**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- This is the last newsletter for the year. I would like to wish all families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and successful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

- Reports will be distributed on Wednesday 18th. P-6 reports will be distributed before the end of year ceremony and 7-12 reports at the Awards afternoon. We do not mail out reports.

- Please note that the 18th December will be our end of year award/celebration ceremonies. The P-6 celebration will be at 10:00 a.m. and 7-12 from 1:00 p.m. **Students must wear full school uniform at both events.** Community members are most welcome to attend.

- The BYOD program continues in 2014. Information on equipment specifications is available on the web site. If students have an iPad it could be used instead of a dictionary, a calculator or even an Atlas. These items could be crossed off the book list. Terry has provided more information on having your device connected to the school network in this week’s newsletter.

- Thursday is clean-up day at the School. NO classes will run. Buses will run as normal and depart at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday 19th December.

- The boy’s cored shorts have given us no end of grief. The distributor is very unreliable with supply and quality. Jo-Jo’s have done their best and will no longer be stocking this item. To simplify the process we will allow our students to wear plain grey drill shorts as listed on the uniform policy. We would prefer not to have cargo shorts but if this is all that can be sourced we will approve the wearing of this item until a reliable supplier of slit pocket drill shorts can be found.

- Our webpage has had a facelift but a few glitches have occurred with the rollover of people who receive their newsletter by email. This glitch is being resolved. The web page can now be accessed through your mobile phone. Learn how to do this by going to: [http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/](http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/)

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)

Email: timboon.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au

**CALENDAR:**

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**CONGRATULATIONS:**

- To all 30 Rock bands for their performances this week. The hard work and dedication has resulted in some wonderful successes.

- To Graeme Galbraith for his support, tuition and encouragement that has enabled our bands to get to performance.

- To Ahliya Harris for her Victorian School of Languages Academic Excellence Award.

- To Jessica Sharp who received the best 2nd year Hairdressing Award at the recent TAFE awards

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WESTPAC Surf Life Saving Rescue Helicopter lands on the top oval.
**Assistant Principal Reports**

**Transition:** On Monday and Tuesday our Year 6-7 transition program took place. The students participated in a range of Year 7 subjects such as woodwork, textiles, maths, history, homegroup and peer support. Students are now looking forward to 2014 and beginning their journey into secondary education.

**Year 7-12 Awards Ceremony:** This year the Awards ceremony will involve all Year 7-12 students. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday the 18th December 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Timboon Town Hall. *(We apologise for the error that was published in the invite that was posted home indicating the 16th)* **All students must wear full school uniform.**

**Year 7-9 End of year activities:**

Monday 16th December- Adventure Park Geelong. Cost $40.00 (includes unlimited ride access and a bbq lunch). Students are encouraged to bring snacks and a drink. Forms/money are due by Wednesday 11th December - Please note there will no other school based activities offered on this day.

Tuesday 17th December- School based activities- sign up next week

Wednesday 18th December- Movies (Session 1-3)

**Congratulations** to Year 9 student Ahliya Harris (pictured below) who received recognition for outstanding achievement in Year 9 Indonesian.
Good Luck! To Mitchell Gristede who is off to the State Age Swimming Championships next Wednesday.

Coping with fears and worries

The following examples are for families to use at home. They are most suitable for early primary aged children, but can be modified for use with older ages. The methods described can also be adapted by school staff to help children cope with fears and worries at school. Parents and carers are usually the first people children look to for support and reassurance when they are scared or worried. Providing reassurance such as hugs and encouragement helps to restore children’s sense of safety and confidence. Giving children a sense of safety includes limiting their exposure to frightening situations, such as violence – whether real or on TV. Parents and carers can also play a leading role in helping children learn skills for managing their fears.

Things to take into account
- It takes time and effort for children to learn new coping skills.
- Younger children usually learn best when you do it with them.
- Though older children may be able to use coping skills independently, they still need your support when scared.
- All children feel more secure and confident when they have regular quality time with parents and carers.
- Bedtime is often when children’s fears surface.

Try to ensure that children have calming time before bed to unwind. A regular bedtime routine or ritual helps children feel a sense of safety and security.

And remember: “Keep smiling, it makes people wonder what you’re up to.” Anon.

SEAN FITZPATRICK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As our year comes to a close it is often easy to overlook the amazing curriculum and extra-curricula offerings we have managed to deliver during the year. The depth and breadth of what we deliver to our students each and every day is only made possible due to the efforts and energy of our wonderful staff and the supportive parents who help as volunteers whenever needed. Our commitment to helping develop our students into the citizens of the future is ongoing and remains our top priority each and every day. Like all humans, there are times when mistakes are made but learning from these enables us to achieve our personal best. Thank-you to all who have made 2013 such a productive year here at Timboon P-12 School.

ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Annual Year Five Bike Hike

Bicycle Education training is well advanced despite weather conditions this term. Students have, on the whole, been keen to improve their skills following lessons on scooting, straight ride, hand signals, scanning, the correct way to stop and prepare for smooth take off again, and effective ‘look behind’, by practising at home. They have worked well in teams of eight to ten pairing up and changing back to single file. We have used all surfaces available in the school ground and have ventured out on the roadways close to the school. Many students have been keen to improve their fitness and have increased their cycling efforts. We also have many students who spend their leisure time on bikes anyway. Some have tested their staying power and have already ridden to Peterborough one way, or from their home, or for a similar distance on the rail trail. All students completed a cycle on the road worthiness of their bikes and helmets.

We have had a fantastic response from parents and friends who are joining the students this Friday on the annual Peterborough bike hike. They will be riding in three groups with a vehicle in the lead and behind each group. Our lunch break will be at the Peterborough picnic area as is the custom. Please be aware of the extra congestion on the road to Peterborough this Friday and on Heywards Road 9.15 to 10.15 and 2 to 3.30.

- 2.5kg Pekin Ducks. Great for pets, snail eater, Christmas dinner. Contact the office. $15 each

JULIE BROOMHALL

Surf Awareness – Year 7/8

The year is coming to an end and we now have to complete our test. The pre-test session is on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00pm. Our test is Saturday, December 21st at 10:00am. Both sessions are at the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club.

I would like to thank Marina Deppeler for her assistance in our program during this semester.

IAN HARRIS

Thank you from School Council

We are fortunate that most families support the additional education programs that our teachers offer by paying the fees associated with these. In addition most families support our grounds maintenance fund through a $50 donation. These programs contribute to the whole experience that our students are provided compared with the basic education support that is provided through our ‘free education’ system. On behalf of School Council I would like to thank our families for paying these fees and supporting a better education for our children.

Chris Hibburt
President
Timboon P-12 School Council

CAFETERIA and Manual ARTS BLOCK
50th BIRTHDAY

The cafeteria and Manual Arts Block was officially opened by the Honourable J.S. Bloomfield, Minister of Education on Friday 13th December 1963.

Tomorrow visit the Caf and help celebrate the 50th Birthday
TSPA PARENTS SAY
Love to hear from you!
Name: ______________________________________
Phone: ______________________________________

TSPA MINI MINUTES

The cook book: Please put our cook book on your Christmas lists, and promote them as much as you can. We will have them at the awards day as well. This could be your last chance for a copy before the end of the year. Please feel free to contact me for a copy at any time, if I have any left.

Great Victorian Bike Ride: Tracey Heeps has informed us that we made over $1900 recharging and that we were commended for the effort we put in. Thanks so much to those who could help out.

Timboon Farmers Market: This was a last minute arrangement, which was well supported by the public. We made food from the cook books to raffle in hampers and thanks to Jodie for the jar of yoyos which we used for the third prize. We also sold more books. The winners of the raffle were: Enid O’Conner (first), Bryan Ward (second), Lachlan Rosolin (third).

SANTA VISIT: December 16th, from 11.15am to 1pm the jolly red fellow will be distributing icy poles to all the P-6 students, starting with the preps and finishing with the Year 6 children.

Next Meeting: DECEMBER 16TH, AT 1PM AT THE TIMBOON PUB FOR LUNCH, SHORT MEETING AND A MERRY TIME. 😊 ALL WELCOME, PLEASE TXT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND FOR CATERING NUMBERS.

Anne Rosolin (secretary) mob 0409029464 or rosolin@activ8.net.au

FOR SALE

Kids motor bike Chinese Pee Wee 50 $200
PHONE: 0427 985 176

Homelight chainsaw only done 3 to 4 hours
– Excellent condition $200
3ft Fish tank on stand with fish and accessories and plants $400
3ft fish tank on its own $100
WANTED: - 3 bedroom house in Timboon or farm house – have small dogs, 2 sheep 1 calf.
PHONE: 0457 977 617

VCE Unit 3 & 4 Physical Education and Workbook. Brand New. Save Now $ 75 the pair.
VCE Unit 1 & 2 Live It Up for P.E. $40
PHONE: 5598 3358

Essential VCE Business management units 1 & 2 $40
Nature of Biology book 2 VCE units 1 & 2 $30
Mathematical Methods CAS units 3 & 4 $30
PHONE: 5598 3535

Timber TV unit, lead light doors, excellent condition $300
PHONE: 0499 501 544

FLAT TO RENT: One bedroom, fully furnished excellent condition, power & water paid for. Overnight, short or long term stay. Phone: 5598 3864 or Mobile: 0407 044 889

TSPA COOK BOOK FUNDRAISER

ORDER FORM ($25 for one / $40 for two)

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Price list for multiple books
1 book = $25, 2 books = $40, 3 books = $65, 4 books = $80, 5 books = $105, 6 books = $120, 7 books = $145, 8 books = $160, 9 books = $185, 10 books = $200

PLEASE TICK PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD

CASH………………………….
CHEQUE……………………..
(PAYABLE TO TIMBOON P-12 SCHOOL)

AMOUNT PAID $
**TRANSL SOUT WEST**

**Bus timetable** — Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

(Thursday times via Peterborough)

**TIMBOON to WARRNAMBOOL**

**AM**

Timboon (JO JO’s) 8:25
Port Campbell (Cairns St/Treggae st) 8:45
Peterborough Post Office 8:55
Nullawarre (McDowells) 9:15
Allansford WCB 9:25
Allansford Junction 9:27
Gateway Plaza 9:47
Warrnambool (Koroit St) 9:53
Warrnambool 10am

**WARRNAMBOOL to TIMBOON**

**PM**

Warrnambool 3:55pm
Warrnambool (Koroit St) 4:00
Gateway Plaza 4:05
Allansford Junction 4:15
Allansford WCB 4:17
Nullawarre (McDowells) 4:30
Peterborough Post Office 4:50
Port Campbell (Cairns St/Treggae st) 5:00
Timboon (JO JO’s) 5:20

**FARES ONE WAY**

**SINGLE**

Timboon - $8.80 $4.40
Port Campbell - $6.80 $3.40
Peterborough - $5.40 $2.70
Nullawarre - $4.00 $2.00
Allansford - $2.20 $1.10

For any more inquiries phone: 0427 878 985

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**Summer By The Sea** activities —

Princetown to Nirranda Jan 2014

Bookings and information available online from Dec 16th.


enquiries: ph. Marg O’Toole 0407165125

****Thursday 2nd 5.30pm Rockpool Ramble - Peterborough
****Friday 3rd 6pm Rockpool Ramble - 2mile Bay
****Saturday 4th 6.30pm Rockpool Ramble – Peterborough

Sunday 5th Port Campbell Seaside Market

Tuesday 7th 9pm Mutton birds – Mutton Bird Island viewing platform – Loch Ard Gorge precinct

**Wednesday 8th** 10am Guided natural history walk – led by Dave Smurthwaite - Bay of Martyrs

Wednesday 8th 9pm – Penguin Gawk – Boardwalk 12 Apostles

Thursday 9th 7pm Shipwreck talk – ‘the stories behind the ships and the people on them!’ presented by local historian Peter Younis - Heytesbury Historical Hall

Friday 10th Peterborough Festival

Monday 13th 8pm – Blue Whales – ‘Life of the Constant Forager’ talk by Dr Margie Morrice from Blue Whale Research Group – Port Campbell SLSC

**Wednesday 15th** 8am - Guided Natural History Walk – led by Bill O’Shea -Nirranda

Tuesday 21st 9pm – Mutton birds – Mutton bird island viewing platform – Loch Ard Gorge precinct

Wednesday 22nd 9pm – Penguin Gawk – Boardwalk 12 Apostles

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

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**JO-JO’s of Timboon**

Secondary school summer dress

Pre-orders are being taken now.

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**SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE**

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on Friday 13th December (1:00pm 1:50pm in the SEU building.)

Also open on Book Day on Thursday, 23rd January, (10.30 – 12:00)

For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**WEEK 11 (16th – 20th December)**

Mon 16th Julie Gass

Tues 17th Tamara Haugh

Wed 18th Wendy Gillies  Susan Van Rijthoven

Thurs 19th Kate Makin

**2014 – Term 1**

**WEEK 2 (3rd – 7th February)**

Mon 3rd Cherie Mungean VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Tues 4th Donna Bedggood Kate Makin

Wed 5th Kylie Martin VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Thurs 6th Jenny Inglis Janice Linsday

Fri 13th Anne Rosolin VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

(12:00 – 2:00pm - Monique Fitzpatrick)

**WEEK 2 (10th – 14th February)**

Mon 10th Michelle Fowler Melissa Cardwell

Tues 11th Kath Matthews Sharon Mottram

Wed 12th Tamara Haugh VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Thurs 13th Kate Harris Melinda Drysdale

(12:00 – 2:00pm - VOLUNTEER REQUIRED )
Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16.*

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.