**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

- Congratulation to Chris Hibburt, Matthew Bowker, Robyn Vale, Matthew Haugh and Sean Fitzpatrick who have been returned to School Council unopposed.
- School councils play a key role in Victorian government schools. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The school council provides invaluable support to me to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for students. Thank-you to our entire School Council representatives for their time and efforts.
- The HSSD swimming sports were held in Timboon this week. It gave some of our senior students a chance to be involved. Well done to all participants and to the VCAL students who provided the BBQ.
- 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.
- Last week the Year 6 students had a fantastic time at Camp Wyuna in Queenscliff. Thank-you to the staff and parents who supported this activity.
- This week I received a really good letter from a parent about the Americanisation of our spelling. E.g. colour/color, favourite/favorite, labour/labor. My favourite is criticise/criticize. Our language is ever evolving and changing, for example nobody in the 80s even knew about iPad. The spelling of the word color has been accepted as a variation since 1972. However, I like the spelling to be ‘colour’ as this is what I grew up with. If unsure about spelling conventions use a full version of an Australian dictionary like Oxford or Macquarie or an online Australian dictionary to check on spelling variations. TXT me or LOL if u like.

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 (0407345324)

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Digital Diary to keep track of your children!
(See attached sheet)

**KidsMatter**

Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative

**Kids online: The statistics**

What are the main issues arising from high internet usage?

So they’re online, they’re connected – and they’re also confronting the challenges that being online can bring. For most kids, the experience of being online is a good one. However, around one fifth of eight to 13 year olds reported seeing or experiencing something on the internet in the last year that bothered them. Also, we saw a slight rise in the number of children aged eight to nine years reporting that they had been cyberbullied (up from one per cent in 2009 to four per cent in 2012). Around 10 per cent of 10 to 11 year olds and 17 per cent of 12 to 13 year olds also reported that they had been cyberbullied.

Being active on social networking services also means raising the risk that personal information will be made public. While the majority didn’t post personal information, quite a large proportion of eight to 11 year olds did post details such as their full name, phone number, a photo of themselves, name of their school, full date of birth and home address.

**Calendar:**

- **February**
  - 28th: P-6 Swimming Program ends
  - 28th: Senior Cricket

- **March**
  - 5th: Parent/teacher interviews P-6
  - 5th: No pinball classes
  - 6th: 3-6 Division Swim Hamilton
  - 7th: 3-6 Swimming Sports
  - 10th: Public Holiday Labour Day
  - 12th: Great West Cricket
  - 13th: School Council

**Congratulations** to our Inter-school Swimming team who took out a large number of individual champions titles and came 2nd overall.
What do parents need to be aware of?

The clear message from our research, and also from speaking with parents right across Australia, is that parents are active in keeping their kids safe online, and are always keen to learn more to help them in this important role. Parents of primary-age children also tend to have a good grasp of what their children are doing online – the kinds of activities they’re involved with and the way they’re behaving.

Parents are still the main source of advice and support when children are experiencing problems online. However, we found that fewer younger children than teenagers had proactively discussed cybersafety issues with their parents. This is significant, given the fact that some quite young children are active social media users, and that the research indicates that a proportion of these age groups are experiencing issues like cyberbullying or seeing or experiencing something online that bothered them.

Our advice to parents is:

- talk to your child about staying safe as soon as they start becoming active in the online world, and keep the discussion open as they grow up to make the dialogue part of everyday parenting life
- monitor children’s time online, particularly younger children
- set house rules – what’s okay to do and what’s not, how much time is ‘online’ time and what kind of personal information is okay to make public
- consider using filters or other technological tools to help limit exposure to potentially harmful or distressing material
- find out what children have up to, create your own accounts and play with the services they are using so that you become familiar with the privacy settings and reporting mechanisms
- model the kind of positive online behaviour you would like them to use.

Buses: Bus captains and roll monitors are in the process of being appointed for each bus. Those travelling on school buses must comply with the Conditions of Bus travel. Bus passengers must:

- Be on time to their bus-stop each morning and at the bus loading area each afternoon
- Board, alight and travel on buses in a quiet, orderly manner
- Sit in an allocated seat, and after getting off the bus, remain on the side of the road until the bus has resumed its journey.
- Wear seatbelts (buses fitted with seat belts)


Sun Smart: Over-exposure to the sun during childhood and adolescence is known to be a major cause of skin cancer. UV levels are higher during the summer than during winter months. UV levels do vary from day to day, and a high UV day in April or October may be more damaging than a day of heavy cloud in January. Students are encouraged to wear broad brimmed hats or seek shaded areas during recess, lunchtime and outdoor activities during terms 1 and 4. Students are not allowed to play on the ovals unless they have a broad brimmed hat.

And remember: “Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it.” Anon.

SEAN FITZPATRICK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Attention Parents Year 5-12!

Daisy offers parents a convenient and powerful way to keep in touch with their child’s school environment and ongoing progress. It provides them with constant access to the most current information about your school, including important dates, upcoming events and key messages.
The ability to view and monitor their children’s schedule or progress at any time. Parents have convenient access to their child’s personalised diary from a web browser, iPad or smartphone application.

- A secure, private messaging system allowing parents to communicate directly and instantly with their child’s teachers in a dedicated, controlled environment.

- A fast, effective group-messaging system which allows parents to receive universal or targeted updates on school events. Notifications can be sent to parents in real-time, across a number of communication platforms, to ensure they are always informed of anything which impacts their child.

- The option to receive automatic homework reports on their child, delivered periodically by email, helping them to keep track of their child’s performance and how well they are coping with their workload.

If you would like to have access to the Daisy e-planner Diary please provide your email details in the section below and return it to the School General Office:

Parent Name/Email

Address:__________________________________________________________

This week has seen our Year 5 and 6 students begin their work with our P-6 Science Specialist. The opportunities presented through this program include (but by no means are restricted to): developing an understanding of scientific process and structure, dovetailing into our TAP program and ensuring a greater uptake of science into secondary school and beyond. We are very fortunate to have been successful in our application to be part of the elite project.

Our Prep to 6 “Getting to Know You” Parent Teacher Interviews will take place next WePnesday, 5th of March. There is no school for students in grades prep through to Year 6 on this day. Your interview time has been sent home today. Please ask your child for the letter. If it turns out you are unable to attend on the day could you please phone through to school so that a suitable time can be arranged.

This week our school hosted students from Melbourne schools as part of their program: City Kids/ Country Kids. Our House Captains, Year 5 and 6 students all acted as ambassadors, conducting school tours and helping students learn more about our wonderful school. It was also an opportunity for them to learn about how City schools differ to ours.

Our P-6 Assembly tomorrow will be hosted by grade 6A.

ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The year six students were so excited to be working with chickens this year!
The room was buzzing when they found out that they were going to be putting 24 chicken eggs in their incubator. They put six breeds of chickens in the incubator. Rhode Island Red, White Leghorn, Barnevelders, Silver laced Wyandottes, White Leghorn, Barnevelders, Silver laced Wyandottes and French Wheaten Marans. By Rose Deppeler

On the 12th of February 2014 the grade six put in some chicken eggs in the incubator, the breeds of them are Rhode Island Red, White Leghorn, Barnevelders, Silver laced Wyandottes and French Wheaten Marans. We put 24 eggs in the incubator, 4 which are eggs we got from the chickens that the grade six hatched last year. We are hoping to get 24/24 eggs. We get about 3 eggs a day. By Michael Simpson.

Hi I am Rhys Ziegelaar and I am here to talk to you about the chickens. We put the chickens in the incubator on the 12th February. They should hatch on the 5th March. We put 24 eggs in, 4 of which our own chickens laid. We have put in Rhode Island Red, White Leghorn, Barnevelders, Silver laced Wyandottes, and French Wheaten Marans. I really hope we get at least 24 chickens but I think we will only get 20.

This is year six students started incubating twenty four eggs on the twelfth of February and are due to finish on the fifth of March. I really hope that all the Rhode Island Red Chickens survive. I also love chickens because of how wonderful the different breeds are! By Jasmine Whyte.

This year the grade six’s are breeding chickens again. On the 12th of February we put 24 eggs in (all different breeds) and they are due to hatch on the 5th of March. The breeds are a White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red, Barnevelders, French Wheaten Marans and a Silver Laced Wyandotte. We also put in 4 of our own eggs from last year’s chooks. We are all very excited to observe the life of a chook. By Taya Thomson 😊

Last year we had Ducks this year we have chickens. It’s very exciting to learn about a new type of species. There are lots of breeds to choose from. I get a Silly or a Bantam. We have 24 eggs in the incubator. The breeds that are in the incubator is Rhode Island Red, White Leghorn, Barnevelders, Silver laced Wyandottes, French wheaten Marans. We put the eggs of the 12th of February and hatch on March the 5th. By Stephanie 6A

For the year sixes the year started with a surprise! We have started incubating our first 24 chicken eggs which were put in the incubator on 12th of February and will possibly hatch around the 5th of March. The breeds included Rhode Island Red, White Leghorn, Barnevelders, Silver Laced Wyandottes, French Wheaten Marans and four mystery eggs from the chickens we have at school. We all hope most of the eggs hatch. We can’t wait to care for the chickens that hatch. By Liana Delaney

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GRADE SIX

Year 11 students have been having PATHWAY discussions this week. Next week we will start meeting with Year 12 students.
Year 6 Polo Tops
We have a few year six polo tops available for sale. If your child would like a top or you would like a second polo for them, please contact the office at school.

Julia McMeel and Liam Venn

AUTHOR VISIT
On Wednesday, 41 students from Years 8,9,10 and 11 travelled to Brauer College in Warrnambool to participate in a workshop conducted by well-known author James Phelan. At the workshop James was promoting his latest young adult series “The Last Thirteen”. He has also written adult books such as; “Blood Oil,” “Liquid Gold” and “Red Ice”. In late 2013 a new series titled “The Last Thirteen” was launched. Each month of 2014 a new title in the series will be released.

James gave our students lots of tips about writing during an informative and humorous presentation.

On Wednesday we went to Brauer college to see and listen a author called James Phelan, about his new sires for teens is called THE LAST THIRTEEN.

It is about thirteen teens who had a bad dream and that bad dream came true. If the other twelve other teens are not found all will die and the world may end.

So if you like action and a bit of horror then these books will be for you, the library has now got four of his books Signed, so if you want to read them you can read them in style.

I had a lot of fun and I can’t wait until the whole series comes out, and on his website you can enter comps so have fun reading and entering the comps.

Written by Skye Mckenzie

Primary Science

Science Launches have begun
Last week the Year 3 and 4 students learnt about elasticity. They conducted experiments on ‘SNAKES’ to test what might affect the snake’s elasticity. Students posed questions, decided what variable to change and used accurate measuring to record their results. Some wonderful science thinking was shown when students were asked to explain their results to the whole class.

Websites of the week:
ABC Science quizzes (lots of quizzes on different topics for older students) - http://www.abc.net.au/science/games/quizzes/
Making a rain gauge (hopefully the rain will start soon) - http://splash.abc.net.au/media/-/m/30213/making-a-rain-gauge
If you make a rain gauge bring in the data you collect and photos of your gauge to show us in the Science Room.

Did you know? Energy facts
 The word energy comes from the Greek word energia.
 Stretched rubber bands and compressed springs are examples of elastic potential energy.
 The law of conservation of energy states that energy can only be transformed, it can’t be created or destroyed.
 In 1957, what may be an ancient battery was discovered in Baghdad. It dates back to 250BCE, much older than the Energizer Bunny, but not as powerful!

Anne Frazer and Nigel Mottram
Primary Science Specialists
Timboon P-12

WANTED
The P-6 Art room is running low on those things that may be cluttering up your bins.

We would love any: Polystyrene or plastic trays (meat trays) of any size, Margarine, yoghurt, dip containers etc and their lids Plastic forks or spoons, Egg cartons, Buttons, blocks, corks etc (for printing)Old wrapping paper, And anything else you think might have another life the Artroom
We don’t need any fabric scraps or newspaper at the moment

Thanks – Lee McLeod and Sarah Mackieson

WANTED
At last our school chooks have started to lay eggs!
Production will be slow at first – we only have 6 hens – but we are hoping to be able to sell our eggs to help fund the cost of running the program.

We need egg cartons.
If you have any you can spare please send them to school to the Year 6 rooms. Thank you
TSPA PARENTS SAY
Love to hear from you!
Name: ______________________________________
Phone: ______________________________________

TSPA MINI MINUTES
The cook book. There will be copies available from shops until sold out and also from the school. We will be considering always having copies available.

TIMBOON COMMUNITY BBQ FUNDRAISER: Thank you to all the committee members who helped out on Saturday. We had a successful day with the BBQ and the raffle, which was drawn at the end of the day. The yoyos were won by Sean Fitzpatrick, and the chocolates by Laurie, our butcher. Thank you, Laurie, for all your generosity with these BBQs.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: This will be held on March 3rd at 7.30pm at the school admin building and all positions will be declared vacant, so we hope there are some others who are willing to try their hand at fundraising for the school. The present committee are willing to stay on and help out as per usual, and assist in the handover of duties. This meeting usually only runs for ½ hour and then we have our ordinary meeting directly afterwards.

P-6 SWIMMING BBQ is on the 7th March and set up will be from 10 am at the Timboon Pool. Helpers will be required and if you can assist then please let me know. There will be sausages, hamburgers, and vegie burgers. Cold drinks and treats are available from the pool café. I will not be available to help at this BBQ.

P-6 ATHLETIC SPORTS BBQ is on the 17th March and set up will be from 10 am. There will be the same menu as above plus tea/coffee, sweet treats and cold drinks. Helpers are also welcome at this BBQ.

P-2 PARENTS MORNING TEA: It was great to meet the parents who attended this event and we all enjoyed the morning tea on offer. We hope to hold more of these occasions in the future.

Next Meeting: MONDAY, 3rd March, AT 7.30PM AT THE SCHOOL ADMIN BUILDING. ALL WELCOME.
Anne Rosolin (secretary) mob 0409029464 or rosolin@activ8.net.au

FOR SALE

Corner TV unit $40
Computer table $40
PHONE 0419 189 127

Two turtles with light, heater and tank $450 ono
PHONE 5598 3864 or 0407 044 889

Garage Sale: Saturday 1st March between 8am – 4pm
Household items, Bric a Brac, kids toys, clothes and more
3 Hamilton Street, Timboon

Flat to Rent in Timboon
1 x bedroom, fully furnished, excellent condition, overnight, short or long term
PHONE: 5598 3864 or 0407 044 889

CANTEEN ROSTER

2014 – Term 1

WEEK 6 (3rd – 7th March)
Mon 3rd Sheryn Vogels
Tues 4th Bobby French Wendy Gillies
Wed 5th Katie Millard
Thurs 6th Wendy Maskell Joy Morden
Fri 7th Sue Trotter Toni-anne McLennan
(12:00 – 2:00pm - Bryan Ward)

WEEK 7 (10th – 14th March)
Mon 10th LABOUR DAY
Tues 11th Sarah Keating Kath Matthews
Wed 12th Anne Rosolin
Thurs 13th Crystal Johnson
Fri 14th Samantha Hamilton Steph Delaney
(12:00 – 2:00pm – Nancy Johnson)

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
The second-hand uniform sale will be held on Friday 21st March (1:00- 1:50pm in the SEU building.)
For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.
3-6 Swimming Carnival
Our Year 3-6 students held their house meetings yesterday in preparation for our upcoming 3-6 Swimming Sports. Our Sports will be held at the pool on Friday 7th March. Events will be starting at 10:00am and a program of events will be sent home next week. In the past, we have benefitted from some fantastic parental support in the form of volunteers, to assist with the running of the day. As I am sure that you will appreciate, there are a large number of activities running on the day and your assistance will ensure that the day runs smoothly. If you are able to assist at the sports, please complete the form below and return it to me by Monday the 3rd March.

Regards,
Matt Haugh
Sports Coordinator

3-6 Swimming Carnival volunteer form for Friday 7th of March
Attention: Mr Matt Haugh

Your name________________________________
Phone number___________________________

We are asking for help filling a variety of roles at the sports. Some of these include helping with starting, recording, changing lane ropes, judging, marshalling for events and relays, as well as a few others. If you have a preference for a particular role on the day, please write this below.

Timboon Railtrailors and Lions
RELAY FOR LIFE
Devonshire Tea Day
Sunday March 23rd March 11am onwards

Come on out to the Mousetrap Café, in the beautiful gardens at L’Artisan Cheese Timboon, 5 minutes from town… Ford and Fells Rd, Timboon
Music by Luke Bouchier
$8.00
Devonshire tea, Light meals, wine and Cheese also available.

Cobden and District Night Netball Association Inc.
Season One 2014 will commence on March 17th.
At the Cobden Tech School Stadium.
All past and new players are invited to forward their name or team to the committee by March 10th for inclusion in the draw.

Most senior teams
Cobden and District Night Netball Association Inc include a mix of Adult and teenage players. A Grade teams must nominate two umpires.

B Grade Juniors and A Grade seniors on Monday Night
A-Reserve seniors on Wednesday Night
VNA Registration must be paid before taking the court – Senior (18 and over) $65; Junior (Up to 18 years) $45

Please phone with names and /or enquiries: Neicy 55951557, Kylie 55951935, Alison 55952282

FREE INFORMATION/TRAINING SESSION
Kyokushinkai Karate Adult Classes
7th March
6.00pm
School Hall, all welcome
Call Jenny 0401 916 720 for further information

LIBRARY NEWS

TIMBOON DEMONS JUNIOR NETBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
FOR AGES 9 AND OVER
REGISTRATION FEE $50
DATE: Thursday 13th March
PLACE: TIMBOON DEMONS NETBALL COURTS
TIME: 4PM
CONTACT: CHRISTY BERRY
MOB: 0400 610122

TIMBOON DEMONS FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION NIGHT
COMPULSARY FOR PLAYERS AND PARENTS TO ATTEND.
FOR UNDER 13’S, UNDER 15’S AND UNDER 17’S
PLACE: CLUB ROOMS
DATE: THURSDAY 13th MARCH.
TIME: 6PM.
CONTACT: AMY ROSOLIN
MOB: 0437 125543

Leanne’s Family Day Care
Corangamite Shire
Quality childcare in a fun, learning, nurturing family environment
Contact Leanne Bartlett 0413 021 298 or Family Daycare coordination unit 5593 7100
Recreation Give It A Go
Improv Drama Session

Tuesday 4th March 2014
With Gnat Atherden from COPACC
7.30-8.30pm
Simpson Public Hall
Free session courtesy of

Corangamite
Great for all ages
Contact Debbie on 55943448 for further details or bookings
11 Jayarra Street, Simpson, 3266
Fax 0355943547
Email simpsondcc.com.au
Website www.simpsondcc.com.au
ABN 94337650696 Reg A 6333

Recreation
Give it a Go! 2014

21 February – 16 March 2014

Give Hockey a Go!
11:00 am Saturday 22nd February 2014
Timboon Hockey Oval, Curdie Road, Timboon

Come along and enjoy a free coaching session
to learn the basics of hockey!

For more information contact Kylie on 0429 080269.
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Corangamite Shire is offering Influenza immunisation to all Workplaces as part of their Immunisation program in 2014.

Each workplace in the Corangamite Shire is able to receive the Influenza vaccine for their staff members at a cost of $15.00 per person (50% concession). Payments are generally invoiced from the Shire offices after the date of service, and it is the decision of the workplace as to how the payments will be handled (ie: company or individual responsibility).

Influenza vaccine and Pneumococcal vaccine are free to people over 65 yrs of age.
Corangamite Shire is holding various Influenza Immunisation Sessions, as follows:

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Bookings for these sessions are essential to ensure vaccine availability and immunisation cannot be guaranteed without a booking. For workplaces to book the Shire will need details of all people attending the sessions. This can be faxed to us on (03) 55937116; or you can phone on 03 55937100 at least 48 hrs prior to the session.

A number of other vaccines are also available at these sessions, if required; please ask about these when booking. Please find enclosed a list of vaccines and prices for your assistance.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Thelma Timmermans on 55937100.
COME GIVE IT A GO
Try for FREE on
FRIDAY 28th FEB
FRIDAY @ 4pm
Fun-nastics is a FUN based exploratory gymnastic skills program for both boys and girls. Fun-nastics builds confidence and improves strength, flexibility and self-discipline.
FRIDAY @5pm
Wednesday “Nastics” is aimed at school aged girls, running similar to Fun-nastics but with CHEERLEADING and RHYTHMIC gymnastics included.

OPEN FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS
Call Kate on 0437395690 for further information

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Call Kate on 0437395690 or leave your name at the Timboon Sporting Centre 55983445

Private Bookings for groups please email lee.edge@ymca

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on Friday 21st February (1:00-1:50pm in the SEU building).
For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.
**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.