



THOMAS MITCHELL WEEKLY

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Friday	3/2	Prep students commence full time Whole School Assembly – 2.40pm in Gym
Monday	6/2	Prep Parents Morning Tea – 9.00am to 10.30am in Community Facility
Tuesday	7/2	TMPS Playgroup commences – 9.15am to 10.30am in Community Facility
Wednesday	8/2	Year 3 – 6 Swim Team Trials 4.00pm to 5.00pm, Doveton Pool in the Park
Thursday	9/2	Year 3 – 6 Swim Team Trials 4.00pm to 5.00pm, Doveton Pool in the Park

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome back to 2023. It has been a smooth start to the school year with students from Years 1 to 6 commencing on Monday 30th January. Over the course of this week, our new prep students have been attending to complete the English Online Interview and the Maths Online Interview. They will commence fulltime tomorrow, Friday 3rd February.

Welcome to all of our new families. Over the holidays the school has been transitioning from SENTRAL to COMPASS as our form of communication to parents. Many parents may be familiar with COMPASS as it is used by Gleneagles Secondary College and many other local secondary colleges. Tomorrow all families will receive an email from the school with log on details for COMPASS. Keep an eye out for this email. If you have any issues, please contact the school for support.

Over the holidays we have had works completed around the school. The Visual Art room has been refurbished and Mrs E is excited with all of the extra storage space. Science has moved to one of the rooms within the gymnasium building (where Mandarin used to be held). A deck has been built outside of the Science room so that the bifold doors can be opened for inside/outside learning. Mandarin is now in the room where Indonesian was held. (Gymnasium Building). A new meeting room has been established in the old uniform shop, allowing a space for uninterrupted meetings.

Leadership badges will be presented in the next few weeks. We are just awaiting confirmation from Julian Hill (Federal Member) and Belinda Wilson (State Member) of available dates so that they can attend to present the badges to our 2023 student leaders. We will let everyone know once the date has been confirmed.

Newsletters will continue to be sent out on a fortnightly basis, commencing next week. In between newsletters information will be sent to families via COMPASS as needed.

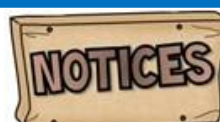
Have a great week.

Kathie Arnold
Principal



NOTICE SENT HOME TODAY

Year 3 – 6 Swim Team Trials



IDENTIFICATION PHOTOS – PREPS AND NEW STUDENTS – TOMORROW

Friday 3rd February

We have our official photographer visiting tomorrow morning to take identification photos (head/shoulders) of our Prep students and new students only. These photos are used for school identification purposes only and will not be for sale.

The photographer will return on 24th March for the whole school photos which will be available for purchase. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

PREP PARENTS MORNING TEA

There will be a morning tea for Prep parents on Monday 6th February in our Community Facility between 9.00am to 10.30am. This is not an information session, but a chance for parents to meet and get to know each other.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be opened on Monday 30th January, and lunch orders are continuing to be purchased only through the Qkr app (there was a guide for Qkr ordering & a price list sent home previously via email).

Orders should be placed prior to the cut off at 9am.

You will be asked to update your profile on the Qkr app when signing in for the first time this year.

Counter sales were closed down during COVID19 and we have decided to trial it again at recess and lunch each TUESDAY and FRIDAY in Term 1.

Year 1 to 6 students will be able to purchase from the canteen, with cash only, between 10.40am and 11am at recess and between 1.00pm and 1.20pm at lunchtime. No hot food will be available for counter sales. Please do not send any more than \$5 to school and please also discuss the safe keeping of this money with your child. You cannot purchase for counter sales via Qkr or place a lunch order over the counter at recess.

Prep student's session times are different to other year levels at the beginning of the year, therefore they will not be able to do over the counter purchases or lunch orders for several weeks while they settle into school routines. We will advise Prep student families when this becomes available to them.

PLAYGROUP

The school will be running a Playgroup for 0-5 year olds each Tuesday morning from 9.15am – 10.30am during the school term in the Community Facility commencing on Tuesday 7th February. We ask for a gold coin donation to participate and for parents to please bring a nut free snack and drink bottle for their child/ren.



It is a great opportunity for local families and parents of children attending our school and for your young 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.