Science & Technology

To celebrate Science Week approximately 90 people attended our ‘Drones, Droids and Robots’ Primary School Family Science night. Guest speaker Adam Howell from DeLaval outlined the way robots are progressively being used in the dairy industry to milk cows. Wendy Couch, a local dairyfarmer and drone enthusiast, showcased her drones that are used to capture images of her farm and the south west coastline.

A 45 minute challenge was issued to families to build a robot ‘to make life easier’ with materials supplied by Mr Mottram. Robots were created that could cook, clean, hang out washing, clean up dog poop etc before the Johnson family were announced as winners as judged by Adam and Wendy. Families participated in a robot quiz to identify robots from popular culture while they enjoyed robot cakes produced by Tamara Haugh and Judy Devlin. Participants also appreciated the robot prints lining the walls of the 5/8 building created by Sarah Mackieson and the Year 4/5 and 6 students. Thank you to our Science teachers, the student helpers, Ahliya Harris and Jordan Rundle, and everyone who participated or contributed to a great Science Week TAP event.
2016 NAPLAN Student Reports: In the coming days all families with children in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will receive their individual child’s NAPLAN Performance reports. Included in this pack will be a NAPLAN 2016 Student Report Information Sheet and an instruction sheet for accessing NAPLAN writing test images. We encourage families to make contact with their individual classroom and subject teachers if you require further information regarding your child’s performance.

Dairy Family (CSEF) assistance: As part of the Victorian Government’s dairy assistance package the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is being extended to students currently enrolled in government and non-government schools whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm. Attached to this newsletter is some information regarding eligibility and a dairy assistance application form, which must be completed and returned to the school general office ASAP. If you have any further questions regarding the assistance available please contact the school by phone: 5598 3381

This week our P-6 and Year 7-12 parent teacher interview days occurred. We have brought these days forward so that discussions around supporting student learning are not left to the end of a term or in the case of Year 12 students, the end of their formal schooling. We would appreciate some parent feedback of the new scheduling of these interviews.

Compass Implementation (Timeline): As we begin to implement the Compass Management System we will provide access to students and parents as of term 4, 2016.
Term 3: Staff roll out (Electronic Attendance, News Items, Learning Tasks & Chronicle)
Term 4: Student roll out (Access to all dashboard features including Schedule, Personal, Learning tasks, Analytics (NAPLAN & On Demand Results))
Term 4: Parent welcome letters generated (portal access)

Congratulations to Year 6 student Jasmine McKenzie who recently participated in the U/12 State Victorian Cricket Team try outs. The trials were held at the MCG and further trials will be taking place in September. We like to celebrate success! If your child/children are involved in something special outside of school, we would like to share their success. Please contact Principal, Sean Fitzpatrick Ph:5598 3381

SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND A AND B BUILDING ARE PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE ZONES

Hi there,

Along with the leadership team it has been great to read the feedback from families who have indicated the improvements and successes they see about the school. From a 7-12 perspective we can’t continue to grow unless we receive feedback and sometimes the best feedback is that which challenges us. Our Year 12s continue to work towards completion of their courses and heading into revision. It is really important that the focus remains on improvement heading into revision. It is never too late to improve and ask for help.

The Year 11s have been completing their course selections for next year and are being lead through that process by Julie
Nicholson and Drew Deppeler. These are important choices and show the aspiration that our kids have and what we can provide our kids no matter if they are heading to university, a trade or TAFE.

Timboon Year 10s, like many around the state, are now in the process of deciding on subject selections for Year 11. Year 11 is really important in establishing the routines, work ethic and development of a deeper understanding of ideas, theories and approaches in all subjects. It is important that as Year 10 students, our kids talk to their teachers about the requirements of the subjects, that they understand what will be required of them and are prepared to step up to Year 11. I really want to see students thriving on the challenges that our teachers put in front of them and strongly believe in the idea that positive effort and attitude will get kids where they want to go.

As always, please contact me if you would like to discuss the progress of your child.

Kind regards,
DAN WALKER
ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Literacy and Numeracy Week is fast approaching. All grades are currently involved in two challenges as part of this celebration. Our numeracy challenge involves all grades getting maximum benefit from our school-wide numeracy support program ‘Mathletics.’ Throughout the year this program is used at school to support maths concepts and understandings. It can also be accessed at home and many families choose to add a little maths into their nightly homework habits. The grade with the most hours of ‘time on’ will receive a prize, so see if you can get onto this at home; every hour counts. Our literacy challenge involves ‘up-levelling’ a plain sentence into a sizzling piece of communication.

For those farming families out there, we have ‘Dairy farm assistance applications’ available on our website. Just go to the ‘About us’ then ‘parent’ tab and you will find the forms. Please take advantage of this Government support in these difficult times.

We are now beginning the planning stages for class structures and child placements for the next year. While teachers use their understanding and experience to take the utmost care when considering the placement of every child, 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. While we do not allow parents to request a teacher we do, for example, consider things such as neighbourhood issues that can cause distractions for children’s learning or 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 2017. Likewise, if you know that your family will not be attending Timboon P-12 School in 2017 we will 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 16th. 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.

ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SCIENCE WEEK
More photos from the Family Science Night (see cover story).
More details and pictures can be found on the TAP blog on the Timboon P-12 website.

ANDREA VALLANCE

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on
Tuesday 23rd August. (1pm in the SEU building).
For enquiries please call Susan: 5598 3358

2016 Student Photo ID cards are available at the office for Year 7 – 12 students. $5 each

Timboon P-12 School no longer formally organises and supports the 40 Hour Famine held from 19th to 21st of August. Instead each of the houses has a charity they support and we raise funds for these. If you would like to participate in the 40 hour famine we encourage you to go to their website and register individually. The address is http://www.40hourfamine.com.au

TAP blog on the Timboon P-12 Facebook page.

Father’s Day Stall – Thursday 1st September
Kids Matter Day BBQ – Wednesday 7th September

BBQ lunch forms will be in next week’s newsletter

** PHOTO SHOOT ** (See advertisement )
Have you booked your family in yet??? It’s great value and $50 of each sitting goes towards the school.
Great Christmas gift so if you haven’t booked, why not call today.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen
Garden Program
Thursday 25th August

Lunch Meals

Vegetable Soup and roll $3.00
or
Curried sausages and rice with roll $5.00

*Please ensure lunch orders, together with payments, are dropped off to the canteen by Wednesday 24th 😊

Student Name ____________________________
Class__________________________________
Meal __________________________________

As the numbers for meals are steadily growing, it would be great if there were any parents who would be willing to help supervise with the cooking. Could they please contact the class room teacher.

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TAP into Diseases
As part of their investigation into diseases in animals and plants, our Year 9 Science students hosted Zoe Vogels, from The Vet Group, to outline the characteristics of diseases. Zoe explained what a disease is, its causes, effects, the body’s response and treatment. We are very fortunate to have someone of Zoe’s calibre and enthusiasm working with our students. Thanks Zoe!

ANDREA VALLANCE

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Princetown Cricket Club is seeking junior players.
The friendly club is especially seeking boys and girls aged 8 to 13 in the attempt to start an under 13s team. Experience is not necessary.
Any young person, of any age group or ability, willing to have a go and participate in a fun game with great people and meet some new friends is urged to get in contact.

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WEEK 7 (22nd – 26th August)
Mon 22nd  Angelique Cangelis
Tues 23rd   Tanya Delaney
Wed 24th   MJ Haywood
Thurs 25th Susan Van Rijthoven  Sue Trotter
Fri 26th  Bronwyn Lenehan
12:00 – 2:00pm  Monique Fitzpatrick

WEEK 8 (29th Aug – 2nd September)
Mon 29th   Joy Morden
Tues 30th  Beth Roberts
Wed 31st   Julie Gass
Thurs 1st  Naomi Lewis  Sharyn Ferguson
Fri 2nd  Melinda Drysdale
12:00 – 2:00pm

If anyone can volunteer in the blank time slots above it would be appreciated.
CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR – Interested in studying psychology at university? Would you like to find out about specialist areas of psychology? Each year the Student Committee of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) runs a careers seminar for aspiring psychologists. This is an opportunity for you to get your questions answered. When: 6.00-9.00pm, Wed 24 August; Where: Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University (ACU), 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. For more information and to register your attendance: www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?id=16940.

LOTS OF YEAR 12 NEWS - You are reminded that applications for courses for 2017 are now open on the VTAC website. You will need your VCAA student number to create an account, the first step in the application process. Timely applications close on 29 September (cost $32.00). Late applications cost $100.00. Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) applications are also open and can be completed following a VTAC course application (close 4 October). Scholarship applications done through VTAC close on 14 October. You can change your VTAC course application as much as you wish at no extra charge.

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS FOR YEAR 12's

HOW CAN I ACCESS THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE? Students from a rural or isolated area or who have a disadvantaged financial background could be eligible for a guaranteed place at Melbourne by applying through ACCESS MELBOURNE – even if your ATAR is below the Clearly-in Rank. Eligibility checklist:

- student must have completed an Australian Year 12 (or IB) in 2016
- student is eligible for consideration in one or both of the categories ‘disadvantaged financial background’ and ‘from a rural or isolated area’
- the student satisfies the prerequisite subjects for their chosen course

achieved an ATAR or notional ATAR of 78 or more for Design or Science, 80 or more for Arts, 88 or more for Commerce and 95 or more for Biomedicine.

See: https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/access_melbourne

DO YOU HAVE AN AUDITION COMING UP? The Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) and the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music (MCM) offer Audition Preparation Workshops that will break down the audition process and equip you with information needed to succeed. These are practical sessions designed to provide you with the techniques and confidence to present yourself in the best light. Workshops are one or two day intensives and registrations are now open. Available in: dance, jazz improvisation, music theatre and theatre. Go to: BOOK NOW.

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS -

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE BERWICK CAMPUS OF MONASH? Monash has announced that it is closing its campus at Berwick. The good news is that it will taken over by Federation University (pending government approvals). Federation University is a combination of the former University of Ballarat and the former Gippsland campus of Monash University at Churchill. Federation University will offer 15 degree programs at Berwick in 2017 in the fields of business, education, nursing, IT and science. NOTE: Monash students enrolled at Berwick will continue to be taught by Monash staff and, subject to meeting the normal requirements, graduate with a Monash degree. Some Monash students may remain at Berwick in 2017, while others will transfer to Peninsula and Clayton campuses to complete their courses.

MONASH GUARANTEE NEW CATEGORY – As mentioned previously, Monash University offers guaranteed places in certain circumstances relating to where your school is located and to your financial circumstances. You will now be eligible for a guaranteed place at Monash if:

- you live in a low socio-economic area or
- your school is a Monash under-represented school or
- you have experienced financial disadvantage or
- you are an Indigenous Australian.

You can enter your address into the Monash online calculator to find out if you qualify. See: www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee.

MONASH SCHOLARSHIPS – With Monash’s scholarship programs, students can access a range of services and financial assistance.

Merit scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and have both financial and academic benefits. There is no application requirement as it is granted on the ATAR achieved, however, students must have Monash listed as at least one VTAC preference to be considered.

Equity scholarships are intended for those who identify as Indigenous Australian or Torres Strait Islander, or are currently experiencing financial hardships or disadvantage. Students must submit an application for equity scholarships through VTAC, along with necessary supporting documentation. Applications close on 14 October. See: www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships.

MONASH PATHWAY COURSES allow students who may not reach the required ATAR or meet prerequisites, to gain entry into Monash. The Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTIS) and the Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE) are both equivalent to the first year of a university undergraduate degree and allow students to transition to the second year of their destination degree. Apply through VTAC. In addition, you must submit a Monash University Supplementary Information Form by 31 December.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY’S HALLMARK PROGRAM - Due to recent changes made to the hallmark program, individual hallmark courses will no longer be made available through the VTAC system. The hallmark program is now exclusive to students who receive the Vice Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship. Students who have studied their first year at La Trobe who achieve at least a 75% Weighted Average Mark (WAM) also have the opportunity to apply for the hallmark program to commence in their second year of study. For more information see: www.latrobe.edu.au/hallmark.

Drew Deppeler 5598 3381
DAIRY ASSISTANCE - APPLICATION FORM

School Name

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname: ____________________________________________
First name: _________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Town/suburb: __________________________ State: ______ Postcode: ______
Contact phone number: ______________________________

NOTE – the dairy assistance payment is only available to families who own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm.

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You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ____________________________ Date __/__/____

DAIRY ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY

Students currently enrolled at the start of Term 3, 2016 in government and non-government schools where one or both parents:

- own an operating dairy farm
- are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
- hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
- work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.
Evidence may include:

- a dairy industry license issued by Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV)
- lease documentation
- share farming contract
- agreement with a dairy production/supply company
- a letter from an employer
- a statutory declaration stating the family’s main business or employment is on an operating dairy farm (in cases where other forms of evidence are not available).
- confirmation from a kindergarten that a younger sibling has been approved for the dairy Kindergarten Fee Subsidy on the basis of being an eligible dairy farming family (as above)

The Dairy Assistance Application Form must be lodged at the school by **18 November 2016** along with evidence as required.

**PAYMENT AMOUNT**

This one-off payment of $375 per student is only available in 2016 and will be paid to the school for the eligible student.

Families who were eligible for the means tested CSEF payment are also eligible to receive the Dairy Assistance payment. However families that have previously qualified for the CSEF drought assistance funding are not able to also access the CSEF dairy assistance funding.

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

**Government & Non-Government schools:**

1. Parents/legal guardians and independent students are required to complete a Dairy Assistance application form and lodge the form at the school. Application forms are to be retained by the school.

2. The school is then required to complete and email the endorsed spreadsheet to csef@edumail.vic.gov.au by 2 December 2016. The spreadsheet template can be downloaded from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

3. DET will make a bulk payment into the school’s bank account by the end of term 4, 2016.

4. The school will be required to allocate the funding directly to benefit the eligible student. The school should communicate with their school community about how the funding will be allocated.
Teen Union Comes to the Table

The nation breathed a collective sigh of relief today as the Combined Union of Teenagers (CUT) sought reconciliation over what can only be described as a breathtaking log of claims. Describing management as distrustful of claims made last week that 'Everybody else is allowed to go', and 'No, you don't need to telephone her parents', the CUT went on strike. 'So what?' was the bemused reply from the Head of the Order of Parents Everywhere (HOPE). 'We haven't seen much action on the shop floor in recent weeks, so the strike won't touch the sides let alone the surface.'

Claims and counter-claims relating to one side not understanding the other, and charges of hypocrisy and betrayal, have been made. Mediation by a member of the Collective of Older Children, who said, 'Well, they never let me do it', failed to move the matter towards resolution. The dispute is expected to last until the middle of the century. We can only hope they grow up fast.

You Just Can't Buy Good Help These Days

Mr Spinelli of Campbelltown noticed that it was costing him four hours of nagging and $20 to get the car washed. It would have been cheaper to use professional cleaners. 'After this discovery, I decided I could either have week-long debates with my son or I could decide our relationship was more important,' he said.

COOK-A-THON

Mrs Violet Perchanski of Surrey Hills has given up. Her kids are bored with her cooking. 'At first I was offended,' she said, 'and then I figured out that I cook 1095 meals a year. I wouldn't eat 1095 meals in a row from even the best restaurant in town. So now they all take turns choosing what we eat, and cooking it.'

TEENAGERS SPEAK OUT ON CHORES

In breakthrough research, it has been revealed that most teenagers think young people should be involved in helping out around the house. Taking care of yourself and your possessions is seen as promoting responsibility.

Girls are more likely to see household jobs and chores as a way of contributing to the welfare of the family. Even more shocking are findings that most adolescents don't favour payment for individual jobs, preferring a more generalised payment or pocket money. However, they do think that 'big jobs' should receive a special payment. Before you think you've got it too easy, it is important to note that while 92% expect to have to do some chores around the house, 57% expect you to nag them about it.

As a rough guide, self-care tasks such as making their bed, putting away toys, and basic cleaning of their rooms can begin around six or seven years of age. Family-care tasks such as doing the dishes and sweeping should begin later, after age eight. Of course, if children express interest in helping out, it's always best to include them as long as the task(s) can be done safely.

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