Welcome back to staff and students, and a particular welcome to new families and staff. Our new staff members are: Jarron Cole (Maths/Science), Mandi Poustie (Prep P), and Melissa Carter (Psychology/English).

- Congratulations to our 2011 VCE students who are now beginning the process of starting tertiary education or entering the work force. We have students beginning apprenticeships and courses in a diverse range of areas. Some of our students are heading interstate to begin their studies and some are taking a gap year. Well done to all of our past students, and all the best in your new vocation.
- On Thursday, 16th February, we will have our 7-12 Swimming sports. Our new School Captains; Chris Vogels, Hannah McDonald, Alex Kerr, Ashley Bentley, Rhys Kensit will have their leadership skills tested. We look forward to and welcome parent attendance and participation in this day. The year 12s will be organising the BBQ again this year.
- This year all of our 7-12 students have the option of having their own personal Netbook computer, if they sign a user agreement form and pay a $100 per year lease fee. A reminder to students who have a Netbook that lease fees must be paid at the start of the year.
- 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 are 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 pre-emptively 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 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 (5598 3381) or on (0407 345 324)

ROSALIE MOORFIELD

Calendar:
February
9-10th Yr 12 Camp
9th School Council
14th 7-8 Tennis/Lawn Bowls
15-17th Yr 6 Camp
15th Snr Cricket
15th Yr 12 Information Night
16th Prep Parent session

Welcome back to all students and staff. We look forward to successful 2012. I would like to welcome the following new 7-12 staff: Melissa Carter and Jarron Cole. Melissa will be teaching Psychology and English. She completed a teaching round at Timboon P-12 in 2011 and she is looking forward to “working with a very supportive school community”. Jarron is originally from Colac; he will be teaching Mathematics and Science. Jarron is looking forward to “building a strong rapport with the students”. 

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS
- On the very first day of school all students were reminded of the very important expectations regarding **Attendance, Uniform, Behaviour/Attitude, Organisation/Time Management and gaining extra assistance from their teachers.** These areas of development will be the focus throughout 2012.

- **Important:** In 2012 it is important that students utilise their **School Diary.** All students are provided with a school diary. This will be regularly checked by their form teacher and contact home will be made if inappropriate use of the diary is being made. Can all parents regularly check their child’s diary and make comment to their teachers where required. A consistent effort by all in regards to monitoring proper use of the school diary can result in strong student organisational improvements.

- **Swimming sports:** Term 1 is a very busy term with lots of school activities taking place such as camps and sports days. **NEXT THURSDAY, 16**th **February THE 7-12 SWIMMING SPORTS CARNIVAL WILL BE TAKING PLACE.** **ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND (ABSENT STUDENTS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE A VALID REASON).** I would like to encourage parents to attend and support their children at this event. This year’s swimming carnival theme will be ocean (under water). Students are encouraged to dress up and gain prizes. The best presented house will receive the top prize.

And remember: Research shows that students who are successful at school display four characteristics:
1. **Good organisation**
2. **Persistence in their studies**
3. **Confidence in their ability**
4. **Able to ‘get along’ with their peers and teachers**

**SEAN FITZPATRICK – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

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Our first three year levels have begun their swimming programs on Tuesday. While this week is a little cooler than ideal, each grade has made good use of the opportunity to develop life-long skills for use in and around the water. Once again this year the cost of the program has been subsidized by the very generous support of TSPA, making it possible for us to charge just $10 for the 10 lessons. This cost goes towards funding the qualified swimming instructor who works, together with the classroom teacher and our PE teacher, with each grade. The cost of pool entry is an expense that each child must pay to the YMCA for entry, and is not set by the school. If families have a season ticket then they need to provide the number to the school which will pass it on to the YMCA instead of the $1.80 per swim.

Over the year we will be encouraging children’s awareness of the role they can play in reducing the amount of litter that is created in society. Our students generally bring substantial amounts of wrapped and pre-packaged items to school each day in their lunch boxes. You would be amazed at how much litter inevitably finds its way out into our yard. To help with this we are encouraging families to consider the use of containers that go home each day for re-use rather than packaged food items. There will be a two-fold positive from this focus; the first being less land fill and the second being healthier choices such as fruit may find their way back into children’s diets. Each little step we take will reduce the pressure on our environment and help the students to become environmentally aware. Like all environmental issues it is a choice and, as such, you are invited to join us in this endeavor if you wish to.

We look forward to a year of learning together, and hope that all of our families take every opportunity to be actively involved in our Education Community.

**ANDREA TAYLOR, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

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**9-12 SUBSCHOOL REPORT**

Welcome back for 2012. I’m glad to see all of the students happy and enthusiastic for a new year of opportunities and learning. My role as 9-12 co-ordinator will be focused on supporting the welfare of the students. First term is a busy one, so keep an eye on the calendar for the many activities scheduled.

**Year 12** left today for a 2 day study camp to Melbourne. Wednesday, 15**th** February, is the year 12 Parent Information Night. It is important for all students and their parents to attend as it is great opportunity for parents to meet teachers of VCE/VCAL classes.

**Year 11** has the Deb Ball looming, and we wish all of the Debs and partners well throughout trainings, remembering to leave time for their studies.

**Year 9 and 10** are settling into the middle school classes. Students will all receive a new updated timetable before the end of the week after some minor changes.

**VET** students please note that courses begin next week: Wednesday for Engineering (session 1-4) at school, and all other courses start Thursday (1.00pm onwards) at South West Tafe, Warrnambool.

Any student issues can be quickly resolved with a phone call.

**GABBY THEOLOGOUS, 9-12 SUBSCHOOL LEADER**

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**5-8 SUB-SCHOOL REPORT**

- After a fabulously warm and relaxing break we have certainly hit the ground running on our return to the new school year. Our 5-8 students display enthusiasm, eagerness, and a desire to work to their full potential this year. Their positiveness toward their work and peers is inspirational to observe.

- All year 7 & 8 students are experiencing a new blocking system that allows each child to choose their own electives. The feedback received has been extremely positive.
We hope you received your letter from your child about home expectations. The letter covered home reading, homework, and the correct use of the diary. As teachers, we really value the input of parents in helping to support their children in completing the home expectations. If you have not received this letter please let us know and we will make sure we get another one sent to you.

- Year six kicked off the swimming program this week and the year fives will be swimming next week. Please ensure your child packs an extra snack or piece of fruit in case they are hungrier than normal. Please ensure your child has paid the $10.00 tuition fee for the swimming, as well as either having a season ticket number or the daily fee of $1.80.
- In year five and six there is an expectation that your child brings a change of clothes and footwear for sport (which is on a Friday) and Physical Education. Please support your child in achieving this.
- ‘Bring, Say, Do’ is an initiative that is used in our classrooms. Every time a student brings the right thing, says the right thing or does the right thing they will be rewarded with a token which will be placed in a box. At the end of each term, each class will pull a token from the box and that child will receive a prize.
- We would like to remind all parents that we have some students who have an allergy to nuts. We endeavour to be a Peanut Free Zone, but this cannot be achieved without your support. Please be vigilant when packing your child’s lunches and snacks. Thanks.
- This time next week the year six students will be half way through their camp at Queenscliff. This camp is a fantastic opportunity for the students to develop their leadership skills, and enhance their social and team work skills. The disco provides the teachers with an opportunity to dig out their seventies and eighties outfits, and allows them to strut their stuff on the dance floor!
- Our 5-8 Coordinators:

**P-4 REPORT**

Welcome back everyone! I am pleased to report that all classes in our P-4 Sub School have made a very positive start to the year, and the students are quickly settling into their new classrooms. All classes have been focussing on familiarising the students with new classroom routines, and have been taking part in a variety of ‘getting to know you’ activities. The students in many classes have been busy setting goals for the term and year ahead, and making plans for what they would like to achieve. We have also welcomed the new Prep students to our school and they have all been very excited about their early school experiences.

As well as welcoming new students to our school, we have also welcomed some new teachers to our P-4 Sub School this year. Mrs. Mandi Poustie has been enjoying her first few days with our Prep students, while Mr. Venn also joins our P-4 Sub School, teaching grade 4 this year (after having taught our grade 6s in 2011). I would like to welcome them both to our team.

Our grade 1 and 2 students have been enjoying our swimming program this week, while our grade 3 and 4 students will be swimming next week. With the start of the swimming program, it is important that all clothing is clearly labelled to avoid lost property and confusion at the pool. A big thank you must also go to all of our fantastic parents who are volunteering their time to help out at the pool.

With our Home Reading programs beginning this week, some classes in our Prep-2 area will be keen to have some parents to assist with listening to students read each day. If you are available to assist, please keep an eye out for notes coming home regarding parent helpers, or see your child’s class teacher to register your interest.

**MATT HAUGH, P-4 SUB-SCHOOL LEADER**

**SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE**

The second-hand uniform sale will be held at on Friday, 10th February, 2012 (1:00pm - 1:50pm in the SEU building.)

For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.
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 MINI MINUTES
Notes from meeting held 6.2.12.
Deb ball numbers are finalised, most other details are settled and tickets will go on sale soon.
The 3-6 swimming sports are on the 2nd March and TSPA is doing the BBQ, and would appreciate any help on the day. We will start setting up at 10.30 am. If you are interested in talking to us about what TSPA does, then please come up for a chat and meet the current friendly committee.
TSPA will allocate funds to buy 9 large pump bottles of sunscreen for the P-6 school ASAP.
The next meeting is on Monday, 26th March, and is the Annual General Meeting, where all positions will be declared vacant, and election of office bearers will occur. We hope to see many more parents attend this meeting as numbers are very low.
The current committee would like to see a continuation of TSPA as is. At present we hold five annual fundraisers in a year, and they are: the Mothers’ and Fathers day stalls, the 3–6 swim BBQ, and athletics BBQ, and the Debutant Ball. We also like to try to run other fundraisers throughout the year. The money that has been raised in the last 12 months has been allocated to buying prep school hats, sunscreen, funding for the swim program, and many more items. A list of items can be obtained from a committee member.
Anne Rosolin (secretary)

FOR SALE

For Sale: Drum Kit – Mapex (blue) includes cymbals, seat & sticks. Good condition. $500. ONO Phone 5598 3467 after 6pm

Flute – excellent condition $400
PHONE SARAH: 0439 652 285

WANTED
Study on Chemistry I VCE units 1 & 2 (Taylor)
Macbeth (Graphic Novel Ed) original text version (Shakespeare)
Maths Quest II, standard general maths – Ti Nspire (3rd Ed)
Outdoor and Environmental Studies – VCE units 1 – 4 (2nd Ed)
Jacaranda Physics I, (3rd Ed) Lofts (new text)
PHONE: Sam Matthews 5595 0295

GARAGE SALE
2 Callaway Street, Timboon 8:30 am – 1pm
Opp the Vet Clinic
Porcelain dolls, kids toys, child cot, ladies clothes 16 – 18, spinning wheel, knitting machine, household and more.
RELAY FOR LIFE Fundraiser
TIMBOON CANCER SECONDDHAND BOOKS FOR SALE

Private Tutoring
Tutoring for students in year prep–grade 6- I have completed my Bachelor of Primary Education and am available to tutor all subjects after school hours from 4:30pm Monday – Thursday.
For more information call Shay Smith on 0458 632 815.
Timboon & District Tennis Association
Warrnambool Lawn Tennis Tournament
Sunday 12th February
10:00am start
Senior names to Corry Kerr 5598 3437
Junior names to Katrina Currell 5598 3443

Come along and Give Golf A GO.
Golf lesson with Craig Bonney
Where: Timboon Golf Club
When: Friday, 24th February
Time: 10am – 12 noon

Timboon Squash Club
Summer Pennant starting mid Feb
New players welcome
Mixed Pennant Tuesday and Wednesday nights
Ladies Pennant Thursday morning
Junior Pennant Thursday after school
More information please contact Katrina Currell 5598 3443

Soccer
Interested in playing soccer?
Come along for a fun social kick commencing at 6:15 pm
Male/female – any age group
Scots Creek Reserve
Starts 9th February for Enquiries call Barb 5593 3033 or Jacinta on 0419 931 338

Devonshire Tea Day
Sunday, 26th February 11am onwards at the Mousetrap Café L’Artisan Cheese, Timboon
$7 all proceeds to ‘Relay for Life’,
Lunches and cheese tastings available
Enquires: 0437 113 834

TECHNOLOGY SALES from the office
A small number of items for technology are now available for purchase at the school office.
2GB Micro secure Digital Card $15
4GB USB 2.0 flash drive $15 8GB $25
80 min CD 50c each
4.7 GB printable DVD $1.00
Padless Optical mouse USB $15
Optical 3D Mouse USB $10
Duel function wireless Mouse $30
Netbook Chargers $20

Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club
Club Champs 2011
Saturday, 25th February
Start 3:30pm
This year we want all active members to attend. To register, place your name and age on the club board.
BBQ and Drinks after.
EVENTS: 200m swim, 200 m Board, 200m run and Team surf ski relay.
Categories: Masters male and female (over 40’s)
Open male and female, under 18 male and female.

Terang & District Lions Club Inc.
30th Community FUN RUN
Friday, 24th February, 2012
5.92 Kilo9mtrres
Start: Walk 6:30pm  -  Run Time: 6:45pm
Registration on day of event.
Entries: Adult Run $10, Child Run $2
Adult Walk $5, Child Walk $1
Free buses to transport runners to the start.
Starting: Tues 21st Feb

A & B Grade Competitions (if sufficient teams)

Entry Details: Teams need to submitted to office at Centre on entry form by Wed 15th Feb with the following information:

1. Team name
2. Team Colours
3. Names of players
4. Grade requested
5. Team contact person and phone No.

Player Costs:
1. Team registration fee: $250.00
2. Court hire: $5.50/game to be paid before playing

Get a group of friends together and join our friendly competition. No limit to the number of players on your list with a team entry payment

Phone: 55983445

YMCA CORPORATE CUP VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

Organisations or groups are invited to be part of the Corporate Cup Volleyball competition starting Thurs 23rd Feb at the Sporting Centre.

Be part of a friendly, not too serious, competition with colleagues or fellow members. Open to any business or organisation.

For further information call the Centre on 55983445
Information for 2012

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPV) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2012 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (16 July 2012).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 20 February 2012 for the first installment and 3 August 2012 for the second installment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $235 for primary students and $470 for secondary students and is paid in two installments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2012 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

## Payment Amounts

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