PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

• A reminder that 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. Any Parent considering nominating will find the nomination form on the school website at: http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/page/55/School Council
• Congratulations to our School Captains, students and staff, on another successful swimming carnival. Parents can view some of the highlights on our web page using the following link: http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/page/91/Sports
• Our Snowy River Leadership School students are having an amazing time at Marlo. Find out what they have been up to using the following link: http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/page/125/Snowy-River-Program
• Readers of our weekly newsletter would be now asking: what are all the links for? We are trying to keep our web site up to date and full information. I encourage all parents to explore our website in their spare time. There is a mountain of information to be found. You can also access the latest school calendar from: http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/page/112/Calendar-2013
• If you are having trouble finding information type a key word in the search button and possible options will appear.
• The School Technician, Terry Hawkins, has put over 100 BYO devices onto the school network. Read his ‘Tech Spot’ column today to find out more. A reminder to those students who have not renewed their Netbook lease to return their equipment to school so that these devices can be re-allocated or used in the banks of spare netbooks accessed by students who do not have a BYO device.
• It is pleasing to note that all machines are staying on the network. The only items that students cannot access are those sites deemed inappropriate by our filtering system. Parents need to check that their filtering systems are working.

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 Ph: 5598 3381
Reminder: Student Immunisations are on Thursday 28th February. All cards must be returned to General office a.s.a.p.

Expression of Interest in studying Certificate II in Agriculture

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.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Drew Deppeler (VET/SBA Co-ordinator) or myself at the school Ph: 5598 3381

• Last Friday our Year 9/10 Small Business elective class and our VCAL students attended the Sungold Field Days. Students were encouraged to make links with the Agriculture Industry as well as the large host of local Business that are supporting our TAP Project. Pictured on this page are our students at the Agri+ site. Agri+ has kindly donated a sprayer to our TAP project as well as their expertise of the Agriculture industry. There were a total of 5 corrugated iron TAP Cows displayed at different Company sites to highlight our links with specific companies. Proud TAP supporter and local resident Chris Harkness from Upper Murray Seeds, is pictured with one; another was at the Fonterra site, pictured here with Fonterra supplier forum member Linda Roache and Field Officer Cath Jenkins.

And remember: ‘Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened’ Anon

SEAN FITZPATRICK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This week has seen our very excited Year 6s head off on their 3 day camp to Queenscliff - the opportunity to develop teamwork, leadership and other social skills that will support them, not only as senior members of our P-6 school, but skills they will use right throughout their lives.
Our Year 5s are currently adjusting to the new expectation of diary keeping to support organisation and communication skills. It is very important that parents work in partnership with the school by signing the diary to register it has been read. Diaries operate in our school from Year 5 through to Year 12.
This year will see the following School Policies reviewed as part of our regular cycle: English; Health & PE; Humanities; Supporting Students with Disabilities; Impairments and special needs; Drug Education; PAWS; Bullying; Gender equity; Nutrition; Rights & responsibilities; Code of Conduct; Social
Services; Sunsmart; Yr 12 Formal; Offensive materials; Head-lice; Privacy Procedures for dealing with disruptive Primary Students; Assigning teachers to classes procedures; Protocol for the granting of leave; and School Representation. If you would like to offer your thoughts on any of these policies during the review year simply go to the website, download the policy and drop in any feed back to the staff in the office to pass on to me. [http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/page/61/Policies-of-Timboon-P-12-School](http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/page/61/Policies-of-Timboon-P-12-School). Having your say will not necessarily mean all your ideas are included but they can be considered by School Council when they make the final decision.

In keeping with my theme of getting to know who’s who at school this week I am introducing to you the Captains and Vice Captains of Narragoort House (Red for those who go by colour). Laura Drayton and Ben Berry are our Captains and Melinda Moncrieff and Charlie Trotter are Vice Captains.

**ANDREA TAYLOR**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Year 11 and 12**

**Year 12 parent’s information handbook**

As indicated in last week’s newsletter, we are using our webpage as a source of relevant information for parents and students. Parents will also shortly receive a copy of the handbook in the mail.

**Career Action Pathway Discussions.**

These will be commencing next week for year 11 students and then year 12 students. Students will be given a questionnaire to complete and bring to the interview as a basis for discussion and pathway planning; the sign up timetable will be available Friday.

**EQUESTRIAN NEWS**

**HEYWOOD INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN GAMES COMPETITION**

Friday 8th March 2013

Entries $20 per rider: See Cheryl at the Caf by Tuesday 26th February.

Events: Apple and Bucket, Egg and Spoon, Bending, Can, Bouncing Pony, Tent Pegging, Barrel Race and Stepping Stones.

**EMU CREEK INTERSCHOOL DRESSAGE CHALLENGE**

Thursday 28th March 2013 at Emu Creek Pony Club Grounds

This is a very popular event so please enter early.

For more information please contact Cheryl at the Caf – PHONE 5598 3381.

ALL ENTRIES and $25 to Cheryl at the Caf by WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH. Cheques payable to “Emu Creek Pony Club"

**SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE**

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held at on Friday, 22th February (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: ____________________________

**TSPA MINI MINUTES**

Notes from last meeting:

**P 3-6 SWIM SPORTS BBQ** We would love to hear from you if you can assist in any way, for any amount of time on the day from 10am to 2pm.

**P 3-6 ATHLETICS BBQ:** We are also looking for more helpers for this event. Please contact a TSPA committee member if you are interested. Also from 10 am to 2pm, but only do what times you are able to help.

**DEB BALL:** All seems to be on track for a successful event. Please book a ticket to go as it is a community event and a major fundraiser for the school. We wish all the debutants a wonderful evening. There will be a raffle on the night and tickets will be $2 each or 3 for $5.

**RECIPE BOOK:** We are seeking recipes as soon as you can submit them. Please use the email below or drop them into the school office for collection. If you would like to add your name and maybe and short story about the recipe then please do. If you do not want your name published then that will be fine too. We are also seeking businesses willing to advertise in the book, and I am keeping a list of those already committed and would love to add to it. We will also pre-sell the books to assist with ordering the correct numbers. The category list has been distributed to the class teachers, so your child should know which recipe to submit, however, they can do others as well. The competition for naming the book and the best photo to be used on the cover is now open to all students at the Timboon School. Competition closes end of term two. Order forms are available.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 25/3/2013** All positions are normally declared vacant and there will be election of new office bearers. If you think you would like to assist with any of the positions, and then please come to the meeting. All Welcome to attend.

Next Meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS ON THE 25/3/2013 AT THE SCHOOL ADMIN BUILDING AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN ORDINARY MEETING DIRECTLY AFTER. Anne Rosolin (secretary) mob 0409029464 or rosolin@activ8.net.au
Year 6-0 thoroughly enjoyed their recent two week swimming program. It was amazing to witness the individual progress. Well done 60!

- 60 were the ice breakers!!! I didn’t like being the ice breakers because it was too cold but I got warmer after a while. We had to be down at the pool at 9.30am and we came back to school at 10.00am. Alice and Gen were our swimming teachers. They were the best teachers I have ever had since I started the swimming program. So, I would like to say a big thank-you to Alice and Gen. Ciara 60

- The swimming program was really fun! We did all sorts of things! Friday 15 February 60 and I did a survival swim. It was really fun! My class and I would like to thank Gen and Alice for helping and teaching us!! Shelby 60

- When we did the swimming program, I mostly learnt how to do sidestroke. We also did other strokes like backstroke, survival backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke and some people did butterfly. On the last day we did a survival swim. We had to swim 3 laps then tread water for 5 mins then swim 4 laps of anything and tread water again and then take off our track pants, jumpers and shoes. Leroy

- Every day except for Wednesday, we had swimming for 2 weeks. We were the ice breakers. The water was really nice but the first day the water was freezing. Our teachers were Gen and Alice. My teacher was Gen. She made us swim so many laps it wasn’t funny. I learnt how to do the side stroke. The swimming program was really fun. Laura D 60

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Year Seven

Year Seven has started really well for all of our students. Last week was a massive change for them all, as each student met new teachers, found new classrooms and had to tackle the challenge of retrieving books from their lockers in time for the next class. Monday and Tuesday this week saw the students participate in two fantastic days at Camp Cooriemungle where team work, leadership and confidence building were the focus.

It is particularly pleasing to see students integrating ipads into everyday school work and not seeing them as just something controlled by the teacher.

- If your child does not have an Ipad, Edmodo is accessible through the school web page. Your child just needs to sign up and enter the group key and then they will have access through a computer.

Through using this App with teacher support, the students are learning about the correct protocol for using this type of communication.

Already we are witnessing positive communication skills, increased motivation to complete homework tasks and supportive discussion which is increasing student connectedness.

If your child is in Year Seven and has an Ipad please support them in downloading the Edmodo App (it is free) or, provided your child knows their password; I can help them with the download. Please ask your child to share the experience with you so you can see what they are doing. There is a parent component to this App which I will invite you to join in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions or feedback that you would like to share, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Lisa Kensit (Year Seven Coordinator)

Terrys Techs Spot

Welcome to what will no doubt be a big year in technology at Timboon P12.

Last year we upgraded the wireless network and school servers to get ready for the introduction of BYO Devices to our school. We have purchased banks of iPads for the lower grades too. So far we have connected over 100 devices from years 3 to 12 with very few problems (the year 7s are leading with a 77% connection rate). Students are finding they don’t need to queue up for a classroom computer to do some research, look up a dictionary or use a calculator as these are only a fingertip away, allowing them to get the information they need and carry on with their work.

It is particularly pleasing to see students integrating ipads into everyday school work and not seeing them as just something new to learn. Like a pencil or a pen, it becomes a useful tool at everyday school work and not seeing them as just something they have them. It’s like a seatbelt in a car, no use at all unless it’s fitted correctly.

Social media is also something students should not be using at school. The likes of Facebook, Twitter or Kik are not permitted at school at any time, and we encourage parents to monitor use of these media at home as they are the cause of many social problems including cyber bullying.

Cyber bullying is taken seriously at school and a zero tolerance is taken to offenders. Victims however should never fear asking for help or a second opinion. Often something may seem strange and students are encouraged to talk to an adult for reassurance or protection – we can be more understanding than you may think.
Our staff is also in learning mode this year looking at ways to use the new technology. There has been lots of sharing ideas with colleagues and students to get the best results. This week staff will be learning to install, setup and share a drop box. Thank you. Please remember I am available for students and parents to ask advice on any technical matter.

Go to: www.thinkuknow.org.au/kids
This button is like calling 000 or 112 emergency numbers on your phone. It is taken seriously and it is a criminal offence to abuse this button.

**FOR SALE**

FOOTBALL BOOTS: Puma UK size 8.5 - $50.00
Asics size 8 - $50.00, Asics size 6 - $40.00
BASKETBALL BOOTS: AND1 - US7/UK6 - $50.00
Worn for one season only
PHONE: 0407 829 374

Silver Holden Astra CD Hatch '05 - $9000
112,000kms. New tyres, timing belt & water pump.
Contact Mellissa on 0429 986 450

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**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
Glenice at ssrt@iinet.net.au
Sheryl at sherylynch@bigpond.com or phone 0438 985 331

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Timboon P-12 School Parent Association
Presents

The 59th Annual

Timboon P-12 Debutante Ball

Friday 15th March 2013
Timboon Public Hall
Parking at rear of Hall

Doors Open 7.30pm
Debs Presented 8.00pm
This is an Alcohol Free Event

Tickets available from Monday
18th February
At Timboon P-12 Office
Jo Jo’s Timboon or Cobden Tech

Adult $20
Concession $15
No ticket sales at door
Raffle tickets available on the night

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**From the Student Welfare Officer**

Welcome to all students and families for 2013. For new families, I am the Student Welfare Officer for P-6. I am here to support students, families and staff. If there is a need or concern that you have – social, physical, educational or spiritual – I can be approached in total confidentiality to discuss the need or concern. We all endeavour to create an environment of cooperation and mutual respect, so if you feel extra support is needed, please don’t hesitate to contact me. I am at school each day and am very willing to assist.

It is very pleasing to see how well the children have settled so we all look forward to a successful and positive year.

Annette Vogels,
Student Welfare
Phone: 55983381.

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**THE ROBINS SCHOOL OF DANCE**

The Robins School of Dance commences at 5pm for the 10-12yr olds this year. Natasha Neal, Timboon Youth Worker has offered her assistance through the YAC (Youth Access Centre), either offering planned activities at the Centre or escorting to and from the pool etc.

If you are interested for your daughter to be a part of YAC on Wednesday’s “Before dance program”, please contact Sally Grant on 0409 526077 or Natasha Neal, 0437173623, to register your child.

This program will start Wednesday 27th Feb at 3.30 to 5pm. All children are to meet Tash at the old Library gate.

Yours sincerely,
Sally Grant
Principal
The Robins School of Dance

Natasha Neal
Youth Worker
Timboon & District Healthcare service

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~ Secret Girls Business~

You and your daughter are invited to this fun, fast moving workshop, which will explore both the physical & emotional changes that occur around the time of puberty. All mothers & daughters aged 10 - 12 years are encouraged to take part in this 3-hour workshop.

Friday 1st March
At Timboon & District Healthcare
Education Room
6.00 – 9.00pm
Cost: $7.00 per couple
Sandwiches & fruit platter provided.

To reserve your place please phone 555 86 000
A & B Grade Competitions

Entry Details: Teams need to submitted to office at Centre on entry form 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

This is the first Career Newsletter for 2013...more will follow fortnightly. I will put this information on the Timboon P12 School website, in the Newsletter and hand copies to Year 12s at Form assembly. It is primarily aimed at students who are planning to leave school to pursue further education and/or training, but there will also be some general information. I will also try to include any job vacancies and employment information. Hopefully you find them helpful as you try to decide on a career, and in deciding where you will study once you finish school. Reading the newsletters will help you keep in touch with new courses, career seminars, Career Expos, Open Days and information about selected careers. Take a few minutes to read them each fortnight, and plan to attend events that will assist you in your career decision making.

HOW DO I CHOOSE A CAREER? You need to think about your interests, hobbies, abilities and values. What do you enjoy doing? How do you spend your spare time? What are you good at? What subjects do you enjoy at school? What is important to you? Thinking about and answering these questions will start giving you some clues. REMEMBER: You are likely to have several careers in your lifetime...so only think in terms of the next five years or so at this stage.

Think also about the type of study you would like to be involved in after completing school. For example, would you like to earn money while you qualify? Are you good with practical things? In that case, consider an apprenticeship or traineeship (eg to become a carpenter or hairdresser). Would you like to study a subject(s) in depth and at a high level for 3 or 4 years? In that case, consider a university degree (eg to become an accountant or a nurse). Would you like to study for a year or so? In that case consider a TAFE certificate or diploma (eg in childcare or hospitality). Remember, this is only a start. You can often move (articulate) from TAFE to university, gaining credits as you go. Conversely, some people with a university degree later study at TAFE (NOT: government won’t fund qualifications at the same or lower level than you already have. For example, if you have a university degree, the government will not assist with the cost of a TAFE diploma).

HOW DO I OBTAIN CAREERS INFORMATION? There are many useful sources:

- General careers websites (see below)
- University and TAFE websites
- University seminars (eg ‘At Monash’ seminar series - details later in the year)
- School career counsellor
- Pamphlets and booklets available at school and institutions
- This career newsletter and attending relevant events
- University and TAFE Open Days (generally in August – dates to be supplied soon)
- Career Expos – eg ‘The Age’ has one 3-5 May where education providers will be represented; local career exops eg Warrnambool later in the Year.
- Friends and relatives are often a useful source

SOME GREAT CAREERS WEBSITES TO EXPLORE – There are many useful sites, however the following are a good start:

- for help with developing your own career plan go to www.myfuture.gov.au
- to find out about job opportunities, pay, job outlook for a particular job/career go to http://jobssearch.gov.au
- find out about a particular job, what it involves, the kind of person you need to be to suit it, and how you can get qualified by going to www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au.
- ‘Career Architect’ on the La Trobe university website considers your personality style along with your strengths and talents to recommend that right jobs and courses for you at: www.latrobe.edu.au/all-ways/find-your-career (there are many other instruments available)
- for comparing degrees and universities see www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com, a website with info direct from university students about universities throughout Australia.

FOLIO PREPARATION AND CAREER DISCOVERY COURSES – RMIT runs short courses which can be useful in improving your skills, helping with career decisions and preparing you for future folio presentations. They cover areas like: architectural drawing, 3D product design, autoCAD, drawing, fashion, studio textiles, design jobs, visual/fine art, desktop publishing, graphic design, advertising, interior décor, visual merchandising. Contact: 9925 8111 or see www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au. Some courses are run on Saturdays, others in school holidays.

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS:

- Melbourne has its’ annual Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day at the Werribee campus on Sunday 17 March. If you would like to find out more about studying veterinary science, then
First preference applications for the University’s Arts and Science degrees were the most popular courses in Victoria in the 2012 course applications. The courses received 2829 and 2365 first preferences respectively. Commerce was fourth with 1421 first preferences. The clearly-in ATAR for Arts was 91.4, for Science, 91.95, and for Commerce, 95.00.

NOTE: Clearly-In figures do not take account of the fact that some students are offered places in courses with less than that for reasons such as disability, non-English speaking background, personal circumstances and so on, or because they performed particularly well in a relevant subject. It means that anyone who gained the clearly-in ATAR, or more, was definitely offered a place.

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS –

• MUSIC SCHOOL – Monash will soon have a new state-of-the-art building to house the Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music. In addition to teaching and practice spaces, it will include a concert hall, jazz club and a recording studio. The building will offer world-class facilities, and will be a fusion of elegant design and high technology infrastructure, reflecting the philosophy underlying the School of Music, which seeks to inspire its students with an experience of music’s power to transform lives. Other news is the addition of a subject: “Song writing: how to write a pop tune”, including weekly lectures focusing on popular composition and creative writing. For information and to see a virtual image of the new building: http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/music.

• DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH NUMBERS? Like numbers, and want to work in a fast-paced and well-paid business environment? Then what about Actuarial studies? The profession of actuary landed students actuarial studies in the Bachelor of Commerce, and economics, taught in the Monash School of Business. The Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Economics. See www.buseco.monash.edu.au/eb/undergrad/actuarial.

NOTE: The University of Melbourne also offers actuarial studies in its Bachelor of Commerce. If you plan to study actuarial studies you are advised to take specialist maths in Year 12.

• NURSING OFFERED AT CLAYTON IN 2013 – Monash has announced that Nursing will be taught at the Clayton campus this year in addition to the Peninsula campus. Prerequisites are: 3/4 English (any) and maths (Units 1 & 2 general or methods, or 3/4 maths (any)).

WANT TO STUDY MEDICINE OR PHYSIOTHERAPY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY IN 2013? If so, you will need to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT). Applications to complete the test open in April, and close at 5pm on 7 June. The test is on 31 July. (The UMAT is required for some interstate universities as well). NOTE: the other three medical degrees at Victorian universities are all post-graduate (Melbourne, Monash (Gippsland) and Deakin (Geelong)).

INTERESTED IN SOUND, LIGHTING AND VIDEO OPERATION FOR LIVE EVENTS? Then RMIT’s Cert IV/Diploma in Audiovisual Technology may suit you. Graduates are highly sought after for work in: AV operation for live events, broadcast TV and radio, education AV support, lighting operation, permanent AV design and installation and vision operation. Technically minded? Love jumping into active productions or school events? You will probably enjoy this course. Selection is based on interview. Completing VET Music Industry or Live production, theatre and events is good background. Info: simon.embury@rmit.edu.au, ph 9925 4345, www.rmit.edu.au/mediacommunication.

CONSIDERED COMPLETING A PRE-APPRENTICESHIP? Pre apprenticeships are offered in areas like plumbing, electrical, carpentry and automotive. Completed before attempting to gain an apprenticeship, they cover some modules normally covered in the apprenticeship. They usually take about four or five months and assist students gaining an apprenticeship. Many employers of apprentices expect applicants to have completed one. They can be done at TAFE, or are sometimes offered (at least in part) through VET courses in schools (eg VET Building and Construction). Pre-apprenticeship courses as well as Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) is provided by SWTAFE in Warrnambool on Thursdays as well as some courses such as Engineering and Music which are run at Timboon P12 School.

Drew Deppeler
55983381
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.

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.