PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Congratulations to the Deb Ball organising committee, the Deb trainers and the Debs and their partners. After months of practise and preparation our Deb Ball will be held next Friday. I encourage all members of our community to purchase a ticket, attend and appreciate the work that has been done by all involved. Pre-purchased tickets will be the only form of entry to the ball.
- Just a reminder to Parents who have not paid for subject fees for Home Eco, Art, Woodwork, metal that your child will be allowed to work on the classroom activity but it will not go home until contributions are paid. An example of this is your child will cook muffins etc but they will not take them home if contributions haven’t been paid. Your child can pay a weekly amount if paying in one hit is too difficult. Unpaid for goods are sold at the canteen to recoup outstanding payments.
- School Council voting will conclude at 4:00pm 5th March.
- Congratulations to all our P-6 relay teams who competed at Portland on Tuesday. They have all made it through to the Geelong Regional competition. Congratulations to the 16 member team who all did personal best times and displayed a great deal of determination in their efforts.
- Parent teacher interviews were held for P-6 Parents on Wednesday. Interviews for year 7-8 students begin next week. Just remember if you cannot make it you can always request an interview.

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)

ROSALIE MOORFIELD
PRINCIPAL

This is to notify parents that we have had two reported cases of whooping cough.

Congratulations to the 3 – 6 swimming team who swam so well in Portland on Tuesday.

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

CALENDAR:
March
5  7-12 South West Zone Swimming
8  Labour Day Holiday
9-19  Grade 5 TIMSS trials
10  7/8 Interviews
11  Primary Swimming Sports
11  Yr 8 Tower Hill
11  School Council AGM (7:30)
15  T.SPA AGM
15  Sovereign Hill VCE
16  7-12 Cultural Activity
17  9-12 Interviews
23  School Photos
26  End of Term
Last day term 1 – 2:30pm dismissal

Thank you to our parents who attended P-T interviews yesterday. This first interview provided a great opportunity to exchange information that will help set the scene for our years learning. The individual learning goals discussed at the interview will provide focus for personalized learning to occur. I have received many positive comments about the general look of our class rooms that truly do look like exciting learning environments with the displays of children’s work so far this year.

Over the last few weeks I have had reason to speak with parents about incidents that have occurred both on the bus and in the playground involving behaviours that are not in line with our student code of conduct. We have an extensive policy in this area that teachers and students have used early in the term to set their class rules and expectations. Our policy states that “The school is a learning environment where everyone has the right to work and learn in a supportive environment without interference from others” It further states that “Everyone has the right to work and play in a clean, safe, orderly and cooperative environment” With these as our guiding principles then it becomes possible for us to say to children that their behaviour is not in line with our expectations. A problem that we do face however, is when no one has actually reported events that are of concern. Please take the time to call me at school if you have any issues that I can help with.

Our swimming program continues to be a major focus for term one PE activities. As the weather starts to cool off it can be tempting to not send swimmers along but please take a long term view that “swimming is a skill for life, that can in fact save a life.” Participation over the program does make a difference to your child’s swimming skills and water confidence. While on the swimming topic our house meetings have already occurred to select children for events in next Thursday’s 3-6 Swimming Sports.

ANDREA TAYLOR, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

9-12 SUBSCHOOL REPORT

- This year, 15 year 9 students will be involved in the successful BRICKS youth leadership and peer skills program. Along with 2 BRICKS leaders from year 10, these students will meet up with the BRICKS students from Cobden Tech, Camperdown College and Derrinallum P12 College for a three day camp on March 24, 25, 26 at Camp Cooriemungle. They are trained in peer skills as well as developing plans and strategies to promote BRICKS within our school as well as the broader community.

- This week, year 11 students have been attending Individual Pathways discussions. These follow on from the course counselling in 2009. Students were given the opportunity to discuss their proposed pathway through school and beyond. We considered their goals, their concerns for the year ahead as well as strategies and support needed to help them achieve these goals.

- Planning for the Year 11 work experience camp in Melbourne continues. The confirmation process is underway for many students and our accommodation is booked at the Melbourne Metro Youth Hostel. Students are being asked for a deposit to enable us to confirm this booking. Costs of the camp will be finalised once the student numbers have been confirmed in the next few weeks.

- Shorty, students in year 10 will be receiving details and an approximate costing of their Melbourne Urban Experience Camp. A deposit will be required to secure

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Parent Teacher Interviews: We are staging two Parent Teacher Interview evenings this term.
Years 7/8, NEXT Wednesday 10th March, 4:00pm-6:00pm (5-8 Building)
Years 9-12, Wednesday 17th March, 4:00pm-6:00pm (5-8 Building)

We have provided students with a booking sheet (blue in colour). It is the students responsibility to negotiate times with their individual class room teachers and retain a copy of their organised times.

Last year the department withdrew the two allocated parent teacher interview days provided to all schools. We are aware that above times may not suit some parents. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss or organise an alternative times.

Forms for the Year 9-12 interviews will be distributed on Tuesday 9th March.

School photos: School photos will conducted on Thursday March 23rd. Forms have been distributed and will to be returned to the general office a.s.a.p.

7-12 Athletics Sports Carnival: This will occur on Thursday 18th March. All students must attend. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of athletic and novelty events. We are asking all students to ensure that they dress up in their house colours to receive extra points for their teams.

Buses: A reminder to update notes and communicate any changes at the general office. It is most important that students ensure seatbelts worn at all time (on buses that are fitted with seatbelts).

And remember: “Safety is something that happens between your ears, not something you hold in your hands.” Jeff Copper.

SEAN FITZPATRICK – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
our bookings at the various activities as well as the accommodation.

- Last week, students in year 9 completed online tests in mathematics and reading. This testing provides valuable information for teachers, assisting in identifying individual students strengths and weakness and assisting in forward planning of teaching programs.

- Some of our year 9 and 10 students are using their NetBooks over lunch time and recess, playing online games as a break from usual class activities. While the weather is still pretty good, we’d certainly rather students be engaged in some physical activity, or strolling around the yard. Of concern too, is the NetBooks running out of charge during the final sessions of the day, which will effect their use for teaching and learning - their primary purpose.

- And more on Net Books. While students are using their NetBooks and computers at school, they are expected to be using them as directed by the class teacher. Teachers monitor this as they move around the classroom assisting students; however they are also able to monitor them remotely, from another computer. Using this, staff are able to ‘see’ the students’ screen. The program has many applications in the classroom, including ‘chatting’ with students and giving them help remotely. They can also monitor the programs students are using, the Internet sites - anything that is on the screen. The same way we move around the room to check on students work and progress on written tasks. This monitoring does not involve using the inbuilt camera to ‘see’ the students – it is simply the monitoring of their computer use, to ensure it is being used according to teacher direction.

JULIE NICHOLSON, 9 -12 SUBSCHOOL LEADER

SUB-SCHOOL

- Year 6 parents and year 5 students were presented with informative and, at times, hilarious insights into the recent year six camp in Queenscliff. Teams of students provided a big screen and spoken account of the boat cruise, table tennis, mountain bike riding, canoe challenge, disco and Adventure Park activities. They also demonstrated a number of the initiative challenges. Thank you to those parents who were able to support this public speaking opportunity and make a strong connection with school life.

- After two weeks together completing ‘get to know’ activities, groups containing three year ten leaders and six year seven students are forming their Peer Support partnerships. Having met the leaders at the year seven camp at Coorimungie, the groups are already taking on the appearance of ‘families’ with much laughter and many smiles all around. Please enquire after your child’s peer support leader and the activities in their sessions together.

- Year 5 and 6 students will be attempting their half/one kilometre swim in next week’s venture to the pool. Please promote the attempt and feel free to come along if your swimmer would appreciate your encouraging presence.

- We are challenging the year seven and eight students to lead the way with a positive turn out and participation in the upcoming athletic sports wearing their school colours and forming cheer squads. The School Captains in charge of each house will be offering their own suggestions in house meetings.

- Year seven students are completing some ‘On Demand Testing’ using computers for English this week. This forms part on the Data collection process provided by the DEEC and is used to help inform our teaching.

- A request from year eight teachers who are always taking into account the amount of homework students receive, making allowances and reducing ‘set’ homework in order to give students the opportunity to complete work begun in class that needs finishing at home. All students are in this situation so please encourage the completion of this work at home as well as promoting the ‘best effort’. A simple ‘I’d love to see it when you finish’ or ‘Would you like some suggestions’ may make a difference.

- Year 7E students are close to completing their ‘potholders’ in textiles. Please look forward to these arriving home and using them. Unless, of course, you consider them as works of art and frame them!!

- 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, and they will do their best to sort them out, or to put you in touch with staff who can best assist in the matter.

JULIE BROOMHALL, 5-8 SUBSCHOOL LEADER

P-4 SUB-SCHOOL REPORT

Thank you to those parents who came in for the Parent-Teacher Interviews yesterday. These interviews are a valuable opportunity to get to know the children and their families which then lead on to teachers being able to tailor the program to best suit individual children.

Grades 3 and 4 have attended House Meetings this week. Monday’s was to organise the Swimming events and Tuesday’s meeting was to conduct tryouts for the Athletic events. This can be a very exciting but nervous time for grade 3 children in particular because of the “great unknown” of their first House Sports Day. The House Teachers and classroom teachers try their hardest to explain what will happen on the day, but some children may still be feeling anxious. Please talk to your child’s classroom teacher if there is a problem.

Preps this week have been focussing on writing and reading complete sentences. Maths this week has involved constructing picture graphs.

Congratulations to Henry Stansfield whose drawing has been incorporated into a postcard.

Grades 1 and 2 are continuing with their sea theme. They have been looking at rock pools and the wonderful creatures which survive in this habitat. The children are revising chance and data activities and will shortly be moving onto strategies which will help solve addition problems.

Grades 3 and 4 have concluded their Spud Olympics and are beginning to move into a science theme called “Melting and Mixing”. This will involve talking about who scientists are and what they do (not just blowing things up), as well as mixing lots of interesting ingredients together to see what happens.

PAM HAWKINS, P-4 SUB-SCHOOL LEADER
BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders are currently being taken. Please send your orders to the primary library, and have them in by Friday, March 5th.

SRC NEWS
SRC raised $446.60 on for relay for life and $189.40 with the “jelly bean” jar.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE DEB BALL, PIZZAS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FROM TIMBOON TAKEAWAY ON FRIDAY 12TH MARCH.

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

TIMBOON LIBRARY
STORYTIME
Next story time is Friday March 5th at 11.00am
Bring your pre-schooler to the library to enjoy stories and activities chosen especially for them.

FOR SALE
5 x 2 ft fish tanks $30 each
1 x purebred Pug – fawn/black mask, great with kids and dogs. Wormed, vaccinated and micro-chipped $1,500
PHONE: 0428 253 242

FREE TO GOOD HOME
Ducklings
PHONE: 5566 5164

GARAGE SALE 6th and 7th March
525 Port Campbell Road Timboon
Size 12 clothes, baby clothes, books, bric-a-brac and lots more

Simpson Football Netball Club
“Aus kick” and “Net Set Go”
Registration day 28th March 2010
11 am
Simpson Rec Reserve
Contact Auskick: Stephen Ackerley 52352511
Net Set Go: Michelle Gristede 5598 6122

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

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1 2010

WEEK 6 (6th –12th March)
Mon 8th
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 9th
Katrina Currell  Jodie Skilbeck
Wed 10th
Michelle Gristede  Julie Vogels
Thur 11th
Julie Vogels  Volunteer required
Fri 12th
Steph Delaney  Lisa Jacobs
(12:00 – 2:00 pm – Nicole Gorman)

WEEK 7 (15th – 19th March)
Mon 15th
Donna Jansen  Kylie Martin
Tues 16th
Linda Pender  Jenny Inglis
Wed 17th
Kathy Matthews  Stephanie Kanenagh
Thurs 18th
Bronwyn Nicol  Julie Cass
Fri 19th
Rachel Mungean  Jenny DeJong
(12:00 – 2:00pm Fiona McDonald)

TIMBOON DEMONS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
Under 12 football training starts
Thursday March 25th at 4:30pm
At Timboon Football Ground
All players and parents welcome
Further enquires contact
Sam Dalziel –under 12 coach 55950242
Timboon Railtrailers Relay for Life

Devonshire Tea

At L’Artisan Cheese
(Formally the Mousetrap)

13th March - 11am onwards

$6.00

All proceeds to “Relay for Life”

Local Jazz musicians
Cathy and Shane Plozza

Come and enjoy

**Free Training for Volunteers**

A limited number of places are available for

Responsible Serving of Alcohol and Safe Food Handler Courses
to be delivered in

**Cobden on March 12th 2010**

**Both courses are fully accredited with certificates issued.**

Places available to persons who volunteer for organisations within the Corangamite Shire only

Funded through Victorian Volunteer Small Grants Scheme

**Times**

Responsible Serving of Alcohol 1-5pm

Safe Food Handler 6-9pm

**Venue**

Cobden Senior Citizen Centre
Parrott Street, Cobden

Tea and Coffee provided

No cost to individual or organisation

Phone Debbie on 55943448 at Simpson & District Community Centre Inc to secure your place.
Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show - Bus Trip

Climb aboard and enjoy a day of colour, design and creativity to inspire even the most intrepid gardener.

The show offers plenty of ideas for the backyard with landscape show gardens, “achievable” garden designs, art, garden sculptures and the Great Hall of Flowers on display, and plants and products for sale.

When: Friday, March 26th

Where: Bus leaves Timboon @ 7am, Cobden 7.30am, returns to Cobden 7.30pm & Timboon 8pm. Stopping for dinner @ Colac

Cost: $80 incl. bus, admission & dinner
To book: Ph Bronwyn 55662329 or Debbie 55930242
Proceeds to Timboon P-12 School garden projects

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Jordan Van Es is a Year 10 student from Timboon P-12 School. He is seeking donations to assist him in his quest to raise awareness about cancer.

Jordan will be having his head shaved and his legs waxed on Thursday the 11th of March at 1 o’clock in the Timboon P-12 School hall.

Relaxation Meditation Classes

Learning the art of Relaxation Meditation will help you

• find peace & contentment
• overcome stress & pain
• clear thought patterns

This 10 week course will commence on Thursday 18 March and will be held in the Activities Room at TRDHS.

There are 2 sessions to choose from:-
2 to 3pm and 7 to 8pm

The course is conducted by Margaret Belchambers from Colac who is also fully qualified in Reiki, Indian Head Massage and Thought Field Therapy.

For enquiries or bookings please call Margaret on 5231 4141 or
Mary at Divas & Dudes - 55933497

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Simpson & District Community Centre Inc.
March 6th & 7th 2010

50th Anniversary

Program of events

Saturday 6th March 2010—Simpson Recreation Reserve

Registration commences 11am

Official opening by John Fox ex Rural Finance 2pm

Launch of Mr. Urrani’s book—The Heytesbury Settlement 50 Years On—Memories. Madness and Miracles.

Machinery Display and Historical display will run at Recreation Reserve from 11am—4pm

Market stalls, buskers and some children’s amusements will run from 11am—4pm (Jumping Castle, Merry Go Round, Air Brush Tattoos, Jewellery, Clothes, Computer Games)

Two course spit roast dinner commences 6.30pm—Booked Out

Andrea Weel and friends perform from 7.30pm—BYO Drinks and chairs

No glass

Sunday 7th March—Simpson Recreation Reserve

Combined ecumenical Service—10am

3 Guided Bus Tours—Princetown (Princetown road, through Centre road, down Fords road and Valley View and back up Princetown Road), Coorongangle (out Princetown Road and onto Coorongangle road), up Moro Road and back along Princetown Road, Scots Creek (down Cobden Road, along Sawdust Heap Road to Scots Creek and back up Williams Road) areas commence 11am—Bookings essential for each

Market stalls, buskers and some children’s amusements will run from 11am—3pm

All events will conclude by 3pm

**Wanted—Market stall holders and buskers—no secondhand goods. Phone Debbie on 59434448 to enquire and book.