PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

• Congratulations to our Year 5/6 girls Kanga Cricket teams who played in Hamilton on Tuesday it was a great experience for them. A big thank-you to Stewart Rundle, Wayne Drayton and Jaye Cashmore for supporting the team.

• We will be having an Election Day BBQ. Egg and bacon sandwiches will be available from 8:00 a.m. If you would like to donate home baked goodies or produce we would love to sell it. We would also like volunteers to help us on the day. Proceeds are going towards the P-6 redevelopment of teaching areas.

• Today I will attend another meeting in Geelong to review the schematic designs for our modernisation. The process is long but hopefully something will come from the work being undertaken.

• The new Library will be opened on the 7th of December at 10:00 am. All parents and interested community members are most welcome to attend.

• On the calendar you will notice that I have put the last day for classes is 16th December. On the 17th December staff will be involved in a massive relocation of furniture and teaching materials.

If you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss with me please feel free to contact me as follows:
School (55983381)
ROSALE MOORFIELD
Principal

Congratulations to: Nina Barlow and Chloe Gass who both competed at the Smythesdale, One Day Event on Sunday. Nina came 3rd overall on King Edward in grade 3 and Chloe placed 3rd overall in grade 4 on Narabri Honeycomb.
CALENDAR:
November
25th Year 8-9 Counselling, Kinder Bus experience

December
1st - 3rd Year 8 Angelsea Camp
1st - 2nd Grade 6 Musical
2nd Year 5 Bike Hike
3rd Yr 1-2 Cudgee Wildlife Park
7th Opening of the new Library 10:00a.m – all welcome
6th Prep Transition Information night
6th - 7th Year 6-7 Transition program
7th Senior Bands
8th Year 6 Bands
9th Grade 5 Bands
14th 9-12 Awards Ceremony (School Hall)
15th 5-8 Celebration (1:30 )
P-4 Celebration (1:30) Town Hall
16th Last Day for all classes, 7-9 Adventure Park
17th Last Day for teachers

*Please disregard any other notices of dates for the band performances. The above dates are the correct ones.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Tomorrow students in Year 7-9 will have the chance to sign up for activities to be held from Monday 13th December – Thursday 16th December. Most of the activities are “free” however the following activities do require a fee: G.O.R.G.E Chocolate Factory visit $5.00, Card making (gold coin donation) and Adventure Park Geelong $35.00 (will includes cost of bus travel, entry fee and unlimited rides). Please note only the activities listed will run during the last week of school.

Year 11 students have participated in pathway interviews this week. It has provided an excellent opportunity to establish appropriate support before their challenging year ahead. All year 7-12 classes will conclude on Friday the 10th December. It is important that all students ensure outstanding work requirements are submitted by this date.

Congratulations to all students and staff that assisted and participated in the HSSSA summer sports on Tuesday. Some excellent team efforts were achieved.

Lockers: As draw closer to the end of the year students will be require to do the following:

Year 7-10: Clear out lockers and return locks to Mr. Fitzpatrick by 10th December. All locks need to be returned to enable an audit of locks and ensure they are in good working order. Any valuable items left in lockers will hopefully be retained however it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all items are cleared out of their lockers before the dates listed above. We are unable to guarantee belongings left behind after these dates. Lockers need to be cleaned and fixed before 2011.

Awards Evening: This year’s 9-12 Awards evening will be held on Tuesday 14th December in the School Hall at 8:00pm. The Year 5-8 Awards will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 15th December. To help celebrate the achievements of our students we will be showcasing students’ Art works in the school hall for the school community to view from the 6th of December to the 17th of December.

And remember: “No one is perfect—that’s why pencils have erasers”. Anon.

**SEAN FITZPATRICK – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

The weeks are really flying along now. Several very exciting events are in the planning stages including our end of year ceremonies so keep these times and dates free: the Year 5-8 ceremony on Wednesday, 15th of December, before lunch 11:15 (seating time) and the Prep to 4 ceremony straight after lunch, 1:30 start over in the town hall. Please keep an eye out for the many notes that will be part of the next four weeks to ensure that you are well informed.

New and exciting changes for 2011:

Earlier in the term our 4W students were asked to trial and make a recommendation on a maths program for 2011. Our staff have been guided by the recommendations of Mrs Walsh and her grade four students who have given a glowing report on the use and benefit of an on-line maths tutoring and skill development program known as “Mathletics.” This program provides all students with self levelled task that support and develop skills across all maths areas. If parents registered privately the cost is $99. However, if we register as a school this cost is a one year fee of $10 per student. In 2011, you will notice that your child’s booklist now includes this fee to enable them to be part of the Mathletics program. Each child will have access to the program both at home and school with the teacher being able to set tasks and challenges to develop each child’s skills. Here is a copy of the letter prepared by 4W that helped to recommend the program.

**MATHLETICS**

We think the school should buy the Maths program, Mathletics.

Mathletics is a fun way to learn and improve your maths. It’s fun and rewarding to create your own Avatar (your computer character) after you’ve done some maths practise. You can buy things to add to your Avatar when you score some points either by getting a better score than the last time or winning a game. This is an incentive to practise more and get more points.

It’s fun to verse people from all over the world. It’s fun to win against other people and see what their Avatars look like, how they have different names and what school they come from. If you can time it right, you can battle your school mates too. It’s interesting to verse people from other countries you’ve never heard of, like Panama. It’s rewarding to print off your certificates after you have got some points.

Mathletics gives you a wide range of maths problems and in different levels. You can choose a lower or harder level to suit yourself. It gives you answers if you are wrong and you can go into the Support Centre to find out how to do things. There’s a part with music to help you practise your times tables. There are tests you can do when you think you are good at that topic.

There are games that are fun and you hardly think that you are doing maths. It’s fun that you don’t mind practising the answers you get wrong because even if you get some wrong you might still beat your old score.

The only thing bad about Mathletics is that you might spend too long on the computer.

There are lots of incentives to learn and practise. The timer makes you want to go faster and the credits make you
want to try again to get faster and better so you get more points for your Avatar, for your certificates and to climb the Leader Board individually or as a class. Our grade got to be 14th in the World for points for a week and 3rd in Australia. Grade 4w

ANDREA TAYLOR, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

9-12 SUBSCHOOL REPORT

Last Friday was a day of celebration for our senior students. The year 12 Formal at the Golf Club was a great success. Mrs. Moorfield, Mr Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Nicholson reflected on the students’ achievements and successes during their years at school and the invaluable contributions of parents. Mrs Deppeler and Mr Deppeler reflected on each student as they presented the individual Leavers Manuals. And then there was the dancing ...

We look forward to seeing them once more at the Awards evening where they will receive their VCE certificates.

The year 11 students also celebrated the end of their year and the end of the Year 12 orientation week. Following a yummy bbq lunch, we had our own ‘3 minutes to win it’ competitions, culminating with a group knot and a balloon conga to say good bye to Mrs. Moorfield and the Office staff. A fun and interesting challenge, giving the group much hilarity as they tried to work together as an effective team. Good signs for next year.

The VCAL students and parents had the pizza oven fired up, creating their own masterpieces – a beautiful evening to reflect on the progress and achievement of the inaugural VCAL group – congratulations to Mr. Mac, Mrs. T , Mr A and all the students as well as the community members that supported them throughout the year.

The year 10 students are back from their final work experience placements. We are very fortunate to have a P63 / 64 home group and a careers education program in year 10 that gives students so many opportunities to develop their education and career pathways. As part of the evaluation process, students complete their work experience diary and reflect on the employability skills and key competencies they used as well as ideas for future careers. They are already considering their work experience placements for year 11.

The year 9 students had a great time at the Otway’s camp – despite a bit of rain. One student rated it as 9 out of 10. True praise indeed. We look forward to some pictures and anecdotes in the near future.

Some year 9 and 10 students and parents have received letters reminding them of work that needs to be submitted or areas of improvement that are required to enable them to successfully complete unit outcomes

JULIE NICHOLSON, 9-12 SUBSCHOOL LEADER

5-8 SUB-SCHOOL REPORT

- Students will have brought home an invitation earlier this week for the 5-8 Graduation Ceremony. (details elsewhere in the newsletter) There is a return slip so please ask your child if you have not received it.
- Year 6-7 transition will be held on Monday the 6th and Tuesday the 7th of December. Students will participate in range of classes and activities in preparation for secondary school in 2011. A detailed timetable will be distributed to year 6 students shortly.
- Some students are keen for the year to draw to a close- please assist to keep them focussed. Winding up and summarising/ driving the learning point home are very important to the maintenance of learning. Realising that when we begin something we don’t do it justice unless we finish it and to the best of our ability is a very important life lesson and goal to continue. Absences should be kept to a minimum (medical appointments etc) and classes continue until the 10th of December. We then provide the students with some ‘fun relief’ and, with our peers, celebrate the year together through a number of activities that provide choice options according to interest. It is important that students take part in these activities and it also offers the opportunity for the building of teacher/student relationships and student connectedness to school away from the classroom situation.
- We hope everyone enjoys the year 6 performance of their play next Wednesday and Thursday. We are sure they will be excellent actors and singers for the evening performance for parents. Thank you to Mrs Plozza and the year 6 teachers. Good luck and have fun year 5s as you ride to Peterborough on Thursday.
And finally, we hope year 8s have great weather and thoroughly enjoy Anglesea camp next Wednesday to Friday.

- 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 BROOKSHALL, 5-8 SUBSCHOOL LEADER**

**P-4 SUB-SCHOOL REPORT**

The weather this week has turned really quite hot. Teachers are reminding students about using sunscreen and water bottles. This may be a good time for parents to check your child’s jumper and water bottle to make sure their name is clear. This will aid a speedy return if they are left in the playground.

The Prep children are currently focussing on rock pool creatures. Maureen and Linda would like to ask if you have spare containers at home, could you please send them along for the children to construct a creature?

Today we had the last visit from the Kinder children. We are looking forward to seeing them all dressed in their “big school kid” uniform next year.

**Grades 1 and 2** are continuing with their theme of “Australian Animals”, this week looking at Marsupials and Monotremes. Australia has a lot of marsupials like the kangaroo, koala, possum and Tasmanian devil. Monotremes are mammals that lay eggs instead of giving birth, such as the platypus and echidna. Students are looking at the unique features of these animals and their habitats. In writing, students have written a class book based on the book by Nan Bodsworth “A Nice walk in the jungle” using their knowledge of the Australian animals learnt so far.

In Maths, grade ones are revising numbers to 99 by looking at patterns; grade twos are looking at the effects of flip, slide and turn of shapes.

**Grade 3** children have been finishing off their follow up activities from the Camp. We have really focussed on the production of a variety of written pieces highlighting the children’s learning. Reading their work and listening to the terrific, informative conversations taking place, it is very clear the children gained quite a lot out of their Camp experience - both academically and socially.

As a spin-off from our observations of Flagstaff Hill, we have been talking about inventions and/or changes in technology we have seen in our own lifetime. These conversations have inspired our current homework project where the children have been asked to invent something which would make a difference to their lives. There have been some really quite fascinating inventions!

The **Grade 4** children are learning about mass (weight) and measuring with grams and kilograms. Yesterday, these lucky children visited the Cookery Centre in the secondary building to use their skills of weighing, measuring and dividing into fractions in a practical way. I’m told the resulting brownie slice was quite yummy! Thanks to Ms Theologis and Mrs. Currell for their help.

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

**STORIES FROM 4W**

On sunny Sunday Dad killed a venomous snake that was in pain from scary Dad running it over with the mean push lawnmower on chilly Saturday. The slithery venomous black snake got away on Dad on chilly Saturday. So Dad got him on Sunday when Dad and I were looking for stones for my homework. Dad said, “Shh! Be quiet. We might see more.” But instead we saw a feisty Bluey on the green grass near the gate sunbaking in the warm sun. Dad leant down and pulled its skin and it turned around and nearly bit Dad on his big, fleshy hand.

**Chelsea Matthews**

On spectacular Saturday I played tennis with Mum’s mum and Dad watching me. Oh boy, I felt nervous!!! I felt like my guts were on fire!!

When I was playing my serves were like the wind and I did two aces. I felt so good, as good as Roger Federer.

I won all my games three out of three and it was a hot day and I felt exhausted.

**Ben Bacon**

**TIMBOON P-12 AWARDS CEREMONY**

**5-8 SUBSCHOOL**

**to be held on**

Wednesday 15th December 2010

**at 11.30 pm**

in the

**TIMBOON SHIRE HALL**

All students are expected to wear full school uniform.

Please ask for the notice brought home by your child earlier in the week which has a return to the office slip attached.

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**THE I.T. CREW**

**Tip: Advice for parents of young social network users.**

Like any activity your child participates in, there needs to be an agreed set of rules

- **DO** take an interest in what your child is accessing online
- **DO** set time limits and curfews for using technology in the home
- **DO** ensure that you have adequate virus and spyware protection installed on your computer(s)
- **DO** ask for advice - or go to the website below for more information

**No Brainers:**

- **DO** keep your passwords safe and don’t share them. Use different passwords for different types of accounts for an added level of security. You might share your locker combination, but you probably wouldn’t share your bank PIN!

Watch this space again over the coming weeks for the latest tips on how to have positive and safe experiences online. Much of our information and advice comes from the the Cybersmart website. Cybersmart provides activities, resources and practical advice to help young kids, kids, teens and parents safely enjoy the online world. Go to: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/ and check it out.

A variety of pamphlets are available at the office for students and parents to access.

For more information you can call the IT Crew @ School.
URGENTLY WANTED by 1/2 P – Room 1A
Used Christmas cards for our Christmas activities.

FREE TO GOOD HOMES: Pet mice
The science department has many young mice to find homes for as a result of a successful breeding program. Pet mice owners need to provide their own mouse cage, food and water containers, food supply, bedding and nesting materials for their prospective pet mice. Pet mice need to be chosen, and then collected from school by parent /guardians. Mice will be ready for collection soon.
Enquiries need to be made to Fiona Allen (science lab assistant) on 5598 3381 before Friday 26th November. After this date mice will be taken to pet shops.

WANTED TO RENT
School teacher requires a small house in the Timboon area
PHONE: 5598 3381 (school office)

EQUESTRIAN NEWS
Hickstead at Glenormiston
28th November 2010
Details from Cheryl at the Caf.

EMA second instalment cheques are available and can be picked up from the school office.

FOR SALE
Tropical fish – Longfin bristlenose $15 each
Normal Bristlenose $15
Silky chooks – 1 x rooster and 4 x hens $25 ea or $100 lot
Silky Chickens - 3 weeks old $15 each
2 x Large brown quails (female) $20 each
1 x pair of canaries 1 x yellow 1 x white $70 ea
PHONE: 0428 233 242

Mathematical methods (cas) units 3 & 4 $30
Mathematical methods (cas ) units 3 & 4 (2006 – 2011) notes (like check point) $10
Specialist maths (essential) cas & casio class pad (version ) $30
Specialist 2010 checkpoints $10
Chemistry notes units 4 (2008 – 2011) like checkpoint $10

Cosi – English book $10
Chemistry units 1 & 2 $10
PHONE: J. Hintum 5595 9254

Child seat for adult pushbike.
High back with head rest, foot stirrups $50
PHONE: 5598 6274 (after 6pm)

Regretful sale due to travel
3 x adult cockatiels and breeding box - lovely colours
2 x female, 1 x male- wormed – breeding at the moment
PHONE: 5598 3121 $150 the lot

White tubular bunks – slat base no mattress
PHONE: 0421 159 851

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Wed 1st Cathy Matthews Chris Pouw
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Fri 3rd Donna Jansen Kylie Martin
(12:00 – 2:00pm – Nicole Gorman)

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WANTED
Nature of Biology Book 1 (3rd Ed) VCE Units 1 & 2 (Kinnear J)
Macbeth (Graphic Novel Ed) Original Text Version (Shakespeare W)
The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night Time (Haddon M)
Maths Quest 11 – Standard General Maths – Ti-Nspire (3rd Ed) (Lamsplsky E)
Cambridge VCE Health and Human Development Units 3 & 4 (Goodacre S)
Contact Caitlin (yr 10) or phone 55 983467

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
CHRISTMAS DINNER
Caf volunteers celebrating Christmas at ‘12 Rocks’
tomorrow night Friday 26th November at 6:30pm
All volunteers welcome

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 2010
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

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE HANG OUT™
is having a holiday too! It has had its last session for the year and will not be open over December and January.

Thanks to all the students and parents who have supported the Hang Out this year.

If anyone would like to use/hire the facility during the holidays feel free to contact Jodie or Michael Skilbeck on 5598 3489.
Past and prospective Nippers are invited to once again don their caps, grab their bathers and head to the Port Campbell beach for a session of fun in the bay.

* WHAT .... Nippers, offered through the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club is a surf education program for children of all abilities, aged 6-14 years. The emphasis of the program is on learning through fun and participation.

* WHEN .... Week one of the surf education sessions commences on Saturday, November 27th at 1pm. New children are welcome to join in activities to see what Nippers has to offer.

* WHERE .... Assemble outside of the surf club on the foreshore where further information will be available, registrations can be taken and children placed in age groups for activities.

* COST .... There is no weekly charge but Nippers must enrol as PCSLSC members. Categories include Nipper membership, $20. Cadet, $25 or family membership, $110. Nippers must also wear a cap each session costing $15 which is available through the club.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the program can contact Nipper coordinator James Green on 0418 529 201.

WEP Student Exchange – Special Summer Information Sessions
There is no better time to plan your student exchange program than during your summer holidays! Choose from over 20 countries around the world and experience life as an overseas teenager for a summer, semester or even a year.

To help you and your family make this important decision, WEP has scheduled 30 special information sessions during your summer break!

Summer Information Sessions in December:
2, 7, 9, 13 and 15 December 2010
10-11am or 3-4pm
Suite 2 / 249 Harrowton Street
Hampton VIC 3188
Melways: 75 F6

Request a FREE information pack!
Visit www.wep.org.au
Call 1300 884 733
Email info@wep.org.au

"My best family was waiting for me at the airport with big smiles and open arms. All that worrying for nothing! They are the sweetest people and I feel very lucky to be staying with them."
~ Chelsea, semester program to Italy, August 2010

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