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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- This year we have three School Council Parent Representative positions that are up for re-nomination. Currently the positions are held by Chris Hibburt, Robyn Vale and Matthew Bowker who have done a fantastic job and intend to renominate. If we have any parents who would like to nominate for one of the three positions available you are now invited to do so. If we have more nominations than positions available parents will be asked to vote for their preferred applicant. I would like to encourage any parent considering nominating to read the accompanying material and contact me or another member of council to discuss the position.
- Enclosed with this newsletter is ‘Information for parents’ and nomination forms. Either form SA ‘Self-Nomination’ or form SB ‘Nomination’ form may be used. Nominations are to be delivered to school by 4.00pm, Friday 26th February. If you require further information please feel free to give me a call.
- As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we have our P-12 Parent-Teacher Interviews coming up on Wednesday 2nd March. The interviews will be conducted at the Timboon Town Hall from 9:00am-4:00pm with a staff lunch break scheduled for 12:30pm-1:20pm. A letter regarding this will be sent home in the coming days with your child.
- With a P-12 focus in mind, we have changed the date of the secondary athletic sports. They will now be on Friday 11th March. Please change this date on your calendar. We use our Facebook page and web page to keep you informed of the many events happening.
- Last week I attended a meeting regarding the progress of our school buildings project. We have now entered the design and development stage with the next stage aiming for tender to prospective building firms to occur in the coming months. As we enter this stage we will see action taking place quickly. Our building project can be accessed via the school web page http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/page/242%20

SEAN FITZPATRICK
ACTING PRINCIPAL

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

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

P-12 Parent teacher interviews will be at the Timboon Hall on Wednesday 2nd March, 9.00am till 4.00pm. Teachers will break for lunch from 12.30 - 1.20pm, no interviews will take place during this time. This parent teacher interview will provide parents with the opportunity to get to know their child’s teachers. We highly recommend both parents and students attend the parent teacher interviews to discuss strategies to improve your child’s education. No booking times are required to see the Year 7-12 teachers. A letter will be sent home with your child next week to inform you of the staff and the classes they teach.

Thank you to all of the students who indicated they would like to be involved in the Student Representative Council (SRC). We now have a house representative from each year level, many of the year levels had to vote due to the interest. The reps are as follows, with the deputy in brackets:

Halladale
Year 7 Madi Clarke (Tahnee Bartlett)
Year 8 Jordan Footman (Sam Lenehan)
Year 9 Jordon Fowler (Samantha Buck)
Year 10 Jordan Rundle (Molly Hibberd)
Year 11 Amy Inglis (Laura Rosolin)
Year 12 Chloe Buck (Tyson Prout)

Narragoot
Year 7 Eddie Reid (Tamara Giblett)
Year 8 Lily Stevens (Michael Simpson)
Year 9 Caitlin Gledhill (Ethan Arundell)
Year 10 Mitch Trotter (Tyler Wigney)
Year 11 Niamh Denny
Year 12 Jordan Crean

Callaway
Year 7 Emily Crabbe (Kayla Bonner)
Year 8 Michael Brittain (Kobe Henderson)
Year 9 Connor Cardwell (Nick Delaney)
Year 10 Chelsea Matthews (Sasha Weston)
Year 11 Rahni Quarrell
Year 12 Ned Dalziel (Dylan McCourt)

Monday 22nd of February is the HSSSD Interschool Swimming at the Terang Swimming Pool. We have 50 students representing the school. Thank-you to Mr Whitehead for co-ordinating the event and supporting the students. All students are required to wear the school sports uniform and wear a school jacket. Footwear should be sneakers as thongs are not allowed. Any student out of uniform will not be able to attend the day.

GABBY THEOLOGOUS
ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Have you visited our web page recently? We are always looking for ways to communicate with our wider school community and the web page has a lot of recent news, as well as some information to help the smooth running of the school. Follow the link and enjoy a finding out a little more about our school.


If you ever need to collect your child early from school we would ask that you do so from the room. Unfortunately, sending students to wait for collection at the boundary gates does not allow us to provide proper supervision so we do ask that all collections occur in person at the child’s room.

While our P-6 swimming program is taking place we are unfortunately held to ransom by the weather. There are times when rain, hail or storms may interrupt our planned swimming times. If your child’s teacher decides to cancel the swimming session they will contact the YMCA supervisors, any regular parent helpers and also put a message out on Facebook to help families know about the cancellation. Our swimming timetable has some catch up sessions set aside and we hope that this will ensure classes have their 8 lessons.

Thank-you, to the many families who have returned the slip to request a time for Parent –teacher interviews on March 2nd. These interviews will be held in the Timboon District Hall from 8:45-12:30 and resume after lunch at 1:20 until 4:00 after which the hall is being used for dance classes. These early “Getting to Know You” interviews help support the establishment of strong communication between home and school that will help make 2016 a great learning year.

ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Year 7-12 House Swimming Sports

Congratulations to Narragoort for their win on Wednesday February 3rd at the 7-12 House Swimming Sports. A fantastic atmosphere was present throughout the day with many students competing to the best of their abilities, in the competitive events as well as the novelty participation events. Thank you to the many parents and community members that supported the day. Individual champions were: Holly McKenzie, Kasey Buck, Robbie Gleeson, Shelby Gristede, Macy Gale, Mitchell Gristede, Ahliya Harris, Mitchell Trotter and Darcy Tribe. A further congratulations goes to the students that qualified for the HSSSD swimming event to be held at the Terang pool, next Monday, February 22nd. Students are to return permission forms by tomorrow and wear their school sports top on the day. If any parents are able to assist on the day please contact Mr. Whitehead.
VCE news
The VCE coordination team is currently meeting with Year 12 VCE students during their study sessions. Year 11 discussions will commence shortly.
Updates on the VCE information page on the school website include VCE parent information booklet, Unit 1 and 2 Information booklet, links to information about study scores and ATAR as well as weekly and yearly planners.
Year 11 students have the opportunity to attend an outreach program run by the Alfred Hospital Prevent Alcohol and Risk related Trauma in Youth on 8th March – bus cost $10. Students have all received information and permission slips. A link to the website is included on the VCE information page.

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

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

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
Child’s Name _________________________
Class ___________________
Allergy/Medical Conditions __________________________________________

Parent’s Name ________________________
Contact No ______________
Emergency Contact no. __________________________________________

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

Wednesday
Friday

Timboon School Parent Association

2016 Term 1 Calendar of Events
• March
  o 1st P3-6 Swimming Sports BBQ
  o 9th P3-6 Athletics BBQ
  o 11th P2 Morning Tea
  o 21st AGM & General Meeting

Any help at events or attendance at meetings is always welcome.
Coming Soon “Timboon School Parent Association Facebook page”
FOCUS ON SOME HEALTH DEGREES

MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY - It is possible to study medicine/surgery at Deakin (Geelong), Monash (Clayton and Gippsland), and Melbourne universities. Of course, many interstate universities also offer medicine, and it is possible to study it in New Zealand (eg University of Otago in Dunedin) and have the qualification recognised in Australia. NOTE: Be aware that medical qualifications from many overseas universities are not recognised in Australia and further study in Australia is required. The ONLY university in Victoria offering an undergraduate medical degree is Monash. Acceptance into this course is based on a combination of ATAR, UMAT result and a multi-mini interview. UMAT is short for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test. This year the test will be held on Wednesday 27 July. Registrations are open now and close at 5pm (AEST) on Friday 3 June, 2016. See: http://umat.acer.edu.au. The UMAT is a multiple choice assessment; it is possible to purchase practice tests at this website, and you are strongly advised to do so as the UMAT is a very demanding test and practice is vital. The only Victorian undergraduate degree which requires completion of the UMAT is Medicine at Monash. La Trobe University requires it for Dentistry, but only for non-Year 12 applicants. Some interstate universities require it as part of the application process for medicine, dentistry and some other medical-related courses so you are wise to check this. It is common for students keen to study medical courses to apply to interstate universities as well as Victoria. Living in a particular state does not give any priority to applicants. NOTE: International applicants see International Student Admissions Test (ASAT).

Monash also offers a post-graduate degree in medicine, as do Deakin and Melbourne universities. Monash has very specific requirements for entry to the post-graduate degree, including that from 2017 the undergraduate degree MUST be a Monash degree (preferably the B. Biomedical Science, or alternatively the B. Pharmacy or the B. Physiotherapy, or in a small number of cases the B. Science). Most applicants for the Melbourne degree would complete either the B. Biomedicine or the B. Science at Melbourne first. Deakin also does not specify the undergraduate degree. NOTE: Many post-graduate medical degrees require applicants to sit for a test known as the GAMSAT. See: http://gamsat.acer.edu.au.

Dentistry is only offered in Victoria as an undergraduate degree at La Trobe University (Bendigo) and as a post-graduate degree at Melbourne University. It is important for anyone thinking of studying medicine or dentistry to research and start preparing; the competition for university places is considerable. Some universities offer information sessions about their courses (Eg ‘At Monash’ Seminars and Focus On Melbourne seminars – details later). Remember, of course, many students considering medicine or dentistry could be well suited to several other occupations, not necessarily in the medical field, so explore these as well.

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES AT MONASH – To who is this degree suited? Are you passionate about health and keen to contribute to addressing real health challenges? This is a ‘parent’ course under which there are four possible specialisations. Students enrol in the course relevant to their specialisation: B. Emergency Health, B. Human Services (can lead to Masters in Social Work), B. Public Health Science and B. Radiation Science. Studies commence at the Caulfield campus where students from all specialisations will apply scientific approaches to the study and improvement of health, considering physiological, behavioural, developmental, social and environmental aspects of human health and disease. After the first three semesters, you will develop an in-depth knowledge of the theory and practice of your specialisation. Prerequisites – 3/4 English and any Maths.
WHAT IS PHYSIOTHERAPY? Physiotherapists assess, treat and prevent disorders in human movement caused by injury or disease. They work in private practice, hospitals, rehabilitation centres, health department, mental health, school systems and some with sports clubs. Most young aspiring physiotherapists want to work as sport physiotherapists, however, you need to understand that many, in fact, work with elderly patients.

Physiotherapy is taught at Monash, La Trobe, Charles Sturt and Melbourne Universities. ACU is introducing the course at Ballarat campus in 2017. The ATAR required for all courses is very high, and admission to the Monash degree also requires an interview. The Melbourne degree is post-graduate. A science background and interest is required for successful completion of the course.

WHAT IS MYOTHERAPY? This is a remedial massage course which assists in rehabilitation, pain and injury management. The Advanced Diploma takes two to three years to complete. Some students who are interested in physiotherapy but who are not able to obtain the required ATAR find myotherapy a satisfying alternative. It is offered at a number of institutions such as Box Hill, Chisholm, Holmesglen, Melbourne Polytechnic, RMIT and Victoria University.

WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY? Do you want to engage people to participate in activities to their full potential? Occupational Therapy involves working with individuals, groups and communities to enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they want to, need to, or are expected to do. It is offered at ACU, Charles Sturt, La Trobe, Deakin (Geelong), and Monash universities.

WHAT IS PROSTHETICS? Learn about artificial limbs (prostheses) for people with amputations and supporting devices (orthoses) for people with musculoskeletal weaknesses. In Victoria this degree course is taught only at La Trobe University.

Drew Deppeler
5598 3381

FOR SALE

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

CANTEEN NEWS

WEEK 4 (22nd – 26th February)
Mon 22nd Jayde Smith
Tues 23rd Tanya Delaney
Wed 24th Jenny Ingles MJ Hayward
Thurs 25th Naomi Lewis Sarah Cumming
Fri 26th Michelle Gristede Joy Morden
12:00 – 2:00pm

WEEK 5 (29th Feb – 4th March)
Mon 29th Michelle Fowler Melissa Cardwell
Tues 1st Kim Smith
Wed 2nd April Jansen
Thurs 3rd Kylie Treble Bronwyn Lenehan
Fri 4th Raelene Neal Susan Van Rijthoven
12:00 – 2:00pm Bryan Ward

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

Bonjour...
G,Day,Mate...

How would you like to learn more about France without even going there....
Become a volunteer host family to a French high school exchange student with Southern cross culture exchange...They’re love learning about Australia from you...We take care of school enrolment and other arrangements...
Talk to your local coordinator Belinda Clarke to select your French student for your family and spend an amazing 3 months together from mid May 2016...
Phone 0437529658 or 55959272.

History Matters
Kate Grenville’s Secret River (STC) comes to Melbourne in March
For those of you who have read Kate Grenville’s novel The Secret River (or seen the TV series), the story line of a new production at the Arts Centre in Melbourne will be familiar. A convict arrives in NSW from the slums of London. With a new life before him on the banks of the Hawkesbury River, he plants a crop and lays claim to the soil in which it grows. But the Hawkesbury is already home to another family from the Dharug people. A family whose existence depends on that land.

This production by the Sydney Theatre Company highlights the different perspectives of people in the past and encourages us to investigate the different historical interpretations and contested debates that exist in literature. We are encouraged to consider the intended and unintended effects of significant events in our past and once again, begin to understand that it is our past that shapes our future.

Playing at Arts Centre Melbourne in March: Details @ https://www.artscenemelbourne.com.au/whats-on/theatre-drama/the-secret-river
I viewed an earlier production in Sydney and found it extremely moving. Get along if you can.
Denise Murray
Humanities Coordinator
TIMBOON DEMONS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

JUNIOR FOOTBALL
Preseason training commences for under 14½ football recommences for under 17½ football
Wednesday February 17th at 4:30pm

Under 12 football training commences Thursday March 3rd 4:00pm all at the Timboon Recreation Reserve Iona Football Ground

For further information or apologies contact coaches
17s Brendan Hickey 0439 983 060
14s Tim Lenehan 0419 354 896
12s Mark Delaney 0439 985 093

JUNIOR NETBALL
Junior Netball Try Outs Thursday 18th, Tuesday 23rd & Thursday 25th FEBRUARY
13 & Under 4:30pm
15 & Under & 17 & Under 5:30pm
Timboon Recreation Reserve Netball Courts

For further information or apologies contact:
Netball President: Kerrie Thompson 0417 682 231

RED CROSS CALLING 2016
If you can help as a Red Cross calling volunteer, or sit outside the Timboon supermarket and collect donations, please call Bryan Ward 0423 713 994. All help, big or small, is appreciated.
School Council Election 2016 - Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term i each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term i each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
Consider standing for election to council this year
Be sure to vote in the elections.
Contact the principal for further information.
School Council Elections
Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

Name:

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of ____________________________, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school.
Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:
+ an undischarged bankrupt
+ of unsound mind
+ currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence,
or
+ a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2009.

Signature of Candidate ____________________________ Date ____________ Date ____________ Date ____________

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

School Council Elections
Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate ____________________________, for an elected position as a parent member on the

Name:

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of ____________________________, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of ____________________________, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school.
Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator ____________________________ Date ____________ Date ____________ Date ____________

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

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