Congratulations to our Year 3 students on achieving 1st and 2nd place at the Warrnambool Poetry Eisteddfod on Monday. The students competed against four other teams in the 'Choral Speaking' - Primary School Year 4 section.

Mrs Hawkins’ Year 3 class chose to recite the poems: 'How to Delay your Bedtime' and 'How to Torture your Teacher'.

Mrs Moriarty's Year 3 class chose to recite the poems: 'Don't think about a Zebra' and 'Minecraft Mike'.

Our year 4 - 5 students are competing next week in the individual poetry reading.
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dairy Industry: Like many we were very disappointed to hear the unfortunate news announced recently by Murray Goulburn and Fonterra regarding cutting milk prices for suppliers. These decisions are often felt by whole communities. Over the past four years we have worked very hard with the community to promote and incorporate what we consider a very important and vibrant agriculture industry into our school curriculum. We value this industry and its enormous contribution. We understand decisions like these can sometimes have a negative impact. I would like to extend an offer of support from school to all families that may be affected. This offer of support may be simply in the form of sharing your concerns or developing payment plans to assist with school financial demands. It is times like these that we need to encourage people to talk and support each other.

Some additional links of support can be accessed through: **Beyondblue Support Service Advice Action** 1300 22 4636 or [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

Lifeline Australian support 13 11 14 or [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

Recently I shared my Performance Plan with all staff. Every year all staff are expected to undertake a performance plan. These plans are divided into 4 key sections: Developing professional practice, knowledge, engagement and student outcomes.

In 2016 my performance goals are:

- **I will** embed a collaborative team structure across the school with a strong focus on learning.
- **I will** implement a robust performance and development process where all staff plans have a clear line of sight with the AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) so that there is a clear focus on student learning.
- **I will** lead an inclusive and thorough self-evaluation engaging the school and broader community so that a new strategic plan is developed.
- **I will** implement a PLC (Professional Learning Communities) framework to enhance teacher collaborative curriculum planning & assessment so that all students achieve 12 months growth in Literacy and Numeracy.

You might wonder what this means to you and your child: as a school our focus be on learning. A Professional Learning Community framework is a school improvement tool that enables schools to transform. It focuses on six key questions:

1. What is it we want our students to know? **Curriculum!**
2. How will we know if our students are learning? **Assessment!**
3. How will we respond when students do not learn? **Instruction!**
4. How will we enrich and extend the learning for students who are proficient? **Instruction!**
5. How will we increase our instructional competence? **Teacher Development!**
6. How will we coordinate our efforts as a school? **Leadership!**

There are a number of key strategies that we will be rolling out through the course of the year to support this notion. I look forward to regularly updating you on these initiatives and using this forum to share our school focus on learning.

School Camps- Last week we had two camps take place. Our Year 6 students attended an overnight camp at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat. This camp provided students and their teachers a chance to attend a goldfields school! Dressed in 19th century-style clothing, and using classrooms and equipment typical of the era, students enjoyed two memorable days in one of the themed schools as they role-played the lives of goldfields students and came to understand social conditions during the great Victorian Gold Rush. What a great way to learn about the Australian Gold Rush! A big thank you to Mr Haugh, Mrs McMeel, Bryce Morden (parent) and Sharna Whitehand (parent) for their assistance (pictured below).

Our Year 11 cohort had the opportunity to attend work experience in Melbourne for the week. This really does provide a real life learning opportunity for our students. Students are expected to independently travel to and from work each day on public transport. Many former students often comment on the confidence this camp provided to them. Navigating through Melbourne is not easy! A big thank you to Mr Deppeler and Ms Nicholson for assisting students during this week.

**Uniform:** Attached to this newsletter is a simple one page survey regarding a proposed change to the school polo top. We value your feedback – could you please take a minute to fill this in and drop it into the school general office.

Good luck to our P-12 students competing at the HSSSD Cross Country competitions tomorrow.

- **Due to a clash with Year 12 Mid-year exams we have changed the school report writing date to Friday 10th June.**

**May**

29th **HSSSD Cross Country**

26th - 27th **Year 9 Camp**

**SEAN FITZPATRICK**

**PRINCIPAL**

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

2016 **Student Photo ID cards** are available at the office for Year 7 – 12 students. $5 each
Assistant Principal’s Report

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for making, ‘Timboon on Display’, our transition night, a success. It was a wonderful opportunity for staff to showcase some of the great work happening in our classrooms. Many students were available to explain what they do every day or to guide people through the many areas of our school. Thank-you to Lisa Ken sit our Transition Co-ordinator.

Our Year 11 students have returned to school from their week of Work Experience in Melbourne (or local) with a better view of the future of working life and a greater understanding of city life. Thanks again to Julie Nicholson and Drew Deppeler for organising and supporting the students. Our students are placed in a wide range of businesses and organisations each year and the employers are always happy to give the opportunity to Timboon kids.

Our postponed Senior Football team played two full games at Camperdown on Tuesday. Thank-you to all of the students who participated and for Dean Whitehead for organising the day. The team had a great day out. Good luck to the Interschool Cross Country team, 40 students, they will head to Camperdown on Friday.

The Stephanie Alexander Canteen meals have been a great success we are getting about 50-60 orders each week. Thank you to all that are taking the opportunity. Please ensure you get your order in early to enable ordering and preparation to continue be smooth. Extra thanks to the year 4-5-6 helpers and for Cheryl, Debbie and the canteen helpers for your support and enthusiasm.

Gabby Theologous
Acting Assistant Principal

Year 11 Work Experience – Melbourne

A small but intrepid group of Year 11s braved Melbourne’s urban jungle for their Work Experience week last week. We were indeed fortunate that the Sunday winds and rains did not eventuate and even during the week the main downpours and windstorms occurred during working hours. Over the week they transformed from hesitant public transport users to experienced and confident young people joining the throng of morning and evening commuters. A huge congratulations to them all; we only had some minor ‘adventures’ negotiating the streets – thanks to the wonders of modern technology (the Public Transport App and Google Maps)! We highly value the partnerships we have developed over the years with a group of employers, who happily offer our students the opportunity of a work placement and the chance to develop a range of other skills. Timboon students have a great reputation with our employers – they display a great work ethic, show initiative and are cooperative and respectful. Our 2016 group continued this tradition.
Placements this year included: Collingwood Children’s Farm, Melbourne University Sports Centre, the Florey Institute of Neuroscience, Bottega Restaurant, Tempo Media, Sir Donald and Lady Trescwithhick Aged Care Centre to name but a few.

General Achievement Test 7th June

Students in Years 12 and 11 undertaking VCE Unit 3/4 studies will be undertaking the GAT on 7th June and should have received an information pamphlet this week. While not contributing directly to their ATAR score, the GAT is an essential part of the VCE assessment procedures. It is a test of general knowledge and skills in written communication, mathematics, science, technology, humanities, arts and social sciences. When calculating students’ expected achievements based on the GAT, the VCAA takes into account the questions that relate to achievements in particular studies. No special study is required, however students can get a good idea of the questions by referring to previous GAT papers on the VCAA website (http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/gat/index.aspx)

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on Tuesday 17th May (1pm in the SEU building). For enquiries please call Susan: 5598 3358
Sovereign Hill Camp

I felt scared when I was underground in the Redhill Mine. My favourite part was learning huckaback embroidery and writing with a quill and ink. Lola

I felt a little sad and a lot excited during ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’. I was nervous around the strict teachers and I felt important in my costume walking up and down the street. Chris

My favourite part was being an apprentice. Ronnie

I learnt that the Union Jack doesn’t have any green on it because it reminded the king of Wales and he didn’t like Wales. Poppy

I felt shocked and scared when we first arrived and our teacher was so strict. Jasmine

I loved dressing up and playing the role of an orphan in the 1850’s. Willow

The highlights of camp were ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’ and attending the ‘Ragged School’. Susanna

Even though we had to do some work inside with Ma’am and learn things like twelve pennies made one shilling and learn Queen Victoria’s writing, it was still fun. Kobi

Learning to see cross stitch was really fun. I liked playing with the old outdoor toys. Abbey

It was really hard to write in Copperplate but it was fun trying. Maya had very bad excuses for needing to write left handed. Johanna

Camp was set back in the 1850’s times. It was cool, but they wouldn’t use that word back then. Mason

Camp was great. It was fun dressing up in the old time clothes. Watching Blood on the Southern Cross was scary, but it was fun. Charlie

Camp was awesome. The Gold mine tour was fun. I found eight pieces of gold in the creek. Dressing up was also great. Tassha

Camp was a really good experience, we learnt about what life was like on the Goldfields. I really liked the cross stitching. Emily

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK 7 (23rd – 27th May)
Mon 23rd Sue Trotter
Tues 24th Tanya Delaney   Angelique Cangelis
Wed 25th Megan Ellis    Susan Van Rijthoven
Thurs 26th Charlene Payne  MJ Haywood
Fri 27th Corinne Beames   Bronwyn Lenehan
12:00 – 2:00pm Anne Rosolin

WEEK 8 (30th May – 3rd June)
Mon 30th Carissa Archibald
Tues 31st April Janssen
Wed 1st Julie Gass
Thurs 2nd Lisa Savage   Naomi Lewis
Fri 3rd Melinda Drysdale  Cherie Mungean
12:00 – 2:00pm Monique Fitzpatrick

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

At Timboon P-12 School, we are very fortunate to receive great support from our parents, many of whom volunteer their time to assist in a variety of our classroom programs. To support parents who are assisting in our classrooms, I will be conducting a Classroom Helpers Training Program over the next few weeks. This program will be run over two sessions, which will be held on 24th and 31st May. These Tuesday afternoon sessions will be held in the Library, beginning at 2.15pm and finishing by the end of the school day, at 3.30pm.

The focus of this program is to help prepare parents to assist in our classroom programs and it will provide you with many tips and strategies that will enable you to work effectively with students at school. We will look at how children learn to read and write, as well as discuss a variety of activities that can assist student learning in these areas. These tips and strategies can also be used at home with your own child/ren. If you are interested in assisting in your child/ren’s classroom, then it is recommended that you have participated in this program. If you wish to participate, could you please complete and return the attached form to school.

Regards,

Matt Haugh
P-6 Sub School Leader.

Classroom Helpers Program

I would like to participate in the Classroom Helpers Training Program, to be held on 24th and 31st May.

Name _________________________
Phone_________________________

TIMBOON DEMONS FOOTY TRAINING

There will be no training this week for the Timboon Demons under 12s and under 17 footballers due to no football this weekend.

Best of luck to the boys in the interleague team.

TRY A CAREER EXPO, SW TAFE SHERWOOD PARK CAMPUS

One of the biggest challenges for a young person is how and where to commence their career journey. The Try A Career Expo on Monday 30th of May at the SWTAFE’s Sherwood Park Campus gives the opportunity for our Year 9s to try hands on activities and talk to people involved in specific careers and to find out where to learn more.

Over a 90 minute period, students will have the opportunity to experience three different hands on activities. A bus will take the students to Sherwood Park on Monday 30th of May. They will be there from 11.20 until 12.50. Students make their choices at school and will be given an individual timetable.

The only cost involved is the cost of the bus. The students will get their individual timetable based on their choices and the cost of the bus early next week.

LOCAL CENSUS jobs available now

Make a difference in your community and join Australia’s largest logistical peacetime operation – the 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

Census night is August 9, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is right now looking for dedicated, enthusiastic self-starters to fill up to 6,900 Field Officer positions across Victoria. If you’re community minded and comfortable using a mobile or tablet device, the ABS wants to hear from you.

Field Officers play a critical role by visiting households and ensuring everyone makes the Census count. They’ll also earn around $21 an hour and enjoy flexible, part-time work hours for up to 3 months. To do the job you’ll need to be a good communicator, reasonably fit, licensed to drive and able to travel and work independently.

To apply or find more information, visit www.abs.gov.au/careers
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
Thursday 26th May

Lunch Meals

Shepherds Pie and bread roll $5.00
or
Pumpkin Soup with a bread roll $3.00

*Please ensure lunch orders, together with payments, are dropped off to the canteen by Wednesday 25th

Student Name ____________________________
Class__________________________________
Meal ___________________________________

Host family required
We are looking for a voluntary host family for an International cultural exchange student. The girl is from Japan and arrived in Australia at the end of January 2016. The girl attends Timboon P-12 College where she has made friends and is loving it. We are now looking for a kind hearted host family in the school's area so the student can continue with her studies at the school. To become a volunteer host family you need to hold a valid working with children check and we will visit you in your home.

If you think this sounds fantastic and you would be able to help out, please get in touch with Inga Hoeltz at Southern Cross Cultural Exchange for more information. Thank you!

S.C.C.E National Office - 1800 500 501 or email: outbound@scce.com.au

FREE ROOSTERS
Ring Tiff - 0457 202 033

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
This program enables children aged 5 – 9 years of all abilities the opportunity to learn basketball in a structured and safe environment. Developing fitness, social skills and an understanding of basketball while having fun.
Commencing on May 18th @ 4pm at the Timboon Sporting Centre
Text your Child's name and age to 0490149473 or 0434741863 before May 15th

ENROL NOW
All Children enrolled will receive a Basketball

PLAYERS WANTED
Cobden Night Netball
Starting Monday 11th July

JUNIOR COMPETITION
C GRADE - Grade 2 to Grade 4 Wednesday Night 4.30pm onwards
All age groups registration fee $5.00

R GRADE - Grade 6 to Year 7 Monday Night 4.30pm onwards

SENIOR COMPETITION
A GRADE
Monday Night 6.30pm onwards
B GRADE
Wednesday Night 6.30pm onwards

For general enquiries contact Joanne Smith 0409 425 547

ALL names due in by Wednesday 1st June
No late names will be accepted
Fundraising Event
Wednesday, 25th May 2016 - World MS Day
Capitol Cinemas, Kepler St, Warrnambool
Tickets $20
Pre-show drinks from 6.30pm
Movie starts 7pm, with supper to follow.

The story of Michael "Eddie" Edwards, the notoriously eccentric, long-distance athlete who shattered the world at the 1980 Winter Olympics.

Tickets available from:
Lyndoch Community Rehabilitation Centre, Warrnambool Uniting Church Office & at the Door
Contact: Cindy: 0429 337 641 or Wendy: 0435 345 320 for information
All proceeds to "Ri$e Goodbye to MS" Research Fund.

Timboon Demons FNC is running a 10 week NetSetGo program for 8-10 year olds. The program will start Thursday 26 May, 4 pm at the Timboon Rec Reserve. It will run every Thursday until the June school holidays (2 week break) before concluding on 18 August. The program incorporates skill activities, minor games and modified matches. Most of all, it's fun! Please contact Brooke Barnewall on 0438 580 419 if your child is interested.
Cost is $49 and includes a NetSetGo participant pack. Online registration will be available during the first few weeks. Visit www.netsetgo.asn.au > Find a Centre and search for 'Timboon'.

THE EDUCATION STATE
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 any costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested 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
• $225 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 the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Possible Uniform Change 2017

School Council have proposed a change to the P-12 School Uniform and are seeking your opinions. We would appreciate your honest feedback to the following questions.

Proposal
To remove the pale blue polo as the preferred school top and replace it with the current 7-12 Sports top (we also investigating the possibility of changing the fabric to improve odour release).

Do you support this idea?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

If this proposal is approved a new sport top will need to be developed. We would like your input into this by ticking the appropriate boxes.

Would you like the tops main colour to be:
☐ Navy ☐ House Colour

Would you like the top to have a collar?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Further comments:________________________________________________________________________________
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PLEASE RETURN TO THE GENERAL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 27TH MAY