PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Attached to the newsletter this week is some information about the arrangements for Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015. Basically, families can no longer apply for this support. We will keep you informed, as best as we can, of the types of support for families with educational expenses in 2015.
- On Monday a small group of staff and School Councillors will head to Geelong for the next round of briefings on our building program. We hope that the groundwork that has been completed will fast track us into some action. When I have some news on ‘where to go next’, I will let you know via the newsletter and webpage.
- The Kids Matter Day is happening on September 3rd. This is a very important day on our school calendar and the theme this year will be wear something pink. We will have a multitude of presenters and activities for the students. The bush dancing will be on at the Town Hall again (so don’t miss it) and everyone will be involved in a Relay for Life walk around the oval at some stage.
- Dan Tehan visited the school today to present us with a new Australian Flag and to find out a little bit more about the Timboon Agriculture Project. Our students did a wonderful job of presenting their TAP projects to Dan.
- 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)

ROSSIE MOORFIELD
PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to all the students who polled votes in the recent WDFNL best and fairest.

Congratulations and all the best to all our football and netball players who are now competing in the finals of their respective league competitions.

Congratulations to our students, Mitchell and Shelby Gristede, Robbie Gleeson and Mitchell Trotter, who represented the Warrnambool Swimming Club in Shepparton on the weekend. Some excellent personal best times were achieved.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Kids Matter Day

September the 3rd is rapidly approaching and the timetable for our KidsMatter Day is almost finalised. The day is shaping up to be a very exciting one for our school community, with a wide range of activities and presenters featuring throughout the day. We are just allocating spaces to each of our presentations and then the final timetable will be attached to next week’s newsletter. The Relay for Life will again be a major focus for our day, with groups of students relaying around the top oval during the day. We are encouraging everybody to come in their sports uniform, ready for activity and to also wear something pink, as we are hoping to increase awareness of Breast Cancer, as part of our day.

For lunch on the day, our wonderful TSPA group will be distributing lunch packs to those students who pre-order them, as well as also providing a BBQ option. Weather permitting, we are hoping to be entertained by some of our Senior Bands during the lunchtime break. Through the running of our KidsMatter Day, we are hoping to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining good physical, mental and emotional health in our lives. We are encouraging our parents and friends to also come along and join us in the activities throughout the day. You may like to join us for a few laps of the oval or even on the dance floor at the Hall, as part of our Bush Dance.

CALENDAR

August
21st
Dan Tehan visit 9:30
22nd
Hoop Time Year 5-6 All stars
23rd
Year 12 Chemistry Gordon Inst.
25th-29th
Year 10 Work Experience
27th-29th
Year 9 Camp Mount Arapiles
27th
TSPA Father’s Day Stall
28th
Clay Target Shoot
September
3rd
Kids Matter Day.
4th
Camembert Cheese Final Hamilton
5th
SRC Fundraiser
9th
Bell Shakespeare
VCE/VCAL/VET Information night
Our VCE/VCAL/VET 2014 Information evening was held last night in the school/community Library Theatre. The night was designed to give the students and parents of our Year 10 and 11 students a better understanding of the structure of our senior school, our subject offerings and their future pathways. Thanks to everyone who attended, we hope that the night was helpful in answering any questions that you may have had. If you have any other queries regarding our VCE, VCAL or VET programs, please call our Year 11 and 12 coordinators (Drew Deppeler and Julie Nicholson) and they will be happy to answer your questions or provide the additional information that you may need.

MATT HAUGH
ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (7-12)

We are now beginning the planning stages for class structures and child placements for the next year. While teachers take the utmost care when considering the placement of every child, using their understanding and experience we do offer parents the opportunity to share with us any extra considerations that you as parents are aware of that may impact on your child’s learning. For example, there may be neighbourhood issues that can cause distractions for children’s learning or there may be friendship concerns that you would like to alert us to. If this is the case then you are able to notify me about these issues and we will bring them into consideration when planning our grades for 2015. Likewise, if you know that your family will not be attending Timboon P-12 School in 2015 we would greatly appreciate having this information as it will assist in our class planning process. Please contact me directly with your information either by phone or come in to see me before September 19th. Please note that for your request to be considered it must come through me directly not via teaching staff. Once this time passes our ability to consider your information is seriously impacted so please make sure you contact me in the next four weeks.
Next week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. As part of our celebrations parents and families are welcome to come in on Wednesday 27th August for our open morning from 9:00 am till 10:50. During this time you are most welcome to join in lessons with your child/children. A personal invitation from your child/children should arrive home shortly.

This week we received a very generous donation from Michael and Patrick O’Keeffe, who kindly made and gave us two classroom sets of individual student whiteboards for use in our P-2 area.

Finally thank-you to our families who took part in the “Mid term Head-lice Weekend” 92% of families took action on behalf of our school community…...So close to 100%...Maybe next time.

ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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**WEEK 7 (25th – 29th August)**

- Mon 25th: Peta Williams, Sharyn Ferguson
- Tues 26th: Melinda Drysdale
- Wed 27th: Katie Millard
- Thurs 28th: Carissa Bosuen, Naomi Lewis
- Fri 29th: Janice Lindsay, Cherie Mungean (12:00 – 2:00pm Volunteer Required)

**WEEK 8 (1st – 5th September)**

- Mon 1st: Joy Morden
- Tues 2nd: Jodie Couch, Katrina Currell
- Wed 3rd: Sharyn Ferguson, Volunteer Required
- Thurs 4th: Steph Delaney, Susan VanRijthoven
- Fri 5th: Nancy Johnson, Bronwyn Lenehan (12:00 – 2:00pm Sue Trotter)

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**SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE**

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on Friday 12th September (1:00- 1:50pm in the SEU building.)

For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.

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**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

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**Friday Night Rock Climbing**

We will be running Friday night indoor rock climbing trips during Term 3 as we have done in previous years. The cost will be a minimum covering a school discounted entry to “The Rock” indoor rock climbing centre in Geelong and 20 seater bus hire.

The school can supply harnesses and may be able to supply climbing shoes, depending on size. Last year the cost was $35 per person. It may be possible for parent volunteers, particularly females, to come as a member of staff.

These are trips for students who enjoyed the rock climbing on the Year 9 camps and would like to do more. These trips were originally an extension to our Year 9 program but they are in no way compulsory. Other students and/or parents who would like to try indoor rock climbing are encouraged to come along and would be welcome. Younger students would need to come with an older sibling or parent who is prepared to belay them. Places are limited on the bus so it will be first in best dressed.

The bus will leave Timboon as soon as practical after the school buses, about 3:40 pm. We will stop at Waurn Ponds where a variety of takeaway franchises are available for an early tea. We climb from about 6 to 8:30 pm, and return to Timboon about 11.00 pm. **Last Date:**

**Friday 12th September**

Please give your name to Mr Graesser if you are interested.

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**EQUESTRIAN NEWS**

Warrnambool Interschool Equestrian Championships will be held on Sunday 14th September at Warrnambool Pony Club. Dressage test “A” for all grades. Entries, enquiries together with all fees to Cheryl at the CAF no later than Wednesday 3rd September. Hosts advise “No late entries” thank you. Further information, times etc available at www.wannonzone.ponyclubvic.org.au or www.warrnambool.ponyclubvic.org.au
**Ecklin Hall Committee**

**Presents**

**Peter Coad & The Coad Sisters**

and a

**3 Course Dinner**

at

**Ecklin Hall**

**Friday 12th September**

at

7pm

Cost

$35 - (Money to be paid by 5th Sept.)

Drinks at Bar prices (No BYO)

Contact- Kylie on 55662356 or 0418329108 or Max on 0407862693

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**TSPA PARENTS SAY**

Love to hear from you!

Name: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________

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**TSPA MINI MINUTES**

**ARTSHOW/AUCTION:** Friday 24th October, Timboon Golf Club, time 7pm open for viewing, 8.15pm auction start. Also, on Saturday 25th October, between 10-3pm, to give people a second chance at buying the art not sold. (There is the chance that there won’t be any). Other ideas also on the list are a raffles, spot prizes, supper, music, power point displays. The art will be small canvases painted by P-6 students, and other art as done by the secondary students and local artists. We also have metal work, woodwork, photography and sculptures. The entry is $10 per person, which covers supper, and a glass of bubbles upon entry. We will advertise as much as possible through local businesses and media. Raffle tickets will be available for sale pre auction. Items TBA.

**Kids matter day:** September, 3rd and we will need helpers for the BBQ lunches on the day. Each student should have received an order form, and it needs to be returned by Monday 25th of August with the $5 or $6 if you are ordering the vegetarian option. We hope you enjoy the day.

**Father’s Day Stall:** will be on Wednesday 27th August, during sessions 3 and 4. The gifts will be $5 each. Parent helpers are welcome to assist on the day. A note will go home separate to the newsletter to each family detailing how this years’ stall will be run on the day prior to the stall. It is a bit early this year due to a busy school calendar.

**Next Meeting:** Monday October, 6th at 7.30pm at the school admin building, to finalize art auction, deb ball details, TAP day, and possible election BBQ day. Hopefully the meeting after this can be scheduled in the day time.

Anne Rosolin (secretary) mob 0409029464 or tspa@live.com.au

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**FOR SALE**

Last chance sale - Roosters

Excess stock from our chicken yard. We have a Rhode Island Red and a White Leg Horn rooster. Both would make a handsome addition to your chicken yard. We also have a Pekin rooster and several Pekin mixed breed roosters. All fine looking, young and healthy.

If you can offer a home to any of these birds, please contact Julia at the school.

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PHONE: 0498 185 089

Grass Hay, small squares shedded $7 per bale.

PHONE: 5595 9264
FReeZA Push Start Band Competition

Come with us to support our local Timboon acts in the FReeZA Push Start Band Comp in Warrnambool on 23rd August.

*We will be running a free bus from Timboon. Bus will leave Timboon at 6pm and return around 11.30pm

Come support and scream for Scarlett Valley and Shades of Vita.

You will need to register for the bus. Contact Tammy at Corangamite Shire on 5593 7100 to register and for more details.

Raising Teens

A program for parents of children in Years 8, 9 & 10

Date: Monday 8th September 2014
Time: 4.30pm - 8pm
Venue: Centacare Office, Level 1, 142 Time Street, Warrnambool.
Cost: FREE!!
RSVP by: Monday 1st September 2014
For enquiries contact: Contact: Angeles: 0419 3000

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS - NEW MEDICAL IMAGING DEGREE – Deakin is offering Medical Imaging from 2015 at its Geelong (Waurn Ponds) campus. Medical imaging (sometimes known as Medical Diagnostic Radiography) is the production of high quality images of the structure and function of the body to assist medical diagnosis and decision making. Radiographers play a pivotal role in medicine and health care, contributing to improving patient outcomes. They work with doctors and allied health professionals. The university is seeking accreditation with the Australian Health Practitioner Agency (AHPRA), with statutory direction provided by the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (MRPBA). Salaries range from $41,000 to $115,000 plus, depending on your position, experience, chosen work area and possible future study. Pre-requisites: 3/4 English; biology, physics or chemistry; maths methods or spec maths. Info: ph 03 9251 7777; health-enqire@deakin.edu.au.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY – Year 11/12’s are invited to this ‘Making a Difference’ event. It will celebrate 30 years of
environmental science courses at Deakin, with speaker the former leader of the Australian Greens, Dr Bob Brown. When: 6-8pm, Mon 25 Aug; Where: Deakin Burwood, 221 Burwood Highway, Lecture Theatre 1, (Building I, 2.02); Parking: Car park 6 (multi-level); Info/bookings: sebe-events@deakin.edu.au.

DEAKIN SCHOLARSHIPS – See www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships to find out current scholarships and award schemes now available for 2015 study.

BACHELOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE – This is being offered from 2015. Acquire skills to design and develop advanced software systems integrating new technologies that enhance business operation. Develop work-ready skills by participating in internships and industry placements during the course, learning skills in critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and communication. Graduates are highly sought-after in areas like software development, system analytics, business analytics, database development, research, project management, solutions architecture and programming.

DEFENCE FORCE INFORMATION SESSIONS – To find out more about defence force jobs, attend one of these sessions: 1 Sept – ADF Technical Trades; 2 Sept – Engineering Information Session; 3 Sept – Army 1 Year Roles; 10 Sept – ADFA Information Session; 17 Sept – Royal Military College; 23 Sept – Army Reserve; 24 Sept – Women in Defence. All 6-7pm. Where: Defence Force Recruiting, Level 14, 501 Swanton St, Melbourne; RSVP: CPTVIC@dfr.com.au (date/session/number of seats).

RMIT NUCLEAR MEDICINE LAB VISITS – This program is for students interested in finding out more about nuclear medicine and the role of nuclear medicine technologists in the investigation, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of disease. In this full day tour, students will visit nuclear medicine departments that support the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) programs. When: 25 and 26 Sept; Info/registration: 9925 7075, medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS – The Department of Health (Victoria) is offering five scholarships of $10,000 for nuclear medicine students commencing the RMIT Bachelor of Applied Health (Medical Radiations) in 2015 and 2016. Info: www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/nuclear.

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS – MONASH GUARANTEE - Students who are financially disadvantaged, Indigenous Australians or completing Year 12 at a Monash listed under-represented school could be eligible for a guaranteed place at Monash. See: www.monash.edu/guaranteed-entry.

THEATRE, PERFORMANCE AND MUSIC – The final ‘At Monash’ seminar for 2014 covers these areas. Get an overview of the area, current and graduate perspectives and collect information. When: 6.30-8pm, Tues 19 Aug; Where: Clayton; Register: www.monash.edu/seminars.

SCHOLARSHIPS – Many scholarships are on offer.

- MERIT - Students who list Monash as a course preference via VTAC will automatically be considered for most merit scholarships. See: www.monash.edu/scholarships/merit.
- EQUITY AND MERIT & EQUITY – All Year 12 students should apply for these via VTAC. Applications close on 17 October. See: www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html.
- SIR JOHN MONASH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – For students who have excelled – a comprehensive and generous scholarship program. See: www.monash.edu/scholarships/sir-john.
- EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT – ATAR eligibility: 99.95, value to $70,000, offered to all eligible students
- OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT – ATAR eligibility: 99.00, value to $40,000, offered to all eligible students
- EXCELLENCE – ATAR eligibility: 98.00; value to $30,000; 40 available
- INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE – ATAR eligibility: 98.00, value to $50,000; 10 available
- EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY – ATAR eligibility: 95, up to $30,000; 130 available
- COMMUNITY LEADERS SCHOLARSHIPS – ATAR eligibility: 90; value to $4000; 220 available.

See: www.monash.edu/scholarships for more details.

WHAT IS MIBT? Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology provides certificate and diploma courses in commerce, computing, engineering, health sciences, management, media and communication and science. The Diploma courses are offered in association with Deakin University campuses. This is an alternative pathway to university. If successful in the Diploma, students are able to move to the second year of an appropriate degree. Consider applying through VTAC for MIBT (or other pathway institution such as La Trobe Melbourne or Monash College) if you are concerned that you may not achieve a high enough ATAR to access your university choices.

Drew Deppeler 5598 3381

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**SHOPPING TOUR**

**Saturday October 18**

**Cost $55 per person** (cut lunch included)

Come and support the Simpson Primary School with a great day out shopping in Melbourne. We will be going to a number of outlets in Melbourne all fully transported on a coach. We will be leaving early and it will be a long day. We will stop for dinner on the way home with bubbly and nibbles for on the way home.

Please contact the school or Coral 5594 3345 or Michelle 0429 409 983 to book your spot. Payment is due by 20th August.

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**School wear at Jo Jos CLEARANCE SALE**

20% off until all gone

(no laybys or holds)
Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent's bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools - consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.

Fact Sheet - Education Maintenance Allowance
Presents

Kids Matter Day

'A day focused on good health and wellbeing'

Wednesday 3rd September