**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 2013.
- A reminder that many of the staff will not be writing comments on student reports. If you require an interview with the staff member please contact the staff member at school to organise an interview time. Primary reports will be distributed before the end of year ceremonies to give parents time to make an interview if required.
- The Awards Ceremonies take place next week. All students are required to attend. Parents and interested community members are warmly welcome. Times and dates are listed below.
- The BYOD program starts in 2013. Information on equipment specifications is available on the web site. Information on the roll out will be available at the start of next year. If students have an ipad it can be used instead of a dictionary and a calculator or even an Atlas. These items could be crossed off the book list.
- School will finish for all students at 3:30p.m. on Thursday 20\textsuperscript{th} December

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 my mobile (0407345324)

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

ROSALE MOORFIELD

PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to: Tarsha Duro for receiving an Honourable Mention in the Christmas in Wannon Artwork Competition.
Cheryl Miller for taking out the Grand Champion title at the Victorian Arabian Horse Show held at Ballarat last weekend.
To all our bands and Graeme Galbraith on their hard work and excellent performance this week.
To all students and teachers for completing another successful year and making our school a great place to be.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

**Calendar:**

December

13\textsuperscript{th} Bands Senior (1:30 & 7:00p.m), School Council 6:30p.m.
17\textsuperscript{th} 5-9 Adventure Park
18th Party Day P-4
19\textsuperscript{th} 9-12 Awards Ceremony 8:00 p.m.
20\textsuperscript{th} 5-8 (11:30 a.m.), P-4 Awards (1:30 p.m.) Ceremony

January

22\textsuperscript{nd} Last Day for students
31st Booklist Day
31\textsuperscript{st} 1\textsuperscript{st} Day for students

PRIMARY REPORTS WERE SENT HOME TODAY
Year 7 2013! On Monday and Tuesday our new Year 7 students participated in their transition program. Students participated in lots of subjects and activities including Science, Home Economics, P.E and Performing Arts. A big thank you to our Year 9 B.R.I.C.K.S leaders that assisted on the days.

Congratulations to Year 9 student Murray Green! Murray was presented with his Australian Scout Medallion at a ceremony in Melbourne last month. The Australian Scout Medallion is the Highest Award in the Scout Section. Murray had to earn Badges for Campcraft, Citizenship, Construction, Leadership and Management, and 11 Special Interest Badges over a 4 year period.

Awards Evening: The End of Year Awards will be occurring on the following dates: (Invitations to all students and parents have been sent home, please return your attendance slips to the office a.s.a.p)

- 5-8 Awards Ceremony, Thursday 20th (Town Hall), 11:30am
- 9-12 Awards Ceremony, Wednesday 19th of December (School Hall), 7:45pm (seating)

Please note: Students must wear full school uniform to the award ceremonies

Reminder: All lockers must be emptied by this Friday.

On final note for 2012. Thank you to all of the students, parents and staff for your support throughout the year. It has been a very productive and successful year and I wish everyone a safe Christmas and a happy new year!

And remember: ‘Imagination is more important than knowledge’. Albert Einstein

SEAN FITZPATRICK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Our final days are rapidly approaching with the last day for students being Thursday 20th December. Our year will finish with a celebration of achievements in the form of 5-8 Awards Ceremony and the less formal P-4 Final Assembly. Both of these events will be held in the Timboon District Hall. The 5-8 Ceremony begins at 11:30 while the P-4 afternoon formally starts at 1:45 but we will begin being seated at 1:30. The students will come to the hall and be seated with their grades. As has previously been the case no students will have their bag or hat with them so any parents wanting to collect after the ceremony will need to return to the school grounds to collect these items. School will dismiss at 3:30pm as normal on Thursday.

Our P-6 reports will be distributed to students as early as possible next week. This is to facilitate the possible need for an interview with your child’s teacher, as most classes will not have written comments due to union bans.

As we did last year, this year we have chosen to send cards to our literacy helpers rather than have a morning tea. Over the years it has been increasingly obvious that finding time to attend this morning tea at such a busy time of year has become more and more difficult. With this in mind, I would like to thank each and every parent, grandparent and friend who made the time to support our students in their learning by helping out at school. Your participation makes a huge difference to everyone involved and is most appreciated.

On a personal level I would like to thank parents for their support of the school when they have been asked to do so. When children see the model of cooperation between home and school they are able to understand the importance of their schooling to both home and school.

In 2013 we will be running the following grades:
Prep P Mrs Poustie
Prep L Miss Ludeman
1/2 F Miss Flynn
1/2 M Mrs Moriarty
2H Mrs Hawkins
3K Miss Krueger
3M Mrs McSween
4 V Mr Venn
4/5 F Mrs Frazer
5B Mrs Broomhall
5D Mrs Delaney
6M Mrs McMeel
6O Miss Orr

We will also be running PE, Art, Library, LOTE, Music and Drama at various year levels.

ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
5-8 SUB SCHOOL

JUNIOR RANGERS WINNER...
Abbey Ralph receives a certificate and a cheque for $50 as first prize in the secondary student design a Southern Brown Bandicoot sticker competition. Darcy McGlade (Year 9), won the secondary student design a poster competition. The competition was part of a State government Coastcare grant to raise awareness on the endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot. Throughout term three, members of the Port Campbell Community Group and the Port Campbell Boardriders gave informative talks on location, and in the classroom, about the local bandicoot population and other biodiversity of the Port Campbell headland. The group has an end-of-semester break-up celebration, with marine based activities at Port Campbell, planned for their last excursion.

P-4 SUB SCHOOL REPORT

End of Year Activities
It is hard to believe that the end of the year is already upon us, but our end of year activities and Christmas are approaching fast. The Prep-4 students have really enjoyed attending the School Bands performances this week. They have enjoyed seeing so many talented students in action. These types of activities also give our younger students something to aspire to in the future years. Well done to all of the students who performed during the week.

Party Day for the Prep – 4 students will be held on Tuesday 18th December. Notes have been, or will soon be, sent home from each class, outlining their activities for the day. Our Prep students will be having some party games commencing at 11:30am and will be having a combined party lunch at 12:30pm. Our Grade 1 and 2 students will be swimming at the Timboon Pool from 9:15 – 10:50, while our Grade 3 and 4s will be swimming between 11:20 and 1:00pm. The cost for swimming will be $1.90 per child, unless you have a Season’s ticket for the 2012-2013 Season. If you have a Season’s ticket, could you please inform your child’s teacher of your ticket number, as the YMCA need to check these tickets prior to our swim. If your child started at our school after our swimming program finished at the start of the year, a swimming permission form will also need to be returned to school. Our Year 3 and 4 students will also be visiting the town Skatepark and Playground area for a shared Fish and Chip lunch, following their pool session.

Our P-4 End of Year Ceremony will be held on Thursday 20th December in the Timboon and District Hall. The Ceremony will begin at 1:30pm. The Ceremony will be conducted by our fantastic Grade 4 students. Each student will be presented on the stage and each class will perform a short act, showcasing some of their many talents. After the Ceremony, students will return to school to collect their bags etc, prior to being dismissed and starting their holidays. Art Smocks and some books etc. will also be coming home in the days leading up to the student’s last day.

Our Prep students had a fantastic time on their Peterborough beach excursion on Monday. They were fortunate enough to see a stingray in the river, along with many other sea creatures in the rock pools at Rubbish Tip Bay. Many thanks to those parents and grandparents who joined the staff and students, on the excursion. As this will be my final P-4 report for the year, I would like to thank all of our students, staff and parents for a fantastic year. We are fortunate to have benefitted from the assistance of many parent helpers throughout the year, thank you for your support. A special thanks also goes to Mr. Clarke, Mrs. Walsh and our wonderful music teacher, Mrs. Plozza, who will not be with us next year. Thank you for all of your work and efforts over the year, we wish you all the best for the future. I hope that everybody has a wonderful Christmas and a happy, safe holidays. I look forward to working with you again in 2013.

MATT HAUGH
P-4 SUB SCHOOL LEADER

YEAR 8 ANGLESEA CAMP - “BEST CAMP EVER”.
Photos and report next newsletter.

TSPA PARENTS SAY
Love to hear from you!
Name: __________________________
Phone: _________________________

TSPA MINI MINUTES

Notes from last meeting: A major project we would like to get underway for 2013 is a school cookbook. We will be requesting recipes from anyone, but especially, from students, teachers and staff. We would also like to see some different recipes from the norm found in these types of books, but the everyday are also most welcome. We hope to include recipes made from ingredients grown from the crops of the TAP and some of the favourites from the home eco dept. We aim to have this printed and for sale in 2014 as we would like to include some photos of events coming up in this time frame. We have sourced a copy of a book very similar to what we have in mind so we have a good idea of what the finished product will look like. A school fete idea was put to a tspa committee member for us to consider, which we have done, with some research sourced from other school fetes. The idea is a good one, but needs some large expenditure to run, lots of parent helpers, many months in the planning, and booking ahead of any activities etc. that need to be brought in. Not necessarily impossible, but we would need names of many dedicated volunteers to help as a starting point.

SANTA will be visiting P-6 children, on 14th December, with a special treat from 11am until lunch time.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US AT TSPA

Next Meeting: Thursday, 7th February, 2013 at the admin building at 7.30pm.

All Welcome.
Anne Rosolin (secretary) mob 0409029464
or rosolin@activ8.net.au
EFTPOS is now available for payments at the School Office.
Strictly NO CASH OUT

**CANTENE ROSTER**

**TERM 4**

**WEEK 11 (17th – 20th December)**
- Mon 17th: Donna Bedggood
- Tues 18th: Julie Vogels
- Wed 19th: Cath Matthews
- Thurs 20th: Steph Delaney
- Fri 21st:

**TERM 1 – 2013**

**WEEK 1 and 2 (1st – 8th February)**
- Fri 1st: Kate Duynhoven
  - (12:00 – 2:00pm volunteer required)
- Mon 4th: Jodie Couch
- Tues 5th: Sharon Shanahan
- Wed 6th: Katie Millard
- Thurs 7th: Jenny Inglis
- Fri 8th: Jacquie Lynch
  - (12:00 – 2:00pm – Bryan Ward)

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**Canteen Volunteers** are invited to Coffee at “THE FAT COW” tomorrow Friday 14th at 2 pm.

We thank all our Volunteers and wish them a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2013.

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**SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALES**

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on 14th December, 2012 (1:00pm-1:50pm in the SEU building).

Uniform sale will be held on BOOK DAY 22nd January between 11:00 am – 1:00pm. For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.

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**FOR SALE**

OLD STYLE SCHOOL BAGS. BRAND NEW $35
SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

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**FOR SALE**

Straw – barley and oaten straw available post-Christmas. Order early and save $$$
PHONE: 0428 124 437

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**TEXT BOOKS**

- Yr 12 P.E. text book, workbook units 3 & 4
- Yr 12 Health text book units 3 & 4
- Yr 11 General Maths units 1 & 2

PHONE: 0448 685 421 (after hours)

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Brand new Block and Tackle, still in freight Box, never used – 3 ton capacity. $250
2 & 1 2ft fishtank, no accessories &40
Blow up single aired $10
Large Aluminium wheelbarrow, lightweight $80
Baby Duckings, ready in 4 weeks – miniature Appleyard’s @ $20 each

**WANTED:** Urgently 3 bedroom house in Timboon please: have pets. Must have split system or wood heater.

PHONE: 0487 597 198

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Ultra pro silver Razor scooter. Excellent condition $60
Yamaha steel string student guitar - great for a beginner.
Excellent condition $50

PHONE: 5598 5070

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Motorbike – 2006 KTM 125s, comes with boots, pants, jersey, helmet, chest guard, spare plastics kit and gaskets $2,200

PHONE: Jack Rowe 0478 150 143

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Expression of interest – not for sale immediately
Two seater couch and two chairs $200 ono

PHONE: 5598 3348

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**TIMBOON SWIMMING CLUB**

Season 2012 – 2013

Has commenced

Sessions Mondays and Wednesdays

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Christmas break 24th Dec – 7th Jan

Enquiries contact Jeannie Howland 5598 3054 or Katherine Gorringe 5595 0334

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School Holidays Adventure Activity Mornings

Camp Cooriemungle

Starting Friday 28th December

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Monday – Giant Swing

Friday – Canoeing

Saturday: High Ropes / Flying Fox

(Year 6 & above)

$10 per person.
Andy Jones will be putting on his show “What’s the Joke” in the library at 2pm on Monday 14th January.

DECEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be open during the school holidays at the following times:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1pm - 4pm
Saturday: 10am – 12noon
Students are most welcome to continue borrowing books during the holiday period unlike previous years when all books needed to be returned.
Happy Reading to all our Library users.

Peterborough Seaside Festival
Friday 11th Jan 2013
3pm – 10pm
Live Music, Markets, Fireworks.

About Andy Jones

Andy Jones is an author, entertainer and children's author. His show, “What’s the Joke”, is a fun and interactive show for children. Andy uses his magic, juggling and puppets to help kids understand jokes and fun facts about the world.

December Library News

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Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Education Maintenance Allowance - Information for Parents Current Receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationary, uniforms and excursions for their children up to the age of 18.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made directly to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all ages up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years 7 and 8 in recognition of the additional costs of these transition points.

In 2013, the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $100. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $256.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 1 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in 2013.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid SGO between the parent and the school. The 56% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $2 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, an EMA application form is available online.

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection
- Paid to the school to be held in credit

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with the cost of education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, 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 Student Loans Act 2004 or be a veteran’s Affairs (TP) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

- If the parent/guardian is also the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pensioner Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (in payment One) and 15 July 2013 (in payment Two).

Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student’s year level (eg age) for support and special needs students will determine an annual payment. Parents of students falling under 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro-rata basis.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 26 February 2013.