



# THOMAS MITCHELL WEEKLY

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Friday	17/9	Last Day of Term 3 – <b>School finishes at 2.30pm onsite supervision and remote learning</b>
Monday	4/10	First Day of Term 4
Sunday	10/10	Year 6 2022 Autographed Windcheaters – <b>Last day for online orders</b>

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

As you are aware, tomorrow Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September, is the last day of Term 3. On-site supervision finishes at 2.30pm tomorrow.

It has been a disrupted term, but I want to thank our families for working with our staff to make the Term the best it could be for our students. We hope Term 4 will be a term we can all enjoy, with students getting back to school, seeing their friends, and on-site learning. There is no on-site supervision program during the school holidays.

### School Resumes on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October for the start of Term 4.

At this time, we are not aware when school will return to on-site learning. We will notify parents as soon as we are made aware whether we return to on-site learning for all students, or whether we continue with remote/ home learning.

### Road Closure

The intersection of Thomas Mitchell Drive and Hallam North Road will be closed from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

### Prep Enrolments for 2022

Any parents who have a child they intend to enrol for Prep 2022 and have not done so are asked to enrol them as soon as they can. Enrolment forms can be found on our school website <http://www.tmps.vic.edu.au/about-us/119/>

### Staff news

We welcome a new staff member who joined us this week, Nephish Gunawardena.

Nephish will take over the role of Daily Organiser from Emily Aw, who will be on leave for Term 4.

Emily will return in 2022 on a part-time basis.

**John Hurley**  
**Principal**

# Staff News – New Staff Members

## Nephish Gunawardena



Hello! My name is Nephish Gunawardena.

I am honoured to be joining TMPS as the Daily Organiser and Timetabler. Prior to joining TMPS, I have worked in an Independent School for the past 13 years in a similar role.

My experience and skills include managing and overseeing operations of the school in areas of enrolments, timetabling and daily organisation across campuses.

Outside TMPS, I am a mum to two young children and I enjoy spending my time travelling and decorating cakes.

I am excited to be a part of TMPS and looking forward to meeting everyone in the real world soon!

*Nephish Gunawardena*  
*Daily Organiser*

## Ian Pratt



Hello, my name is Ian Pratt.

I am married with 3 adult children - all married, and we are lucky enough to have 3 grand children (all girls so far).

For the last 7 and a half years I have been working in the maintenance industry both in domestic and commercial/industrial maintenance.

Under non-Covid conditions I like to play golf, and catch up with family and friends. My wife and I enjoy live theatre and we were fortunate to see “Come From Away” earlier this year, however we have had our tickets to Harry Potter cancelled twice! We have also had to cancel holidays to Hall Gaps twice!

I am looking forward to the challenges that TMPS will present but also becoming part of the school team.

*Ian Pratt*  
*Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Officer*

## Endeavour Hills Library

This is an invitation to join the team from Endeavour Hills Library for a very special online Zoom Dino Discovery story time!

Date: Monday 27th September

Time: 11:30-12pm

Place: Zoom

There will be stories, songs, and some rhymes, plus there is even a special guest who will be making an appearance. Who could it be? You'll have to join us to find out! Coming along is easy. Follow the link below for more details and how to book.

<https://events.ccl.vic.gov.au/event?id=4365>

You are guaranteed to have a roarsome time! We hope to see you there!

## Premiers' Reading Challenge – Closing tomorrow Friday 17th September

It has been a little more challenging to access reading material, but below are a few last minute suggestions to make it a little easier. The Challenge will **close tomorrow, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**. Some students have not commenced entering books they have read. Please do this by the end of tomorrow. If anyone requires a **list of books they have borrowed from the school library this year** to complete the Challenge, please contact the school. We will be able to **email the list to you**, so you can enter the books online.

- For young children, search YouTube for 'read a picture book', and listen to dozens of children's books like The Lorax, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Rainbow Fish. ·
- Watch your favourite authors read their books at The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read Alouds and Activities.
- Watch astronauts on the Space Station read children's books at [Storytime from Space](#).
- Stream videos of authors reading children's books with illustrations at [Storyline Online](#).
- Listen to a David Walliams audio book.
- Download a free classic children's or young adult's book from [International Children's Digital Library](#) or [ManyBook.net](#)
- Local Library. If you are a member, you can access **online resources for free**. Some of their free online resources include, [Storybox Library](#), Tumblebooks and Borrowbox.. They also have online storytime, read by staff, to watch. If you are not a member, it is free to join and you will be able to access a world of books and resources for free. Contact your local library for more details.

The PRC website is [www.education.vic.gov/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov/prc)

*Josie  
Morando*

## Year 6 2022 Autographed Windcheaters

We are offering Year 6 2022 students their own printed hooded windcheater or bomber jacket, which will be available in **NAVY** only and will have the names of all year 6 students printed on the back of the windcheaters in gold.

The garments are being manufactured by a local supplier, Fashion Clubwear who we have previously used. We have the added bonus of online ordering, faster delivery and direct liaison with the manufacturer.

A separate flyer is attached to this newsletter with instructions on how to place an order online. The online shop is opening today, and will close on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October. **No late orders can be accepted.**

***A size chart is available online when placing your order. Please choose style and size carefully as incorrect sizes cannot be exchanged or returned. Due to COVID restrictions at the moment we are unable to offer students the opportunity to try on sample sizes at school.***

Estimated delivery will be in December, before the end of Term 4.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> and final chance order will be available in Term 1 with delivery in Term 2.

# THOMAS MITCHELL PS

## YEAR 6 2022 COMMEMORATIVE GARMENTS

ONLINE OPENING DATE: THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021

**ONLINE CLOSING DATE: SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2021**

Estimated delivery: Mid December 2021



Bomber = \$60



Hoodie = \$54

Follow the following easy steps to order your garments online

1. Go to [www.fcw.com.au](http://www.fcw.com.au)
2. Click on 'Leavers Online Shops' (a third down the page)
3. Find your school logo and click on that.
4. This page will then give you up to date information such as **cut-off date for orders and delivery.**
5. **Select the relevant garment. A size chart can be viewed online. Please choose carefully as incorrect sizes cannot be exchanged or refunded.**
6. Select size and quantity.
7. Then click ADD TO CART.
8. If you wish to proceed to checkout click VIEW CART or to continue shopping click CONTINUE
9. At any stage if you wish to view your cart, click on the trolley icon at the top of page

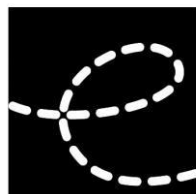
**Please make sure you have referred to the size chart on the online shop and ordered the correct size.**

Fashion Clubwear only manufactures to order. Once ordered, garment sizes and nicknames (if applicable) cannot be changed, and no refunds will be given after the online order has been submitted. Late orders will not be accepted.

**Upon successful completion of your order, you will be emailed a copy of your order as confirmation. If you don't receive a copy of your order by email, either your order was not successfully completed or the email address you provided was incorrect.**



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# Year 5's **ULTIMATE COOK OFF/BAKE OFF.** Our new Master chef all



The Year 5 Students have been busy during this lockdown with some fun, friendly competition. It was very hard for the teachers to pick the winners.

Well done to all students that entered.

# Year 5's **ULTIMATE BUILDING COMPETITION**



Mashal



Dora



Jelena



Audrey



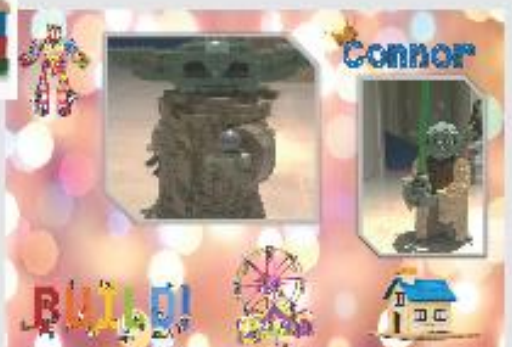
Louis



Methuka



Samanta



Connor

Congratulations to the winners of our **ULTIMATE BUILDER** Competition. They have been crowned our **Master Builders of 2021!!**