PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Reminder to all parents and students: In order to have your BYOD device networked, your child must complete a user agreement form, and submit this to the office with their device and the $20.00 service fee.
- This term we will again be staging P-12 Parent-Teacher interviews. The interviews will be on Wednesday 2nd March in the Timboon and District Town Hall.
- All Prep to Year 12 staff will be at the hall at the one time. Primary parents will be provided with the option to nominate a preferred time. Secondary Parents have all day to catch up with staff.
- These interviews are about getting to know your child’s teacher and their teacher/s getting to know you. There is no formal report on learning progress. However expectations and programs can be discussed. 7-12 students can assist their parents when trying to locate a teacher. There will be plenty of signage and the Principal class will be there to assist.
- We have so much on the agenda this term that we thought this may be one way of reducing the number of trips into town for parents.

Congratulations to Tyson Prout (pictured below) in Year 12 who has just returned from the Heywire Summit held in Canberra last week. Tyson submitted a story through the ABC Heywire Competition. This successful application enabled Tyson to network with other selected youth from across rural Australia to discuss and formulate solutions to issues facing our rural young people. He also had the chance to mix and meet with influential people including the Governor General of Australia. I encourage all students to submit a future Heywire application to achieve the same opportunity.

February
11th		School Council
22nd		HSSSA Swimming Year 7-12
26th		P-6 Swim Program ends

March
1st		Swimming Sports 3-6
2nd		Parent-teacher interview P-12

School & Student Insurance Reminder
Parents are reminded that Timboon P-12 School and the Education Department do not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students. The School or the Education Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer online.

Personal Property
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, iPads, laptops, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As Timboon P-12 School or the Education Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students, staff and visitors should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

IMPORTANT Finance Message: On 27th January 2016 a Direct Deposit/Transfer of “School Fees” was made into the school’s account without any form of identification. If you believe this was you, please call Nicki ASAP on 55983381.
Thank you

SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND A AND B BUILDING ARE PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE ZONES
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Thanks to all students, parents and staff for an excellent 7-12 Swimming Sports Wednesday 3rd February. Many new records were broken and Narragoot was victorious on the day. Thank you to Kayleen Deppeler and all of the English staff for hosting an English parent information session on Tuesday night. Parents and students now have a work and home study plan for each student for term 1 and the English term planners will continue throughout the year.

Students from all year levels have nominated and voted for a Student Representative Council (SRC) rep per house. Representatives will be announced on Friday at assembly. Student will meet throughout the year to be the voice for the student body, raise money for their chosen charity and to make positive difference to our school. This is one of the many leadership opportunities available to students. A reminder to Year 7 parents to return the immunisation consent form to the school office ASAP. The first immunisation will be on 25th February, and all cards need to be returned prior to this date for the program to run efficiently.

Our introduction of sport has been a great success and the students are enjoying getting outside getting some physical exercise. Sports they have been involved in include: water polo, golf, cycling, walking, meditation, athletics, softball and much more. Students can also be involved in tennis on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. Equipment is supplied but students can bring their own if they wish. They should also bring a hat. Student timetables have now been finalised for Semester 1 and they will be posted on the school web page – all students will receive a copy this week.

This week will be the start of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses at school and in Warrnambool at TAFE. Good luck to all students with the study into a new field which may lead them into a successful future career path. We are very lucky to be hosting a Japanese exchange student in 2016. Yuna Sato will be studying Year 11 at Timboon P-12 School and staying with Andrew Henderson, Louise Prosser and family while she is staying in Australia. She is studying a full suite of VCE subjects including Japanese. She will make each of the Year 11 LOTE sessions an even greater cultural experience. Please make her feel welcome.

GABBY THEOLOGOUS
ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

During these first two weeks classes have been establishing routines that will support their learning right throughout the year. Things like: active listening, rights and responsibilities, conflict resolution systems, homework expectations, right down to understanding the learning intentions and success criteria. All families are asked to be active participants in your child’s education. The partnership between home and school can not be underestimated. We support this partnership through activities such as our parent-teacher interview day on March 2nd. This year our “Getting to Know You” interviews will be in the Timboon and District Hall. A time indication slip will be sent out with youngest in the family students next week. Please take the time to come in a chat with your child’s teacher about classroom routines and expectations.

Our junior School Captains and Vice Captains will be conducting this Friday’s assembly. Please feel free to come along and join us at 9:00am near the P-6 flag pole. Swimming trials are already underway as we begin the qualifying process for Division Swimming representation. Like all opportunities available to our students, school representation is a privilege. It comes with high expectations around the way the student represents our school in the wider community. Ensuring that our school is always portrayed in a positive light, by complying with things like behaviour standards, uniform requirements, sportsmanship and being positive role models for our student body, are all part of the agreed expectations when a child is selected as a representative of our school. Enabling these opportunities is just one way staff support the growth of our students as members of the larger local community.

ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

VCE NEWS

Year 12 had a very successful camp last week. We visited Deakin University at Waurn Ponds, RMIT city campus and students took part in workshops: study skills; understanding and working with their character strengths; learning about different aspects of sleep and its importance in effective learning and the impact on wellbeing.

For a more detailed overview, visit the school webpage: go to Teaching and Learning, Years 7 to 12 and checkout the VCE information page.

One strategy for success is to have a semester planner, so students have an overview and clearly identify “busy busy” weeks, so they can organise their time appropriately. Students will shortly be receiving a list of proposed SAC / SAT dates for 2016. The VCE coordination team will shortly be meeting with each student individually to check how they are settling into Year 12, make sure they are on track and identify any additional support they need to have a successful year.
Year 11:
In the next couple of weeks, we will be meeting with Year 11 students to clarify what is required for them to successfully complete their VCE, then following up with individual discussion to check how they are settling into Year 11, make sure they are on track, identify additional support they need to have a successful year and to check on their progress and plans for our work experience week in May.

VCE information page.
Now that the 2016 school year is well underway, the VCE information page on the school website will be regularly updated with important information and links to related websites. Please check this often.

A ‘frequently asked questions’ booklet will shortly be distributed to students / parents (and will also be available on the webpage)

2016 VCE COORDINATORS : Drew Deppeler and Julie Nicholson. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns or queries.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on
Wednesday 2nd March (1pm in the SEU building).
For enquiries please call Susan: 5598 3358

FOR SALE
Synthetic stock saddle, youth /small adult, fully mounted, ox bow stirrups, anti-gall girth, very good condition $200
PHONE: 0437 668 575

FREE
1 x pekin drake
2 x pekin x drakes
PHONE: Cindy 5595 0373

PARENT CLUB NEWS
TSPA meeting on Monday 15th February, in
The Library at Midday.
All Welcome.

Timboon Demons under 14 and under 17 Football Teams
Training on Wednesday 17th February at the Timboon Swimming Pool.
Bring runners, bathers and towel

“Twilight” Junior Fishing Competition
Friday 12th February
6pm till 8:30pm
Simpson Dam

Welcomes all families with children under 16
BBQ Tea and drink supplied
BYO rods, reels, bait and bucket

Prizes for “catch of the day” and more.

For more info contact Marie 5594377 or Tony 5235519
SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL

Term 1 will be on a Wednesday and Friday

1st session will be Wed 10th February with the last session on Fri 18th March

Children will meet at the library steps on the way to the buses to meet instructor

**PLEASE NOTE SESSIONS ARE 3.30PM UNTIL 4.30PM**

Pick up at the school pavilion (top oval) at 4.30pm.

Wednesday – Football
Friday – Bocce

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  Thursday  Friday

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CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK 3 (15th – 19th February)

Mon 15th  Peta Williams
Tues 16th  Katrina Currell  Heidi Lawson
Wed 17th  Debra Scholte
Thurs 18th  Steph Delaney
Fri 19th  Sheryn Vogels  Cherie Mungane

12:00 – 2:00pm

WEEK 42 (22nd – 26th February)

Mon 22nd  Jayde Smith
Tues 23rd  Tanya Delaney
Wed 24th  Jenny Inglis  MJ Hayward
Thurs 25th  Naomi Lewis  Sarah Cumming
Fri 26th  Michelle Gristede  Joy Morden

If anyone can volunteer in the blank time slots above it would be appreciated.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid multi-rented concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $220 for secondary school students

**HOW TO APPLY**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef