Welcome back to staff and students and a particular welcome to new families and staff. Our new staff are Melissa McKenzie (4M), Jaye Cashmore (6C), Gemma Collins (Maths/Science). We also welcome back Anne Moriarty, Linda Ludeman and Anne Hegarty.

- This year promises to be just as busy and as exciting as previous years with the building of the new School/Community Library and the development of our Buildings Futures architectural plans. We are one of three Barwon Sth Western Schools to be in the master planning stage. If you are in the school grounds visit the newly refurbished Home Eco centre, WOW, it looks fantastic.

- I look forward to my role of Principal for the next six months with great excitement but some apprehension as well. My personal vision for the school has always been to facilitate the very best opportunities for our students and school community. I intend to pursue this vision with all the energy I can muster. It is very reassuring to have Andrea Taylor taking over as Assistant Principal and I look forward to working with Sean Fitzpatrick, staff and parents on the redevelopment of our school.

- This year all year 9 and 10 students will receive a notebook computer. The computers will be largely funded by the Commonwealth Government with some Parent contribution. Year 9 and 10 parents were briefed on the program last night. Thank-you to Tracy Riehm and her team for all the work that has gone into getting the machines ready for student use.

- Last year our VCE students again performed wonderfully well with a mean VCE score of 31. However more pleasing than that is the fact that so many of our students have been placed into their career choices. Well done to all our past students and all the best in your new vocation.

- On Monday we have our 7-12 Swimming sports. Our new School Captains; James Kerr, Tess Willox, Ian Johnson, Kerry O'Shea, Rebecca Moriarty and Michael Vogels will have their leadership skills tested. We look forward and welcome parent attendance and participation on this day.

- Parents are advised that if students bring valuables to school, they do so at their own risk, as the Department of Education has no insurance for the loss or damage of student owned goods. Nor does the Department of Education have accident insurance in the event that a student is injured at school or while on camps or excursions.

Bushfire Procedures for Timboon P-12 School

- In the event of a Bushfire threatening the school the students are to be evacuated to the Timboon Hall.

- On days of Total Fire Ban a clearance is to be obtained from the police or the CFA by the Bus coordinator before buses are permitted to leave.

- In the event of fire threatening one or more bus routes, the affected buses are to remain at school and parents of students on those buses to be contacted. Students will remain at school until collected by a parent or guardian.

- Town students will remain at school, if the town is threatened, until collected by a parent or guardian.

- In the event of Bushfire threat the advice of the Police and CFA will be acted upon.

- Radio and television will be monitored for bushfire reports.

- The school has been placed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register. This means that the school will be preemptively closed in the event that the Bureau of Meteorology issues a Code Red Fire Danger Rating warning for the weather in this area. DEECD will
provide up to 3 days notice of a planned closure (including warnings about cancelling, changing, rescheduling or recalling out of school hours off-site activities such as camps and excursions) as well as information about changes to bus routes. The final decision to close the school will be confirmed no later than 12 noon the day before the planned closure. Once the decision to close has been made the decision will not change regardless of changes in weather forecast.

If you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss with me please feel free to give me a call at school (55983381) or on (0407345324)

**ROSALIE MOORFIELD**

**PRINCIPAL**

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**TIMBOON SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND A AND B BUILDING ARE PEANUT FREE ZONES**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT**

A warm welcome back to all students and staff for 2010. Congratulations to all 7-12 students on their excellent start! It is important that all students begin the year organised and demonstrate commitment from the start. I encourage all students to set their personal goals for 2010 and put in place habits that will enable them to achieve success. I would like to welcome new and returning staff in 2010: Gemma Collins (Maths/Science), Dean Whitehead and Ann Hegarty. I would also like to welcome the new students to our school. There are a number important events coming up in the next few weeks. Some of these include: the Year 12 Study Camp which is a valuable exercise to enable Year 12 students to focus on the rigorous year ahead. We wish them luck in 2010. The year 7 Camp is also coming up and this is the perfect opportunity for students to get to know their new teachers and work through the transition from Grade 6 into Year 7. The netbook rollout.

**Uniform:** School uniform is compulsory and is to be worn on all occasions, including excursions and sporting occasions, unless approved by the Principal and noted on the parent information sheet (Correct school uniform is explained in detail on page 8 in the school diary). If a student is out of uniform, they must bring a note, signed by their parent/guardian, which indicates what item of uniform is not being worn, re enforcement.

And Remember: “Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it.” Anon.

**SEAN FITZPATRICK – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

It is with great optimism that we start this school year so many opportunities and possibilities are available to us here in Timboon. Our school redevelopment is finally underway and the action in our yard over the holiday period has finally seen us establish not one but two new play areas. Far more impressive than buildings and play areas however, is the activity that takes place each day within our classrooms. Our teaching team welcome new staff Anne Moriarty, Jaye Cashmore and Melissa McKenzie and we also welcome back from her international teaching experience Linda Ludeman. Many of our staff have taken on new challenges this year such as a change to Kylie Orr who will take on the duties of art teacher and Judy Walsh
who moves from the prep area to grade four Rosalie Moorfield as Principal and of course myself as the Assistant Principal. All our teachers have spent many hours preparing their classrooms for our students. The displays and support materials that have been created by our staff will I’m sure add to the educational experiences that are offered to your children this coming year.

Right across the range from prep through to grade six children will be provided with rich opportunities to prepare them for life in the modern world. Throughout this year there will be many occasions when your help and support and even your flexibility will make a difference to what we do here at Timboon P-12 School. On this note you will see that flexibility is being asked for as we sort through time table issues with our proposed swimming time table. Unfortunately some adjustments to the original time table have been required and a new (BLUE) time table has now been given to P-6 parents. We thank you for entrusting your children to our care and look forward to working with our school community over the year. Remember parental support makes a huge difference in the success of education. Please take the opportunity to be part of our school community because together we can make great future adults.

**ANDREA TAYLOR, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**9-12 SUBSCHOOL REPORT**

A warm welcome back. A few deep breaths and its all systems go.

Currently our year 12 students are in Melbourne on their Orientation camp, to give them a great head start for the year ahead. They will be attending a Study Smart session to help them develop strategies to help them make the most of their time at school this year and achieve the best they can. A workshop held in the heart of Melbourne will help students experience Melbourne’s CBD from a different perspective and explore issues of safety, homelessness and drug use, inclusion/exclusion, the concept of home and how students might begin to respond personally to these issues in their own backyards. A speaker from the Careers Reference Centre will inform students about the changing face of work and the implications this has for future workers, career decisions etc. They will be challenged by our motivational speaker to “be your best, have a go, and bring out the best in yourself and others”. A visit to Melbourne University will enable students to get a first hand taste of life after year 12. This will be followed by presentations from our students at North Melbourne Primary school. A fantastic camp and a fantastic opportunity for our students.

Continuing with helping our Year 12 students make a positive effective start to 2010, there will be a Year 12 Parent Student Information Evening on Wednesday 10th February. Individual Pathways discussions with year 12 students will start Thursday 11th. Students will meet with staff to discuss their plans, concerns and challenges for the year ahead.

This year sees the introduction of the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (aka VCAL) which is an alternative to VCE for some of our year 11 students. As part of this course, students undertake TAFE or Vocational Education Training subjects, along with one day a week in the work force. We look forward to hearing of their progress and the development of their ‘applied’ project, where they develop a wide range of applied skills. Rumour has it, they are developing plans and ideas around building a pizza oven at school. So we’ll be looking forward to that too.

- Year 11 students are also starting to get their placements for their Work Experience Camp organised. We stay in a Youth Hostel in Melbourne 17th-21st May which gives students a chance to sample the life style of living away from home and family support in a safe environment. This “work experience camp” has taken place for a number of years and has been invaluable to those who have taken part, as it increases independence, forces the development of budgetary skills and gives a sample of communal living, while being committed to work each day, regardless of whether students anticipate living in Melbourne in the future or not.

- We’re planning to commence the Individual year 11 Pathway discussions during February which encourage students to consider their goals, their concerns and challenges for the year ahead.

- Year 10 students have also had a positive start to the year, in their revamped locker shed, thanks to the hard work of a number of last year’s year 9 students, as part of our end of year program. Things to look forward to this year include a 3 day urban camp in Melbourne June 9th – 11th, with a focus on careers as well as increasing independence skills. Students in year 10 are also privileged to have the opportunity to undertake 2 weeks work experience, during term 3 (30th Aug – 3 Sept) and term 4 (15th – 19th November). Another highlight of the year 10 program is the Mock Interview experience which gives our students a chance to develop their interview and presentation skills.

- Year 9 students also have exciting times ahead – with a variety of activities focusing on healthy lifestyles and life choices. The successful BRICKs program will continue again this year, with students involved attending a 3 day training camp in the last week of term 1, where they are given the opportunity to develop peer mentoring skills. Through homegroup (P61), year 9 students will be challenged to develop skills and strategies around goal setting to help them achieve their best this year. Last year’s year 9 Camp in the Otways during term 4 was a great success, we are looking forward to planning and organising something similar for 2010.

- All year 9 and 10 students will be receiving NetBooks (small laptop computers), which, in this 21st century of ours, will become an important and exciting part of their learning activities and enhancing their learning outcomes. An information evening was held for parents and students. All students should return the User Agreement and Lease Agreement as soon as possible so use in the classroom can commence.

**JULIE NICHOLSON, 9 -12 SUBSCHOOL LEADER**

**SUB-SCHOOL REPORT**

- Congratulations to all students in the 5-8 subschool for a settled and cheerful start to the school year, and a warm welcome to students who are new to our school and district.

- Diaries are a major organisational and communication tool within our school. It is expected that students have their diaries with them at all times to record upcoming homework dates, timetable changes, school
activities, reminder messages and so on; these entries also provide parents with a picture of what is happening at school. Regular interest and encouragement in your child’s diary may help with their purposeful use.

- The Year 7 camp to Camp Cooriemungle takes place next week from Tuesday to Friday. This is an enjoyable part of the school program for year 7. Building relationships with each other and with their teachers as well as confidence in themselves are key factors. Please refer to year 7 teachers if you have an interest in the program and its goals.

- The year 6 camp has been moved from fourth term (which had a curriculum and celebratory focus) to next week. A consideration of the necessity to build positive relationships between teachers and students in a setting that puts students immediately at ease has prompted this change. The students travel to Queenscliff next Wednesday and return on Friday. Could every effort be made to return all paperwork for this and the year 7 camp as soon as possible please.

- Students are currently taking part in swimming sessions at the Timboon Pool, and are preparing for upcoming swimming sports. To make the most of these pool sessions, it is important that the correct swimming gear is brought to school; students who cannot swim will need to provide a signed note from their parents explaining this.

- Please find the swim sports dates elsewhere in this newsletter. It is expected that all students will attend this event so that they can support their House and classmates. Parents as helpers or spectators often contribute to a positive student outlook.

- Many students’ issues can be quickly solved with a phone call; please contact your child’s home group teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child and their schooling. They will do their best to sort them out, or to put you in touch with those who can best assist in the matter.

**JULIE BROOMHALL, 5-8 SUBSCHOOL LEADER**

**P-4 SUB-SCHOOL REPORT**

Welcome to the 2010 school year! We hope you all had a happy and refreshing holiday. We would like to especially welcome our new students and their families. Not only do we have new students, we would like to welcome Mrs. Melissa McKenzie (4M) to our Sub-school and welcome back Ms. Linda Ludeman (PL).

The start of the year is a very exciting time. There are lots of new routines and people, as well as catching up with old friends.

Parents, please remember the weather is very hot. Children need to bring a full bottle of water to keep hydrated during the day. It is also important they have a School hat in line with our Sun Smart policy.

Swimming will begin next week, please keep an eye out for your child’s note. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time to help with this important program.

Some teachers may also ask for helpers during the Literacy block. Volunteers during these sessions perform a very significant role in helping the children read and write. Thank you to those parents who have already offered help.

The Preps have started their first year of School and are attending classes each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Individual testing is occurring each Wednesday. This helps the teachers tailor their lessons to suit each child.

This time of year is very busy for all of us, but more so for the Preps. They are learning so much about School, they often need extra rest at home.

Please note: the Preps will be bringing home a special newsletter each Tuesday.

Grades 1 & 2 have begun their theme of “The Sea”. Concepts discussed will include the various sea creatures and how they fit into the food chain.

Grades 3 & 4 are busy decorating their rooms with various displays intended to show how we are all alike. They are taking the time to introduce new routines and ways of thinking/learning about our world.

With lots of nice, new clothes coming to School each day some children have experienced difficulty recognising new shoes, jumpers, hats etc. It is upsetting for all concerned when a child thinks he/she has lost things. Please make sure your child’s new items have a clear name to avoid confusion and distress.

**PAM HAWKINS, P-4 SUB-SCHOOL LEADER**

**YOUTH COUNCIL in CORANGAMITE**

Are you between 12 and 25 and interested in speaking up for Youth in our Shire, then this is for you.

Our Corangamite Shire Council has passed a recommendation for the development of a Youth Council in Corangamite. If you are interested in becoming part of this Youth Council for 2010 and would like further information, contact Cindy Jenkinson, our Youth Development Officer at the Corangamite Shire. You may collect an application form from Mrs. Nicholson.

But hurry, 16 youth members will be selected and applications close February 19th.

**FUTURE LEADERS**

Future Leaders is a National Initiative about leadership and the future of Australia. It seeks to involve, inform and inspire young people. www.futureleaders.com.au/

One way of becoming involved, is to apply for awards offered through this initiative.

The Jazz Award: designed to recognise and reward talented young solo jazz musicians. (Year 11 and 12)

Writing Prize: designed to recognize and reward talented young writers, aiming to encourage expressive and creative writing. (Year 11 and 12)

Environment Award: for Year 12 students who have shown strong environmental leadership and initiative.

Leadership Award: recognises Year 12 students in rural and regional Australia who have shown strong community leadership and initiative.


**JENNY EVANS**

**P-6 LIBRARIAN**

**P-6 LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome to 2010 in our library. It will be an exciting year with our new building slowly taking shape. At this stage we are hoping to be in the new facility in term 4.

Children have begun borrowing and it is fantastic to see so many students with their library bags. All children need to use a library bag to borrow books; bags are available for purchase from the library for $5.

Once again we will be participating in the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge, last year our children recorded amazing results.

The library is open for before school and during lunchtimes for children, to borrow, read and use a variety of equipment. Happy Reading.
EQUESTRIAN NEWS
Hamilton and Alexandra College Equestrian Championships
Saturday 27th February
Dressage, Best Rider, Show Jumping and Handy Mount
Contact Cheryl at the Caf for more information.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held at lunchtime on Friday 12th February 2010 in the SEU building.
For enquiries please call Katrina 5598 3443

FOR SALE
16 month old purebred pug- Fawn with black mask – female micro-chipped / vac $1,500
Baby Bristlenose Catfish $10 each
Box of pool-table balls in A1 condition – no scratches $80
PHONE: Will “Bug” 0429 590 922

PARENT CLUB NEWS
TSPA PARENTS SAY
Love to hear from you!
Name: ____________________________
Phone: ___________________________
(So we can contact you and have a chat about your contribution.)

TSPA MEMBERSHIP 2008
NAME: __________________________
* Both parents can be members, but if you want 2 votes, you need to pay twice!
NAMES & GRADES OF CHILDREN @ TIMBOON P-12

$2.20 ENCLOSED

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CANTEEN ROSTER

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1 2010

WEEK 2 (8th – 12th February)
Mon 8th  Donna Jansen  Kylie Martin
Tues 9th  Jodie Skilbeck  Simone Renyard
Wed 10th Denise Hintum  Annette Katsaros
Thurs 11th Tanya Delaney  Dianne Finch
Fri 12th Jaqui Giblett  Jodie Johnstone
(12:00 – 2:00pm – Nicole Gorman)

WEEK 3(15th – 19th February)
Mon 15th  Wilma Uwland  Kate Croft
Tues 16th  Sue Trotter  Janice Lindsay
Wed 17th  Kathy Matthews  Stephanie Kavenagh
Thurs 18th  Bronwyn Nicol  Jacinta Loveday
Fri 19th  Vol Required  Jenny De Jong
(12:00 – 2:00pm – Fiona McDonald)

RELAY FOR LIFE
Timboon Railtrailers are holding a
“CHARDY in the GARDEN”
On Sat February 13th
Featuring Andrea Weel
Elaine Finnigans Garden at 1pm - $5.00
Bring your own everything
CONTACT: 5598 3408

RELAY FOR LIFE
FUN TRIVIA NIGHT
At Timboon Golf Club
Friday 19th February
Tables of 8 - $5.00 per head
Bring nibbles
7.00pm for 7:30pm start
Contact: 5598 3418
SCHOOL HOUSE COLOUR SHIRTS
The 3 coloured polo shirts for the school sports houses are available at Divas & Dudes

Naragoort - Red
Callaway - Green
Halladale - Blue

Be prepared for the early start of school sports days.

THE HANG OUT”
is back!
Games, movies and snacks - and it’s all free!

Wednesdays after school
3.30pm - 5.30pm

At the old Baptist Church, 41 Bailey St.
Right next door to the school

For all young people aged 10 years +

Enquiries: Jodie Skilbeck on 5598 3489

TIMBOON LIBRARY STORYTIME
Storytime at Timboon Library resumes this week, with new storytellers, Ray and Leonie. This is a great outing for your pre-schooler or toddler, where they can learn to enjoy books, participate in craft activities, and mix with other children their own age.

Storytime is at 11.00am, every second Friday during the year.

storytime@timboonlibrary
Starts - FRIDAY 5th FEBRUARY

SIMPSON FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB
Simpson Football Netball Club Inc.
Commencement of Pre-season Netball Training
Monday 8th & Wednesday 10th February 2010, 7pm at the Simpson Recreation Reserve.
Followed by regular Monday & Wednesday sessions.
BYO Towel and Water Bottle.
Junior and Senior Grades Welcome.

For more information contact Kylie Treble on 55943487

Timboon Squash Club
Mixed Pennant Tuesday & Wednesday Nights
Ladies pennant Thursday Mornings
Junior Pennant Thursdays AfterSchool

New Players welcome
Seedings next week 9th -12th February
Start following week
If interested playing please contact Katrina Currell 5598 3443

Timboon Medical Clinic
Wish to advise patients that their next free immunisation session for H1 N1 (Swine flu)
To be held
Tuesday 9th February, commencing at 9.00am

** Please note swine flu vaccinations are now available for under 10 year olds

Please contact the clinic on 5558 6088 to make an appointment