursday	National Dance like a Chicken Day, learning to do the chicken dance
Friday	We are making a Volcano today

It's FREE to Register. (If you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login.

Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Visit our blog for helpful information and fun activities.

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families. This month we are focusing on all things COVID-19. We talk about how to adjust to the changes you've made in your household, including fun activity ideas to entertain your child at home.

Visit the blog here: <https://campaustralia.com.au/blog>