PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- A huge thank-you to TSPA for organising another very successful ‘Mother’s Day’ stall. The students really put a lot of thought into their purchase so I hope all the Mums/Grandmothers/Special Person, enjoy their present.

- This year we were able to sell our first crop of lavender. The students had made almost 70 lavender bags and they were sold out in a flash. It looks like our business class are on a winner. Apologies to the many that missed out on purchasing a bag, but next year we should have a bigger supply.

- Next Friday, 16th May, we are having a professional development day for staff. Our guest speaker is Gregory Yates, co-author of Visible Learning and the Science of How We Learn. Gregory is a lecturer at Adelaide University and we feel very fortunate that he has agreed to work with our staff. There will be no school for students on this day.

- We are working with the most tech-savvy generation ever. Parents also need to be digitally aware. The Internet is fun and it is here to stay, but it can also pose a risk for some kids. This week we had a cultural performance for our 7-10 students called Techno Bully. As a school we are constantly seeking new ways to get the cyber safety message across to our students. We recognise that parents need support to do the same. Please contact the school if you need support in maintaining a cyber-safe home environment.

- NAPLAN testing is next week. Some parents like to make a choice about their child’s involvement in the program. We assume all children will be participating unless we receive a different instruction from parents.

- It was great to see our $5.2 million written in black and white in the State Budget paper. We are hoping that the consultation work with the school community can begin shortly. The first step is to attend a DEECD briefing to ensure all guidelines and regulations are followed.

- If you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss with me please feel free to give me a call at school (03)55983381 or on (0407345324)

ROSALIE MOORFIELD
PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to our Junior Football and Netball teams for representing the school at the HSSSD competition on Tuesday in Terang.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORTS

NAPLAN 2014 - What is NAPLAN? The National Assessment Program–Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

All students in Year 7 & 9 will receive a NAPLAN “information pamphlet for parents” today.
The first stage of our Year 6-7 Transition program kicked off late last term with our Year 6 students participating in a “tastes of Secondary Education” day. There will also be some tours of the “school in Action” at 9:30am and 10:15am (if you would like to make a booking for one of these tours, please contact me at the school Ph: 5598 3381.

Our “Timboon On Display” Open Night will held at the school Hall from 7:00pm (information session to begin at 7:45pm in the School Library). There will also be some tours of the “school in Action” announced on the evening.

Creating a positive community

Children who feel included have better mental health and wellbeing and are happier and more relaxed and the same goes for parents too. Having opportunities to get to know other parents, to find out how to support your child’s learning or to get involved in class activities can also help parents feel more connected to their child’s school or childcare centre.

Knowing who your child is friends with, what they’ll be learning about next week and that your contribution is important for example, can not only make you feel a part of your child’s education, but also help you support your children better at home.

Most of us have busy lives so finding the time to be involved in your child’s school or childcare centre can sometimes be difficult. Fortunately, there are lots of simple things you can do to help you and your family feel like part of the community. These include: finding out about the school or childcare centre and what your child is learning; participate in information sessions, visit school website or Facebook page; attending social activities with other parents to get to know more people in your area asking if there are any class activities you may be able to get involved in.

And remember:

Our Cows Create Careers students introduce their calves Boony & Demi.

Our Year 7/8 elective students preparing Mother’s Day gifts, all sourced from our lavender Farm

Students gaining a greater understanding of composting with worms thanks to Terry O’Connor

SEAN FITZPATRICK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This week has seen our students busy in preparations for our Cross Country event, Year 3 and 4 poetry reading, assembly leading and NAPLAN reading. Add to this our Year 1 and 2 students heading off on Worm excursions and it has sure been a busy one. We look forward to seeing the results of everyone’s efforts over the next few days and weeks.

With the change in weather conditions we have been reminding our students about their responsibility during wet, muddy weather conditions. Making good choices about the activity they choose to take part in over recess and lunch is something that can be a little challenging (after all, we all know how much fun mud can be!) But when this choice impacts on our learning environment because they are too muddy to come back into our
classrooms, they must be responsible and save the mud play for home where a shower and change of clothes are on hand. Should your child forget to stay away from the mud, you can expect a phone call asking you to bring up a change of uniform.

If you haven’t yet had a chance, now would be a great time to talk ‘science’ to your child. All our grades have now started their weekly science lesson in our specialist room, with our Science Coaches. It is pretty amazing to see what they are learning and certainly worth finding out about.

The Prep teachers will be attending the next TSPA meeting to share some of the things that they have been working on with our Preps. If you have a child in this year level you are more than welcome to come along to the meeting on the 19th May at 7:30.

ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Winter illness – and the VCE
With winter just around the corner, coughs, colds, flu are hiding in the background. Sometimes it’s necessary for students to miss a bit of school to recuperate – use the Daisy planner, email, Edmodo or phone to touch base with your teachers and perhaps organise for work to be sent home if your stay at home is more than a day or so. It’s very important to take time look after yourself, but there may be some tasks you can do so the amount of ‘catching up’ is not so overwhelming. If you are absent for a SAC, you need to let your teacher know and get a Medical Certificate.

These winter illnesses can also pounce on unsuspecting teachers. When this happens, Year 12 students may find their teacher is absent and believe they ‘have no work to go on with’……..sorry guys, not true, you always have work to do. Your teacher may leave work for you, or contact you through Daisy Planner, Edmodo or through one of the VCE support team with set tasks. If you truly have finished any ‘homework’, remember the words from the camp “homework is different from study”.

You have a range of study options such as: revision for exams (it is never too early to start – in fact you should already have started to revise material covered in term 1); use your text book to complete review questions (even if not set by the teacher); make summaries of chapters; turn topic sentences into questions and answer them; handed in work that wasn’t 100%? Then use your feedback to improve for resubmission; pre-read the next chapter; visit the VCAA website to download past exams and start working on them; develop a glossary of relevant terms (got one already? then create key cards); draw concept maps to summarise the key knowledge for the subject.

JULIE NICHOLSON

Student photo ID cards are available for students in years 7 to 12 from the office. $5 each.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on Friday 23rd May (1:00- 1:50pm in the SEU building.)
For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.

Education Week in the library
Tuesday, May 20th is Open Morning at Timboon P-12 School, so take the opportunity while at the school to visit the library.

After morning tea we are offering guided tours and a computer presentation to explain our on-line services. Our presenter, Nicole, will also be offering individual assistance, so if you have questions about such things as Borrowbox, making your own reservations, Zinio, TumbleBooks or the library webpage, please come in.

There will also be a Book Fair for the chance to buy cheap, good quality books, usually on offer through Book Club. Some of the proceeds from this fair go towards books for an orphanage in Vietnam, which some of our school members visit later in the year.

Wednesday, 21st May is National Simultaneous Story Time, so bring your toddler along for “Timboon on Display”. If you haven’t yet visited the library please take advantage of the week to have a look around.

Life in the Science Room (Primary)
The science room has become a bustling place as the Primary Classes begin their formal science lessons.

❖ Last week a ‘safari’ to the oval saw the 1 / 2 classes searching for little animals and this week they used the magnifying glasses to closely examine worms and draw a scientific diagram.

❖ Year 4s played games, all in the name of science, and drew annotated diagrams to show the movement that happened.

❖ The ‘Great Water Wheel Contest’, was held during the Year 6 classes, to determine which design was the most efficient at transferring movement energy (provided by water) to wind up a weight.

❖ Year 3s turned into science detectives to solve the ‘Mystery of the Melted Objects’ and the Year 5s discussed an historical debate about the world being flat and learned how to pronounce the name Eratosthenes!

❖ Preps demonstrated their fantastic observational skills as they sorted objects and then used their senses to observe the weather.

Everyday we are impressed by the thinking skills and language that are on display in the science room and look forward to the coming weeks.

Anne frazer and Nigel Mottram
Primary Science Specialists
Preps observing the weather
Timboon P-12

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Hamilton and Alexandra College
Inter-Primary Games Day
Friday 16th May 2014
Entry Fee $25.

Further information contact Cheryl at the Caf
CAF NEWS

WEDGES WEDNESDAY
We had an amazing response to wedges yesterday. Please order for next Wednesday by recess.
$2.00 per bag

PARENT CLUB NEWS

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.
Mother’s Day stall: We hope you all enjoy your presents and Mother’s Day on Sunday. Thank you all for your support of this event and to the parents who assisted on the day.
Artshow/Auction: Plans are in the pipeline for an art show/auction in the third term. More details as we progress.
Next Meeting: MONDAY, 19th May, AT 7.30PM AT THE SCHOOL ADMIN BUILDING. ALL WELCOME. There will be a mother’s day debrief, deb ball debrief, and discussions of upcoming events. There will also be a short presentation from the PREP teachers at the start of the meeting and a general invitation of the PREP parents to attend this special addition.
Anne Rosolin (secretary) mob 0409029464 or tspa@live.com.au

FOR SALE
Black Ashton drum kit includes seat, drum stick, symbols, foot pedal and some new skins. All very good condition. No further use $250
PHONE: 0411 791 946

FLAT TO RENT in Timboon – one bedroom fully furnished excellent condition for long term, short term or overnight.
PHONE: 5598 3864 or 0407 044 889

Position available at Timboon Bakery. Experience in food retail preferred. Approx 3 x 3 hour shifts over lunch. Some Saturdays will be required. Start A.S.A.P
CONTACT: Wendy 0437 627 966

Secret Boys Business*
You and your son are invited to this fun, fast moving workshop, which will explore both the physical & emotional changes that occur around the time of puberty. All parents & sons aged 10 – 12 years are encouraged to take part in this 3-hour workshop.
Or Friday 23rd May
Education Room
6.00 – 9.00pm
Cost: $10.00 per couple
Sandwiches & fruit platter provided.
To reserve your place please phone Timboon & District Healthcare 55586000

TIMBOON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
SENIOR WINTER SEASON
Commences on Monday 2nd June
Team and individual entries are now being taken for:
A grade men
B grade men
Women’s
Closing date for entries is 16th May
Call 0428 124 437 to register, or, the stadium on 55983445
Celluloid by the sea
Port Campbell Community Film Festival
23-25 May 2014

Friday
- SHORT FILM COMPETITION ENTRIES
  SCREENED AND WINNERS ANNOUNCED
  Friday 23 May
  6:00-6:30pm
  Port Campbell Recreation Reserve
  Adult $12 Child/Student $6

- THE MONEY FISH
  Friday 23 May
  6:30pm
  Port Campbell Recreation Reserve
  Included in Short Film Comp.
  Session 8/9

Saturday
- THE HUNT (AU)
  Saturday 24 May
  7:00-10:30pm
  Port Campbell Recreation Reserve
  Adult $12 Child/Student $6

- THE GUARD (MA)
  Saturday 24 May
  7:00-9:00pm
  Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club
  Adult $12 Child/Student $6

- TROPIC JR
  Selected Entries from Recent Years
  Saturday 24 May
  7:00-9:15pm
  Port Campbell Recreational Reserve
  Included in really The Hero session ticket

Sunday
- THE METAMORPHOSIS
  Sunday 25 May
  12:00-1:00pm
  Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club
  Adult $12 Child/Student $6

- UNCHARTED WATERS
  The Personal History of by Lynch (M)
  Sunday 25 May
  3:00pm
  Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club
  Adult $12 Child/Student $6

Purchase tickets online at www.portcampbellfilmfestival.com

Timboon Sporting Centre
Now taking names for children looking to play either Soccer u10/u14 or Netball. Looking to begin competitions Last week of May
Phone the Centre on 55983445, Michael on 0417366231 or call in to fill out details.
COST: $30.00 registration $4.00/game

Timboon Homework Group
3.30-5.30pm
Every Monday during school terms
Years 6 and up welcome
Timboon Library
Afternoon tea provided
Access to computers, iPads, internet, and importantly, assistance if needed.
$2 per child
Come every week or just when needed
Contact Debbie on 55943448 for more information and bookings
11 Jayarra Street
Simpson 3266
Email office@simpsondcc.com.au
www.simpsondcc.com.au

ATTENTION - YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND PARENTS
“Keys Please” is a short, 70-75 minute session aimed at helping you, the Learner Driver, enjoy the learning-to-drive experience, pass your Licence tests and become a safe and competent driver. At the same time it will help your supervising drivers (parents, older brothers/sisters, uncles, aunts, whoever) tackle their role with confidence while avoiding the stress that can sometimes be a part of it.
It’s been run here at Timboon P-12 School for a few years now, with great success. Everybody who attends comes away saying they’ve learned something. And had a laugh!
Learning to drive should be a fun, exciting time – not a scary or dull chore. We’ll show you how to make the most of it.
Even though it’s during the school day, parents are most welcome to join us!
5-8 Room
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 9.10 am

All we need is you!
(p.s. It really would be handy if your parents come along)
TIMBOON ON DISPLAY

WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY
7:00 PM
(SECONDARY HALL)

A Showcase of Timboon P-12 School’s Secondary Campus