**Principal's Report**

- This year we have two School Council Parent Representative positions that are up for re-nomination or declared vacant. If we have any parents who would like to nominate for one of the two positions available you are now invited to do so. If we have more nominations than positions available parents will be asked to vote on their preferred applicant. We also have one staff representative vacancy (DEECD employee). I encourage any parent considering nominating to read the accompanying material and contact me or another member of council to discuss the position.

- School Council performs a most important role in determining the direction that our school takes. I would like to thank our 2012 School Council members: Chris Hibburt, Simon Trotter, Brett Wallace, Kylie Martin, Paul Fowler, Robyn Vale, Matthew Bowker, Sean Fitzpatrick, Andrea Taylor, Matthew Haugh and our School Captains for the excellent service they gave our school in 2012.

- Enclosed with this newsletter is ‘information for parents’ and nomination forms. Either form SA ‘Self-Nomination’ or form SB ‘Nomination’ form may be used. Nominations are to be delivered to school by 4.00pm, Friday 22nd February. If you require further information please feel free to give me a call.

- Please note that the Year 12 Parent night planned for next Monday has been cancelled. Instead we will be placing information on our web page so that parents have the information when they need it. We are trying to avoid information overload.

- The P-6 swimming program is progressing very well with many positive comments about our YMCA instructors and the program. We will be conducting a survey in the last week to seek parental feedback on the program.

- The 7-12 swimming sports are to be held next Wednesday. We look forward to a seeing 100% participation from our children to tick all the boxes for a great career. Some of these included:
  - Maintain a relationship with school and teachers
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  - Encourage homework
  - Promote work experience
  - Participate in parent teacher nights
  - Encourage a career aligned with talents and interests
  - Keep their expectations realistic

- The school web page [http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/](http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/) has links to some of the classroom blogs. This is an excellent way to keep up to date with what is happening in the classroom.

- Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

- The following students (and staff member) achieved their Bronze Surf Medallion and Surf Rescue certificate: Georgia Barnett, Darcy Tribe, Ahliya Harris, James Stevens, Ned Dalziel, Kate Delaney, Gemma Lees, Robert Matthews, Kaitlyn Sinclair, Emma Ingle, Luke Stevens, Jared Beaton, Che Stone and Sally Partridge.

- Calendar:
  - February 15th: C45 Sungold Field Day
  - 15th: Bricks program Yr.9
  - 18th: Yr.12 Parent Night
  - 20th: 7-12 Swimming Sports
  - 20th-22nd: Yr 6 Camp
  - 21st-22nd: Yr 9 Camp
  - 27th: HSSSD Swim Sports

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- Published in last Saturday's Herald Sun ‘Career One’ section was an article focussing on parental guidance and ways to help your children to tick all the boxes for a great career. Some of these included:
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- On Wednesday the 20th February we are staging our annual Year 7-12 Swimming Sports Carnival at the Timboon Pool. We would like to see as many parents as possible supporting their children! This year’s theme is “Messed Up”. We will also have some entertainment on the day with prizes and our famous local band playing: ‘MICHELLES VELOCITY’.
**Lockers:** All students have been provided with their own locker and lock. If you have any concerns with your current lock or locker, please see me immediately. It is important that students get into the habit of using their locks to ensure their belongings are protected (particularly with the introduction of the B.Y.O.D/ICT policy).

**Uniform:** As communicated to students at the end of 2012, there have been some changes to the uniform (dress code) policy for 2013. Some of the notable changes were:
- Sports shorts (only P.E classes)
- Black leather footwear for all students
- Timboon P-12 School bag (all students must have one by 2014)

**Correct school uniform**
The school dress code (uniform) policy is set out by the school council. If you require further clarification or support regarding the uniform policy please contact me at the school on PHONE: 55983 3381

**Reminder:** Student Immunisations are on Thursday 28th February. All cards must be returned to General office a.s.a.p.

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**Expression of Interest in studying Certificate II in Agriculture**

In 2013 we are excited to announce the opportunity to deliver a Certificate II in Agriculture at Timboon P-12 School. The Certificate II in Agriculture course is designed to develop the knowledge and skills required of skilled personnel on farms to perform their roles safely and under direct supervision for a wide range of tasks. The program is suited to the needs of people wishing to enter the Agriculture Industry. Successful completion of this course provides career opportunities in all aspects of agricultural work and also in the agriculture service industries. This course is designed to provide students with a skill set that can be applied to all aspects of the Agriculture and allied Industries.

**Where:** This certificate would be delivered every Thursday (1:30pm-3:30pm) on the School Agriculture Precinct and potentially through workplace settings.

**How:** Students can access this certificate through a School Based Apprenticeship. A School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT) provides Secondary School students with the opportunity to work with an employer and complete a nationally recognised qualification while still at school. Students must be 15 years or above in order to have access to this program.

**Further Information:** Interested students and parents are invited to attend an information session. Please register your interest with Mr. Drew Deppeler (VET/SBA/Careers Co-ordinator) or Mr. Sean Fitzpatrick (Assistant Principal) Ph: 55983381.

**When:** Information Session-Tuesday 19th February 12:00pm-1:00pm, School Library

**And remember:** “Disciplining yourself to do what you know is right and important, although difficult, is the high road to pride, self-esteem, and personal satisfaction.” Anon

**SEAN FITZPATRICK**
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

In last week’s newsletter our 7-12 co-ordinators were showcased. This week I would like to introduce you to our Year Level Co-ordinators in the P-6 section of the school.

**Grade 6 Mrs Julia McMeel**

**Grade 5 Mrs Julie Broomhall**

**Grade 4 Mr Liam Venn**
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ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

YEAR 12
On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week students studying a unit 3 & 4 subject attended a study camp at the University of Ballarat, with 10 other schools from the Western District. Students were involved in subject based lectures, workshops and excursions as well as study tutorial and Personal Development sessions. This was also a great opportunity to mix with other students studying in similar subjects. We’ll have a more detailed report next week.

Year 12 students will be commencing their career Action Pathways discussion with VCE support team staff late next week. At these discussions we’ll talk about the plan for 2013 and how we can work towards students having a positive and successful final year of schooling.

JULIE NICHOLSON

PARENT CLUB NEWS

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

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Canteen Roster

**Week 4 (18th – 22nd February)**
- **Mon 18th**: Jodie Couch, Julie Gass
- **Tues 19th**: Katrina Currell, Wendy Maskell
- **Wed 20th**: Bronwyn Lenehan, Virginia Mansbridge
- **Thurs 21st**: Glenda Gardner, Kylie Martin
- **Fri 22nd**: Kellie Schulz, Lee Hibberd (12:00 – 2:00pm Bryan Ward)

**Week 5 (25th Feb – 1st March)**
- **Mon 25th**: Michelle Fowler, Peta Mustard
- **Tues 26th**: Janice Lindsay, Kath Matthews
- **Wed 27th**: Katie Millard
- **Thurs 28th**: Steph Delaney, Joy Morden
- **Fri 1st**: Cherie Mungean, Rachel Mungean (12:00 – 2:00pm Nicole Gorman)

**Second-Hand Uniform Sale**
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held at on Friday, 22nd February (1:00pm–1:50pm in the SEU building.)
For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.

**For Sale**
“Brand New” in box – Block and tackle, 3 tonne capacity $250
Adult Min Appleyard Ducks@ $15 each
Large Tropical Snails for aquariums / pond @ $200 each
Purebred black male pug, 17 months old, very active young man, comes with pedigree papers $1,800

**Wanted – Please**
3 bedroom house in town – Have small dogs and fishtanks
PHONE: 0437 829 664

**Flat To Rent**
One bedroom, long term or short time, fully furnished
- Excellent condition. PHONE: 0407 044 889 or 5598 3864

**Save This Date**
June 9th 2013
Timboon School Reunion for past students and Staff.
Join on the Timboon HS Facebook page.
Email kim-irvine@hotmail.com
Judi at judiburgin@yahoo.com
Glencie at ssrt@iinet.net.au
Sheryl at sherylynch@bigpond.com or phone 0438 985 331

**Timboon Railtrailers & Lions Relay for Life Team**
Devonshire Tea
L’Artisan Cheese - Cnr. Ford & Fell’s Road Timboon
Sunday 17th February – 11am onwards.
$7.00
Live Music
Enjoy a relaxing day in the beautiful gardens at the Mouse Trap Café.
Wine, Cheese & Lunch Menu will be available.
For more information contact Glenda on 0437113834

**Timboon Demons F.N.C**
Junior Netball Try-Outs
13/U, 15/U & 17/U
Thursday 21st & 28th February
4:30pm at Timboon Recreation Reserve
All new and previous players welcome
For more information please don’t hesitate to contact the coaches.
13/U – Michelle 0429670907
15/U – Ellen 0457489298
17/U – Blaire 0423741382

2013 Heytesbury Agricultural Show
Saturday 2nd March
Simpson Recreation Reserve
Pre buy your ticket and admit the whole family for $20
For information contact Libby Van Donk 5594 6226

**Timboon Squash Club**
Mixed Squash Pennant
Tuesday and Wednesday Nights
Seedings 12th & 13th February
Pennant starting 19th February
Ladies Squash Pennant
Thursday Mornings
Seedings 14th February
Pennant starting 21st February
Junior Squash Pennant
Thursday after school
Seedings 14th February
Pennant Starting 21st February
New Players Welcome
Contact: Katrina Currell 55983443

1st Timboon would like to invite Parents and children aged 6 – 7 1/2 to come to an information afternoon for Joey Scouts
Where: 1st Timboon Scout Hall – 28 Church St, Timboon
When: Wednesday 20/02/2013 & Wednesday 27/02/2013
Times: 04:00pm – 05:00pm
Light refreshments will be available for both Parents and children
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

Active After School is a program for primary school aged children which encourages them to take part in sport and physical activity, in a fun and caring environment.

The program will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3.30pm – 4.45pm.

We will be starting Active After School on the 13th of February and it will continue through until the end of term. Children meet in the Pink Room after the bell.

Wednesdays Activity – Dance
Fridays Activity – Multi-skill Activities

If you wish to enrol your child into the Active After School Program, please see the main office and return the form below.

If you have any other enquiries feel free to contact me on 0448011529.

Nicki Bettess – Active After School Communities co-ordinator.

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CHILDS NAME                     PARENT/GUARDIAN
_________________________ __________________________________________
YEAR LEVEL AT SCHOOL            CONTACT NUMBER
_________________________ __________________________________________
PARENT/GUARDIAN
_________________________ __________________________________________
CONTACT NUMBER
_________________________ __________________________________________
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
_________________________ __________________________________________
MY CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ON
(please circle) WEDNESDAY FRIDAY

SIGN_________________________ DATE ___/___/___
TSPA RECIPE BOOK FUNDRAISER

RECIPES REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Each class will have their own category so we can limit the doubling up of recipes, but anyone can submit recipes and they must state if they would like their name published with it or not. If you have a little story to go with the recipe then please add it as well. We will only be printing one of each type of recipe. The committee will be making the final decisions on which recipes will be printed. The time frame for collection and collation of recipes is yet to be set but we would like them submitted as soon as you can. We would like to see recipes which are outside of the normal range of what is usually printed in these types of books. Recipes must be written or typed clearly and delivered to the school office or can be emailed to: rosolin@activ8.net.au

COMPETITION ONE: RECIPE BOOK CATCHY NAME (ONE PRIZE)
The name of the recipe book I have as an example is Ramalicious. Chosen as the name of the football team was the Rams. (If anyone would like to see sample book then please contact TSPA)

COMPETITION TWO: PHOTO FOR FRONT COVER. (ONE PRIZE)
The photo is to have the theme of food. Must be taken by the entrant. A short story regarding the photo can also be submitted. The Winner will have their name in the book with the story. These competitions are only open to students of the Timboon P12 School and the judges’ decisions are final.

Competition closes end of Term 2 and entries can be left in sealed envelopes at the office or emailed to the above address.

Pre-orders of the book will be available to assist in determining the quantities required for print. There will be forms available soon. The price has not yet been set, but will be around $25-$30 depending on size of book and how many are ordered.
School Council Elections 2013

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.
Return for 5A or 5B to Timboon P-12 School by: February 22nd 2012.

School Council Elections - Schedule 5A
SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Timboon P-12 School, school council.

Name: ..........................................................................................................................
Residential address: .................................................................................................
........................................................................................................................................
Home phone: .................................. Business phone: ............................................
Email: ..........................................................................................................................

I am the parent/guardian of ......................................................................................, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development: Yes / No (please circle)
I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate: ........................................... Date: ........................................

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

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School Council Elections - Schedule 5B
NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to nominate ................................................................. for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Timboon P-12 School, school council.

Name: ..........................................................................................................................
Residential address: .................................................................................................
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Home phone: .................................. Business phone: ............................................
Email: ..........................................................................................................................

I am the parent/guardian of ................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of ................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:
Yes / No (please circle)
Signature of Nominator: ........................................... Date: ........................................

Candidate to complete
I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate: ........................................... Date: ........................................

Section 1.01 You will be notified when your nomination has been received.