This is the last newsletter for the year. I would like to wish all families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and successful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Reports will be distributed on Thursday 18th. P-6 reports will be distributed before the end of year ceremony and 7-12 reports at the Awards afternoon. We do not mail out reports. Please collect them from the office if you unable to attend the Awards.

Please note that the 18th December will be our end of year award/celebration ceremonies. The P-6 celebration will be at 10:00 a.m. and 7-12 from 1:00 p.m. Students must wear full school uniform at both events. Community members are most welcome to attend.

The BYOD program continues in 2015. We recommend that students from Year 9 up have laptops and not Ipads. From Year 3 to 8 Ipads generally meet all requirements. If students have an Ipad it could be used instead of a dictionary, a calculator or even an Atlas. These items could be crossed off the book list. A connection fee of $20 per year is required as well as a signed user agreement form.

NO students are required at school on Friday. Buses will run normal time on Thursday. This means a 3:30pm finish for students.

A reminder that Lowes have all your school uniform requirements and Jo-Jo’s has some real bargains available in her clearance stock.

The web page address is: http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/ Key dates, policies etc. are available on the web page.

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)

Congratulations to: Sean Drayton and Jordan Rundle who have been selected to represent the South West at Country Week Cricket.

Congratulations to: Robbie Gleeson, Shelby and Mitchell Gristede who are participating in School Aged State Swimming titles in Melbourne next week.

All school and library traffic to go via Wark Street during the holidays. Hamilton Street access will be closed.
The following examples are for families to use at home. They are most suitable for early primary aged children, but can be modified for use with older ages. The methods described can also be adapted by school staff to help children cope with fears and worries at school. Parents and carers are usually the first people children look to for support and reassurance when they are scared or worried. Providing reassurance such as hugs an encouragement helps to restore children’s sense of safety and confidence. Giving children a sense of safety includes limiting their exposure to frightening situations, such as violence – whether real or on TV. Parents and carers can also play a leading role in helping children learn skills for managing their fears.

Things to take into account
- It takes time and effort for children to learn new coping skills.
- Younger children usually learn best when you do it with them.
- Though older children may be able to use coping skills independently, they still need your support when scared.
- All children feel more secure and confident when they have regular quality time with parents and carers.
- Bedtime is often when children’s fears surface. Try to ensure that children have calming time before bed to unwind. A regular bedtime routine or ritual helps children feel a sense of safety and security.

And remember: On St. Patricks Day I to pretend to be Irish. At Christmas I pretend to be good. - Fitzy

Have a safe and happy festive season and we look forward to 2015!

SEAN FITZPATRICK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (7-12)

Our end of year arrangements are now in full swing with a multitude of events, experiences and activities planned for all year levels from Prep to Year 6. This week saw our Year 6s step up to experience orientation at secondary school while our prep students returned tired but excited after their beach excursion last Friday. Our final assembly for 2014 will be held in the Timboon and District Town Hall on Thursday December 18th. We would ask that all students be in FULL school uniform on the day for this very special school event. At this assembly all grades will perform a short item to entertain the audience. Our Year 5s and 6s will also celebrate the awarding of Citizenship and All-rounder Awards. Please take the opportunity to join us from 10am on Thursday. This is the last day of school for 2014. Each year when our staff considers grade structure options available to us we use a wide range of information and make an informed decision. Our decision needs to reflect what will best suit the needs of our students and available staff. One decision that is often made involves the grouping of students into what is known as a composite class. Composite classes are very common in education. In fact 50% of students in Victorian schools are currently experiencing composite class structures each year. They provide a grouping strategy that allows for classes to be even across a whole school, they allow for multi age skill sharing and peer supports. They allow students to develop and practice skills and confidence in the area of leadership, just to name a few advantages. There is wide research that looks at this style of grade grouping and the benefits of multi-age options but regardless of the grade structure it is the quality of the teacher and the relationship that they build with their students that makes the biggest impact on any child’s learning.
As our year comes to a close it is often easy to overlook the amazing curriculum and extra curricula offerings we have managed to deliver during the year. The depth and breadth of what we deliver to our students each and every day is only made possible due to the efforts and energy of our wonderful staff and the supportive parents who help as volunteers whenever needed. Our commitment to helping develop your students into the citizens of the future is ongoing and remains our top priority each and every day. Like all humans, there are times when mistakes are made but learning from these enables us to achieve our personal best. Thank-you to all who have made 2014 such a productive year here at Timboon P-12 School.

ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (P-6)

Yr 7 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY
As part of their design process a group of students opted to design and construct a skateboard deck. As well as using their class time, students chose to work in lunchtimes, such was their enthusiasm for this project. Pictured are some of the proud owners of a new skateboard!
SURF AWARENESS Year 7/8

Congratulations to the fifteen students who successfully passed their Surf Rescue Certificate on the weekend. These students have spent the past two weekends doing their pre-tests and fine-tuning their resuscitations, CPR, board and tube rescues. Last Sunday they spent over four hours completing their test at Port Campbell beach. They now have a Surf Life Saving qualification that will enable them to assist with four to five patrols over the summer season for the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club. A big thank you to John McLeod, who kindly gave up his time to be our water safety spotter each week. These photos show some of the students doing their board and tube rescues.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly

What a fabulous performance the Year 6 students put on last Friday! They worked very hard to put together the show and we hope that all who attended enjoyed it. On behalf of the Year 6 students we would like to thank Judy Devlin, Tamara Haugh and Gabby Theologous for the beautiful Year 6 cakes. Cutting and eating them was lots of fun. We would also like to thank the ladies at the Café for the delicious morning tea. Finally, thank you to all the parents who came along and made the morning such a success. It was wonderful to be able to share the performance with you.

I would also like to thank all the people who have helped make this year such a fabulous learning year for our students. A special thanks goes to the Mungean family who supplied the eggs that have given us our five beaut Aracarna chickens that we have all enjoyed hatching and growing this last term.

LIBRARY NEWS

TIMBOON LIBRARY CHILDRENS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Keep Friday 16th January free.

Stig Wemyss is visiting our library!!

Stig is an actor, writer, and comedian who loves creating crazy voices, and is famous for reading children’s audio books.

Stig will be at the library at 1.00 pm to entertain you.

To learn more about Stig have a look at his website.

www.stig.com.au

SUMMER READING, SUMMER READING

Our library is open for lots of Summer reading. The library will only be closed for a short period between Christmas and New Year’s, closing at 3pm on Christmas Eve and opening again on January 2nd.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to keep up with their reading and participate in either of the two Summer Reading Programs available through the library. Students can register for these programs themselves at:

www.summerreadingclub.org.au

www.scholastic.com.au/summer or collect a registration form, from the library, complete it at home with parents and return it to the library and Mrs Evans will register you. Participation in both programs is free and a variety of activities (ranging from Preps to Secondary students) and prizes are available to participants.

Happy Reading

Mrs Evans
SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on 12th December (1:00-1:50pm in the SEU building). Also 21st January (11am – 1pm). For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

TSPA PARENTS SAY
Love to hear from you!
Name: ____________________________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________________________________________

TSPA MINI MINUTES
Canteen Survey. TSPA has been putting together a survey on our school canteen, with help from staff, a dietician and our own research. It was approved to do by school council and will be out this week. Please return the surveys by the 12th December. Thank you for your assistance with this.

DEB BALL 2015: We thank the parents who have taken up duty folders to help make this event run smoothly. The general organisation for this event is on track and the students have been paired, subject to any changes that may seem relevant on the first practice night. Next meeting is February 6th, while the first practice is on, at 6.45pm.

Santa visit: This will be on Monday, 15th December, probably sessions 3 and 4. Parent helpers to meet with eskys at school office, by 11am.

Next Meeting: After the Santa visit concludes we plan to meet for lunch at a venue to be decided. A short meeting to wrap things up and make some dates for next year, unless there is a better time for the majority to attend. If you would like to attend please let a Tspa member know. All welcome.

Merry Christmas and Happy New 2015 to all.

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

Jo Jo’s Sale: 40% off school clothes

FOR SALE

15 month old steer $600
Gazebo – brand new “still in box” $200
Brand new in box 93/97 Radiator for Toyota Camry $200
Block and Tackle in box $250
Chainsaw $80
Left and right tail light for Holden VT VX commodore $100 each
PHONE: 0498 185 089

VCE BOOKS
Maths Quest Further – 4th Edition and calculator companion $60
English in year 12 insight $20
Chemistry 2 2nd edition $60
English complete Maus $15
Mind of a thief $15
PHONE: 5598 3348

CANTEEN NEWS

As we wind down at the Caf for the year, some items may not be available. Please advise students they may have money returned to enable them to go the caf and make another choice.

2014 TERM 4
WEEK 11
Mon 15th Joy Morden
Tues 16th Carissa Bosuen
Wed 17th Wendy Maskell
Thurs 18th Nancy Johnson
Fri 19th No students
(12:00 – 2:00pm Volunteer Required)

2015 TERM 1
WEEK 1
Mon 2nd Angelique Cangelis
Tues 3rd Jenny Ingli
Wed 4th Wendy Maskell
Thurs 5th Michelle Gristede
Fri 6th Corinne Beames
(12:00 – 2:00pm Volunteer Required)

WEEK 2
Mon 9th Beth Roberts
Tues 10th Katrina Currell
Wed 11th Cherie Mungean
Thurs 12th Susan Van Rijthoven
Fri 13th Kerri-Lee Jones
(12:00 – 2:00pm Monique Fitzpatrick)

Timboon Swimming Club
Season has started ...
5pm – 6:30pm
Contact Jeanie 5598 3054
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Timboon P-12 School
Debutante Ball will be held
Friday, 13th March 2015
WANTED – for 2015 Year 12 Studio Art: *plastic bread tags, *Plastic disposable soy sauce “fish”(sold with sushi), *Ice-cream container lids. Items can be dropped off at the office.

FREE: I have 10 gorgeous kittens to give away. 4 males and 6 females, all types of colours; tabby, black, grey, ginger. They are 5wks old ready to wean off mum soon. Please help me find them a home. For any further details please contact; Tammy on mobile: 0448814406 or see me at work.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CASUAL JOB AVAILABLE
Busy Port Campbell hospitality business has holiday work vacancy for a junior. Student needs to be 14 yrs and 9 months. Enquiries phone: 0447 986 237
Timboon P-12 School is listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in our Bureau of Meteorology district.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, web page/Facebook notification. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

To find out more visit the school web page: [http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au](http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au)