PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Welcome back to staff and students and a particular welcome to new families and staff. Our new staff are: Jacquie McGuire (Yr1), Jarrad Cook (Yr2). Returning staff are Melissa Berry (Yr 4), Sarah Mackieson (Art) Dean Whitehead (P.E).
- Congratulations to our 2013 VCE students who are now beginning the process of starting tertiary education or entering the work force. We have students beginning apprenticeships and courses in a diverse range of areas. Some of our students are heading interstate to begin their studies and some are taking a gap year. Well done to all our past students and all the best in your new vocation.
- Thank-you to our working bee participants who have made our school look ‘spiffy’ for the start of 2014. Their hard work was much appreciated: Matthew, Sophie, Christopher, and Lachlan Bowker; Brett, Mitchell and Sullivan Wallace; Trudy, Akisha, Logan and Caius Cuthell; Jodi, Madi and Millia Clarke; Robyn Vale, Andrea Taylor and Tracey Heeps.
- Our new Senior School Captains are: Angus Dalziel, Brittany Lindsay, Joanna Couch Chester Gardner and Tain Selten. Our P-6 School Captains are: Lily Stevens, Liana Delaney, Luke Francis, Lachie Berry, Lily Delaney, Shannon Johns, Bradley Gillingham, Michael Brittain, Isabelle Everett, Heidi Stansfield, Sam Lenehan, Robert Hibburt. Congratulations to all elected School Captains.
- We look forward to the swimming sports and our School Captains leading the way.
- To find out more information on the software requirements for Bring Your Own Devices, visit the school web page. The take up of this initiative in 2013 was surprisingly high with many new devices going onto the network over the last week. Each year we charge a $20 connection fee which is excellent value for money as it provides continuous, ongoing technical support to ensure devices can access our school network.
- Parents are advised that if students bring valuables to school, they do so at their own risk, as the Department of Education has no insurance for the loss or damage of student owned goods. Nor does the Department of Education have accident insurance in the event that a student is injured at school or while on camps or excursions.

TIMBOON SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND A AND B BUILDING ARE PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE ZONES

Bushfire Procedures for Timboon P-12 School

- In the event of a Bushfire threatening the school the students are to be evacuated to the Timboon Hall.
- On days of Total Fire Ban a clearance is to be obtained from the police or the CFA by the Bus coordinator before buses are permitted to leave.
- In the event of fire threatening one or more bus routes, the affected buses are to remain at school and parents of students on those buses to be contacted. Students will remain at school until collected by a parent or guardian.
- Town students will remain at school, if the town is threatened, until collected by a parent or guardian.
- In the event of Bushfire threat the advice of the Police and CFA will be acted upon.
- The Fire Ready app is monitored all day.
- The school has been placed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register. This means that the school will be pre-emptively closed in the event that the Bureau of Meteorology issues a Code Red Fire Danger Rating warning for the weather in this area. DEECD will provide up to 3 days notice of a planned closure (including warnings about cancelling, changing, rescheduling or recalling out of school hours off-site activities such camps and excursions) as well as information about changes to bus routes. The final decision to close the school will be confirmed no later than 12 noon the day before the planned closure. Once the decision to close has been made the decision will not change regardless of changes in weather forecast.

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)

ROSALIE MOORFIELD

PRINCIPAL

Calendar:

February
10th -14th Yr 7 Camp Cooriemungle
10th -12th Yr 12 Camp Ballarat
19th-21st Yr 6 Camp Wyuna
13th School Council
26th HSSSD Swim Sports
28th P-6 Swim. Program ends

Buses 2014: Student wishing to access the school bus service for after school activities such as scouts or football need to contact the office to confirm availability.
Immunisations - The 1st round of immunisations will be on Tuesday on Tuesday 18th of February.

Year 7 & 8 Year level Co-ordinators (Ms Lisa Kensit & Mr Denis Horne/Mrs Gerri McVilly)

Year 9 & 10 Year level Co-ordinators (Ms Kayleen Deppeler & Mr Marc Graesser)

Year 11 & 12 Year level Co-ordinators, VCE/VCAL/VET Team (Mr Drew Deppeler (VCE/VET), Mrs Melissa Carter (VCE), Ms Julie Nicholson (VCE) & Mr Jamie Mackieson (VCAL))

The above staff are responsible for the general care, welfare and organisation of students across the school. If your require assistance regarding your child please contact the appropriate co-ordinator ph: 5598 3381.

I would also like to welcome returning staff member Dean Whitehead.

Helping your child to settle in

Many children experience some anxiety during the transition to school but in most cases it dissipates in the first few weeks of term. Here, clinical psychologist Dr Celeste Merrigan looks at how parents and carers can help their child adjust to the school day routine and shows you who to talk to for extra support. Making a positive start to school is important for children. There is good evidence that a child’s readiness for school and a positive transition has a very positive flow-on effect to positive adjustment in the school setting and positives in their academic and social development. It’s equally important to note that many children may feel some anxiety or challenge initially – this is normal and in most instances these challenges will dissipate in the first few weeks. Educators are very skilled at supporting young children and their parents at this time. So if a parent has any concerns, I recommend talking about it with your child’s teacher – they will reassure, guide or direct you to an appropriate source of help. Parents and carers play an important role in supporting children starting school. Children constantly look to their parents as their guide in regard to any new experience. So it is important that parents exhibit a calm, positive and matter-of-fact response when a child is starting school. Children are sensitive to their parents’ anxieties, so even though it is normal for a parent to be a little anxious, try to keep this in check, otherwise it can create unnecessary anxiety for a child. Many parents worry that their child will not be able to cope in a larger playground or eat lunch without prompting. Others are concerned the jump to school and long days will be tiring and that they are handing their children into the care of others. Remember that going to school is an important life experience filled with opportunities for growth, skill development and fun. Like any new experience there are challenges for both the child and the parents. Schools support children to cope with the playground, ensuring they are safe and they enjoy their snack and lunch. Many schools have modified timetables and practices to assist children to gain confidence and independence in the social aspects of school.

Parents and carers often have competing emotions at this time – joy that their child has reached the milestone of school entry, but maybe also a little sadness or anxiety as they have less time with their child. These feelings pass quickly for most people as they see their child adjusting and they experience time together after school, on weekends and during holidays. It can be helpful
to share these feelings with others and you may then realise they are very normal. If negative feelings persist, speak with a trusted friend and perhaps your GP and they can help you decide if it would be helpful to speak with a mental health professional.

Here are my top tips for parents and carers to help children enjoy the first week of school:

- Embrace the change as it’s an exciting and very positive step for your child and the whole family.
- Be matter-of-fact, calm and reassuring. Try not to talk about school too much as it can create anticipatory anxiety. If the subject comes up incidentally, be positive about it.
- Relax – there is nothing that can’t be managed.
- It’s okay if a problem occurs. In fact, it’s an opportunity to practise problem solving techniques.

Uniform reminders (school dress code policy) -

**Footwear**
- Black enclosed leather school shoe (includes Kustom, Rossi, Mulga or traditional dress shoe)
- Covered (heel and toe) black leather sandal or T Bar style (not permitted in wood and metal classes)

**Pants/Shorts**
- Boys: Long grey cords 720 brand or Plain grey cotton drill pants (Stubbies or similar)
  School Shorts — Plain grey cord 720 brand or Grey Cotton drill (Stubbies brand or similar)
- Girls: Navy blue flared tailored pants (Face Off brand or similar) or School Shorts — blue skorts P-12 (Stubbies Brand or similar)

Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform. Please provide a note to your child's form teacher if their school uniform is incorrect.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2014 WCB ADRIAN MEADE DAIRY INNOVATION PROGRAM

Warrnambool Cheese and Butter (WCB) is very pleased to invite Year 10 and 11 students aged 15 and over to apply to participate in our 2014 WCB Adrian Meade Dairy Innovation Program. This will be an exceptional structured workplace learning opportunity for students who have an interest in agriculture, particularly dairying, to gain an appreciation of the workings of the dairy industry and the wide spectrum of careers it offers. The program was created in memory of the late Adrian Meade, a former supplier director and chairman of WCB who was passionate about encouraging students from the region into tertiary education.

**Day 1**
**Week of April 1 – date to be confirmed**
Allansford
- Site induction, OH&S, overview of program
- Guided tour of WCB
- Lunch included
- Activities – products, marketing, quality, farm services, transport and logistics

**Days 2–5**
**Bus tour**
**Monday April 7 to Thursday April 10 (first week of school holidays)**
- Visiting SW Victoria, Melbourne, Northern Victoria or Gippsland

Big thank you to the following community volunteers: Simon & Robbie Gleeson, Mat Pope & Robbie Townsend for their hay carting work on the TAP precinct over the school holidays. Pasture Hay for sale $6.00 each bale, contact the school.
During 2014 correct uniform is again a School Council Priority. The black leather school shoes, in particular have unified the look of our students. I have been asked about other shoe types and would like to share that under no circumstances are canvas, cloth or swede shoes part of our uniform. Solid black leather shoes are now the only option. If you are unsure please re-visit the web site (http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/) and you will find the list of approved uniform options.

We look forward to a year of learning together and hope that all our families take every opportunity to be actively involved in our Education Community.

ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Day 6
Date to be advised late April/early May, Allansford
Final workshop and program evaluation

- Preparation of presentation
- Student presentation on program to WCB management

For further information
Please don’t hesitate to contact our program coordinator Louise Thomas if you would like further information on 0418 443 433 or louiset@wcbf.com.au. LOUISE WILL BE AT THE TIMBOON P-12 THIS FRIDAY AT 1:00PM (LUNCHTIME) IN THE I- BUILDING TO PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION TO INTERESTED STUDENTS.

And remember: “Motivation is a fire from within. If someone else tries to light that fire under you, chances are it will burn very briefly.” - Stephen R. Covey

SEAN FITZPATRICK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A warm welcome is extended to both our returning and first time families for the 2014 school year. 2014 promises to be an exciting year of learning for our school community.

We have begun our school year with an across the board focus on the ‘Values’ and ‘Behaviours’ that we will be putting into practice throughout the year to help us work and play together in a co-operative, respectful way. Just as we have in previous years, we will be using our school policy “Student Code of Behaviour” to ensure all students feel safe and supported while at school.

Our first round in the swimming program has begun with very positive comments about our continued arrangement with the YMCA as the service providers. Once again this year, the cost of pool entry is an expense that each child must pay to the YMCA for entry to the pool and is not set by the school. If families have a season ticket or family pass it on to the YMCA instead of the YMCA instead of the $2.00 per swim.

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TSPA MEETINGS and EVENTS

ALL WELCOME.

Tspa is short for Timboon School Parents Association. Our aim is to raise funds by holding events like sports day BBQs, mothers/father’s day stalls, deb ball, raffles, cook books etc..... The funds are then distributed according to staff submissions for what is required at the school.

If you are new to our school and would like a way to meet other parents and become involved in how things are done then this is a great place to start.

We welcome new ideas and enthusiastic volunteers to assist at any of the events we hold, for however much time you have to share.
Our meetings are generally only 1-2 hours long and include tea/coffee facilities and occasionally a plate of supper! 😊 We have a Principals report and a school council representative to help us understand what is going on and we are free to ask questions or raise concerns. Please feel free to contact the school staff or the secretary below for more information.

The committee at present is:
Katrina Currell President and second hand uniform operator.
Jenny Inglis Treasurer and school council representative for tspa.
Anne Rosolin Secretary Email: tspa@live.com.au 0409029464
Heather Bullen Deb Ball coordinator
Others include: Jodie Couch, Tracey Heeps, Sharon Mottram, Vicki Stevens, Susan Van Ritjhooven, Robyn Vale, and Kylie Martin.

There will be an Annual General Meeting on March 3rd, 2014 for the election of officer bearers. All the positions will declared vacant so new people can be elected. Both Mothers and Fathers are welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely,
TSPA team 😊

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

### 2014 – Term 1

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**SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE**
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on Friday 7th February (1:00–1:50pm in the SEU building.)
For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome to the Library for 2014. We now have air conditioning in the library and many students are taking full advantage of the cool air at lunch times.

This year students from years Prep to Year 10 are participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Last year we achieved our school aim of 10,000 books read and currently the students are discussing what our target will be.

All Prep to Year 4 students must use a library bag to borrow books from the library. Year 5 & 6 students have a designated large pencil case that they will use for borrowing. As of next week students MUST have their library bags to borrow. Bags are available for purchase from the library at a cost of $5 each. The proceeds from these sales go to buying new games and equipment for lunch time activities.

STORY TIME FOR TODDLERS will be resuming this Friday 7/2/14 at 11.00 am in the story pit.

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**STUDENT WELFARE SUPPORT**

Welcome to all our new families to Timboon P-12 and welcome back to our other families.

I work at Timboon P-12 as the Student Support Person and am here to offer support and reassurance to the students, parents and teachers and to assist in working through any issues of either a social, physical or spiritual nature. I am at the school every day and if you have any concerns about your child I am willing to meet and discuss your concerns. Any discussions are strictly confidential. If you feel you need to discuss your child or they may benefit from extra support please don’t hesitate to contact me at school and voice your concerns. I can work with individuals, in the classroom or in small groups.

We all work towards a happy and successful school life for your child. If we all work together successful outcomes can be achieved.

Annette Vogels.
Student Welfare.
Phone: 5598 3052.

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**1ST TIMBOON SCOUT GROUP 2014 TERM 1**

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28 Church Street, Timboon VIC 3268
Term 1 will be on a Wednesday and Friday.
1st session will be Wed 12th Feb with the last session on Fri 28th March.
Children will meet in the foyer of the Music/Drama Room (old library) at 3.30pm.
The program will run until 4.45pm.

**Wednesday – Football Clinic**
**Friday – Kyokushin Karate (Japanese Martial Arts)**

To participate please return the form below to the school office.

If you have any questions regarding active after school, don’t hesitate to contact us at
Camp Cooriemungle on 5598 7254 or 0409 019 342

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**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL**

Childs Name ____________________________________________

Class ___________________

Allergy/Medical Conditions _________________________________________

Parents Name ________________________________________________

Contact No __________________________

Emergency Contact no. ____________________________

Please circle the day your child will be attending the program.

**Wednesday**  **Friday**

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**Timboon Demons Junior Netball**

**Try Outs**
New and existing players welcome.
13 and under and 15 and under
Tuesday and Friday starting Feb 11th 4:30pm - 5:30pm at Timboon Rec Reserve.
If you are unable to attend please contact coaches.
13 and under Brittany Lindsay 0448 950 618
15 and under Robyn Rosoling 5595 0282
17 and under pre-season training Monday and Wednesday at 6:30pm. Kelly Plozza 0419 561 536

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**THE YOUTH WORKER @ Timboon & District Health Service...**
Hi, my name is Leanne Corran, I joined the TDHS team in late October 2013. I come from a community development, community arts and hospitality background. I have worked as a festival manager, scriptwriter, director and have also been a chef for the last 12 years. I was the FReeZA worker at the Macedon Ranges Shire where I mentored young people in event management. I have worked as a performing arts teacher at secondary schools and am currently studying a Masters degree in Teaching. I have a strong commitment to developing the skills and strengths of young people and will complete a Diploma of Counselling this December. I am very interested in setting up focus groups to develop projects for 12-25 year olds. I am at the YAC space at TDHS Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I can be contacted on 55586000 or 0437 173 623. Drop by and say hello.

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**SOUTH WEST DENTAL SERVICES**
**NOW HAS A DENTAL CLINIC IN CAMPERDOWN**
**APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE**

Dental information for your children

- Teeth should be cleaned twice daily
- Frequent snacking on sweet foods and drinks will make teeth more prone to tooth decay (rot)
- Wear a mouth guard if you are playing a contact sport
- Don’t wait for a problem with your teeth before having them checked
- Have a regular dental check up

All children from birth to the end of primary school are eligible for dental care at South West Dental Services

For those with a Health Care or Pension Card, it’s FREE!

A Nominal fee is required for children without Health Care or Pension Cards

Secondary school aged children who have a Health Care or Pension Card are also eligible for dental care at South West Healthcare

Medicare Teen Dental Vouchers may also be used at our clinic!

Please Phone to enquire about your Child’s eligibility on

03 5593 1892 – Camperdown and
03 5564 4250 - Warrnambool

South West Healthcare Dental Services
Manifold Place, 140 Manifold Place, Camperdown

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**DANCE BLITZ STUDIOS**

Ballet - Hip Hop - Jazz - Tap
**Monday & Wednesday Nights**
**Timboon Hall**
From ages 3 to 18 years

Also at Simpson

Tuesday Nights
**Simpson Hall**
Sally Grant – 0409526077

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**Timboon Demons Football under 14½ and under 17½**
training starts Tuesday 11th February at 4:30pm.
Inquiries phone Chook 0400 140 542
WANTED
Full time/part time farm hand/milker position
Motivated female seeking traineeship;
experienced milker looking for the opportunity to
learn all areas of dairy farming and animal
husbandry in the Timboon area contact Danielle
0413823 686

TIMBOON SQUASH CLUB
Mixed Squash Pennant
Tuesday and Wednesday Nights
Seedings 4th & 5th February, 11th &12th February
Pennant starting 18th February
Ladies Squash Pennant
Thursday Mornings 10.00a.m.
Seedings 6th & 13th February, Pennant starting 19th February
Junior Squash Pennant
Thursday after school 3.45p.m.
Seedings 13th February
Pennant Starting 19thFebruary
New Players Welcome
Contact Katrina Currell: 55983443 / 0439 995 010
or Judy Walsh: 0407 646 005
**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.