On Monday, we had an unwanted reminder about the risks our students face each day when travelling to school. I hope all parents received the letter I sent out about the bus accident on Monday which contained an outline of the day’s events. We still have some sore, bruised and battered students who are recovering and one student has had to take the week off school.

We are fortunate to have a large number of buses fitted with seat belts (currently seat belts are not mandated) and ensuring that students understand the importance of always wearing a seat belt is something that the school and the home can work on together.

Sean Fitzpatrick coordinates the bus program from the school side and he is always happy to address any concerns that parents might have about their child’s bus route. Our roads tend to suffer more over the winter months, so please let us know if you think there are unacceptable risks along your child’s bus route.

Today is the Year 7-12 parent teacher interview day. We have brought this day 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 on the new scheduling of these interviews.

NAPLAN results have been mailed out today. The NAPLAN provides a “snapshot” of your child’s performance in a test situation (3 months ago) at a particular time. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss your child’s results further.

KidsMatter day is 2nd September. Origin Energy has generously sponsored the meat for the BBQ. TSPA are now offering a $3 meal deal for the day. It is a real bargain. Those families who have already paid the $5 will receive a $2 refund. Thank-you to Origin Energy for recognising the importance of this day for our students and providing the sponsorship.

If you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss with me please feel free to give me a call at school (0407345324) or on (03) 55983381 (at home).

Congratulations to: All the students who are heading into the finals of their chosen winter sport.

August
20th 7-12 Parent Teacher Interviews (9:00-3:30)
21st Hoop Time Year 3-4
21st The Rock-Geelong
24th-28th National Literacy & Numeracy week.
24th-28th Year 10 Work Experience
26th P-6 Open morning
26th VCE Biology Geelong, Year 7/8 Textiles Wool museum
26th-28th Year 9 Great South West Walk
27th TSPA Fathers Day Stall
27th Clay Target Championship Noorat
28th Hoop Time 5-6 All Starts.

September
2nd KidsMatter Day
2nd Synchrotron Year 12 Physics
3rd Camembert Cheese, Year 8 - Hamilton.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORTS

VCE/VCAL/VET Pathways 2016:

- Last Wednesday we hosted our annual VCE/VCAL/VET information evening. This event was aimed at current Year 10 & 11 students/parents to provide information regarding their course selections for 2016. The following counselling dates are coming up:
  
  - Year 10-11 2016 VCE/VCAL/VET Counseling- Tuesday 1st September (School Library)
  
  - Year 11-12 2016 VCE/VCAL/VET Counseling- Thursday 3rd September (School Library)

- Accelerated VCE & VET subjects 2016- Information session for current year 9 students and parents, Wednesday 9th September 9:15am-10:30am (School Library)

What are VET Subjects?

- VET stands for Vocational Education and Training.
- VET programs provide an education that directly relates to getting a job. You will be assessed on your ability to do the tasks necessary for that particular job. You can do a VET course at a registered training organisation (RTO), such as a TAFE, a university or a...
private training provider. These courses will suit you if you enjoy learning in a practical and hands-on environment that has a clear purpose.

- VET courses are typically shorter and more practical than higher education courses and have an industry and trade focus.
- Victoria’s training system puts choice in the hands of students. With more than 500 RTOs (including TAFEs, Learn Locals and private providers) offering thousands of VET courses, students can choose the course, delivery mode and provider that best meets their needs.
- A subsidy is the amount of money the Victorian Government pays to an RTO for training delivery for eligible students. Each RTO sets its own fees for the training it delivers. Students pay the gap between the government’s subsidy and the RTO’s fee.

Current VET subjects offered at Timboon P-12: Cert II Engineering, Cert III Music (Sound production) and Cert II & III Agriculture. There are lots of other VET subjects offered through South West TAFE including: Automotive, Building & Construction, Hairdressing, Hospitality and lots more.

About School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

- School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs) were introduced in 1998 as a distinct pathway within Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS). They are available to secondary school students over 15 years old and enrolled in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).
- A SBAT offers students the option of combining part-time employment, school and training. The program is undertaken under a training contract with an employer, has a Training Plan signed by the school and formally registered with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) and leads to a nationally recognised qualification.
- A SBAT forms an integral part of the student’s school learning program and study timetable and a minimum of one day of the normal school week (which may be averaged over three periods of four months duration in each year of the training contract) must be spent in employment and/or structured training as an apprentice or trainee. Schools should only endorse a Training Plan for a SBAT under these circumstances.
- Endorsement of the Training Plan by the school will indicate that it is undertaking responsibility to enrol the student on the Victorian Assessment Software System (VASS) so that credit for the training within the VCE or VCAL can be awarded to the student.
- Like other VETiS offerings, the vocational training components of SBATs also contribute credit towards a senior secondary certificate. Many school-based apprentices and trainees move on to a full-time contract with their employer after leaving school, while others choose to continue their education and training at a Registered Training Organisation or university.

For more information contact: Sean Fitzpatrick
Phone: 5598 3381

KidsMatter Day
Wednesday 2nd September

We believe a KidsMatter Day strengthens our School KidsMatter journey and our whole school approach to raising awareness of good health & wellbeing. Students will again workshop through a range of health and wellbeing activities on Wednesday 2nd September. Some of these workshops/activities include:

- A Relay for Life walk on the oval (for all school community members), Power to Persist (Building resilience and leadership), Spin Chat (understanding people with disabilities), Bush Dancing, Timboon Healthcare, Cyberbullying, drug & alcohol education, self-defence, and much, much more.

Timetable of the event to be released next week!

Congratulations to Year 11 student Matthew Atherton on achieving a SAGSE (Scholarships for Australian-German Student Exchange). Mathew currently studies Year 12 German units 3 & 4 through the Victorian School of Languages. The scholarship will include travel to Germany in November 2015 and Mathew will return in February 2016.

I am delighted to inform our school community that we have again been shortlisted as a finalist for the Outstanding School Advancement Award in the 2015 Victorian Education Excellence Awards. Congratulations to all school community members for all of their ongoing hard work in the TAP. Winners will be announced on Friday 30th October, fingers crossed and third time lucky!
New Sport/Physical Activity Program to be introduced at Year 7-10:

The new Sport/Physical Activity program aims to establish the foundations for the implementation of a Year 7-10 Sports Program with the possible involvement local sporting clubs. In addition to Physical Education offerings through the curriculum, the School will offer an additional Sports Program that connects strongly to its local community and promotes healthy lifestyles, active living habits and strong mental health. This program will include traditional and non-traditional sport/physical activity choices.

Currently only 25% of the population and only approximately 50% of students take part in organised sport. Some other alarming facts include that 13,000 deaths are attributed to physical inactivity in Australia. Approximately 77% of children spend their spare time watching TV or engaged in computer and tablet technology. Mandated by the department and endorsed by school council we need to be offering 100 minutes of Physical Education and 100 minutes of Sport at Years 7-10.

The details are outlined in the table below:

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| To include 2 sessions of sport at year 7-8 | • One less elective block to allow the 2 sessions  
• Set sports per term per year level. 5 week rotations.  
• Split year levels by gender.  
• Same groups remain so can change when suits, even if term is short |
| To include 2 sessions of sport at year 9-10 | • One less elective block to allow for 2 sessions  
• Students get to choose which sports they would like to do per term  
• Staff to offer some different choices.  
• More choices in the other elective blocks due to 4 forms in Yr.9-10 |
| To make PE core in Year 9-10 | • 2 sessions to come from Home Group, currently 4 sessions move to 2 sessions  
• Currently PE is an elective and does clash with student subject choices |

A pilot program will be trialled with Year 7 & 8 students in term 4, 2015. If you require further information regarding this program or you would like to assist, please contact the school Phone: 5598 3381

And remember: ‘Looking at failure not as a negative but as a positive. Knowing that you can learn from anything, even if it’s bad or good. And that really gets you mentally tough. If I didn’t have that failure, I wouldn’t be standing here with this trophy’.– Jason Day (Australian golfer-Recent American PGA winner)

SEAN FITZPATRICK  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (7-12)

Next week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. As part of our celebrations, parents and families are welcome to come in on Wednesday 26th August for our open morning from 9:00 am til 10:50. A cuppa is available up in the library for any who would like one. During this time you are most welcome to join in numeracy activities with your child/children. A personal invitation from your child/children should arrive home shortly. This year the Curriculum Committee has again been overseeing the review of many of our current School Policies to ensure that they are still in line with DEECD guidelines and legal requirements but also to ensure that they match our current best practice. The process has involved review and ideas from KLAs, school committees, sub-school groups and those involved in the daily running impacted by each policy (eg: science team reviewed science policy.) They have then been considered by the curriculum committee, passed through leadership and are now on display for any interested members of our School Community for feedback. School Council has the final say on policy but do like to consider all ideas and options, hence this feedback opportunity. If you are interested in reading the proposed changes there are copies available now in the Library, at the office and in the staff room for reading.

ANDREA TAYLOR  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (P-12)

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Warrnambool Interschool Equestrian Championships  
Sunday 13th September 2015  
Horse trials grades 1 – 5  
Combined training grade 5  
Including “Best performed retired thoroughbred racehorse.”  
Enteries close Monday 7th September, 2015 at www.warrnambool.ponyclub.vic.org.au or see Cheryl at the Caf.

Student ID cards are available at the office for students Years 7 to 12. $5 each
REMEMBER TO KEEP COLLECTING

The house captains are still running the ‘Bring, Collect, and Recycle Toothpaste. There will be a prize at the end of this competition! It will end in November. We need everyone who has empty toothpaste tubes or exhausted toothbrushes in their house to send them to school with their children, so it can be recycled! Thank you to everyone who has participated in this event so far. Your donations are really appreciated!

Camembert Cheese making:
If any parents or community members are interested in making Camembert Cheese for Christmas please contact the school office and leave your name and contact number. The cost of this course is $100 and each participant will make 3 large camembert cheeses that will be ready for Xmas.

The proposed date for this day is Thursday 5th November: 9:00am – 2:00pm.
All materials and lunch provided. Spaces are limited to 12 participants.

Timboon Youth Drop In Centre

Location: Pavilion, Timboon P12
Day: Every Wednesday
Time: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Come at any time – drinks, TV, table tennis and more.

If you have any questions please contact Charlene Payne, President Timboon Action

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on Tuesday 8th September (1pm in the SEU building). For enquiries please call Susan: 5598 3358.

FOR SALE

2 pairs of boys black school shoes/runners (Athletes Foot $90 new) Excellent condition
Size 13 and size 1 $20 each
PHONE: Chris 0418 847 948

WANTED: Dairy Farm Lease
Honest, hardworking and reliable couple with love for their cows and herd, seeking a 200-300 cow farm in SW Victoria. We have own machinery and own our herd. Have good credit history. Long term lease preferred with good facilities.
Contact Kerry Childs mobile. 0417 957 600 or 5594 3549 or Gaylene 0419 933 549

FLAT TO RENT: - One bedroom fully furnished flat in Timboon, power and water paid.
PHONE: 5598 3864 or 0407 044 089

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Canteen News

Canteen Roster

WEEK 7 (24th – 28th August)
Mon 24th Donna Bellis
Tues 25th April Janssen
Wed 26th Charlene Payne
Thurs 27th Brett Hough Angelique Cangelis
Friday 28th Joy Morden Melinda Drysdale
(12:00 – 2:00pm Anne Rosolin)

WEEK 8 (31st August – 4th September)
Mon Sue Trotter
Tues Kim Smith
Wed Emily McKenzie
Thurs Steph Delaney Sarah Keating
Fri Michelle Gristede Tanya Delaney
(12:00 – 2:00pm Monique Fitzpatrick)

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

For Sale at the CAF
New Timboon P-12 scarves $15.00
Beanies $13.00
TSPA PARENTS SAY
Love to hear from you!
Name: ___________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________

Are you a parent of a child with special needs?

You are warmly invited to attend a Parent Support Group meeting.

When: Wednesday 19th August 2015 - 1:30 PM – Postponed

WHEN: Wednesday 26th August 2015 at 1:30pm

Where: Timboon and District Healthcare Education room.

- Discuss the unique parenting challenges they face at home and school.
- Share successful parenting strategies and ideas.
- Inform parents of the available supports in our area and how to access them.

Guest Speaker: 2pm
Lisa Kensit-Year 7/8 Coordinator
“Transition to Secondary School”
Afternoon tea provided.
Please RSVP to Lee McLeod by Monday 17th Aug. (55 983 381)

Timboon Junior Basketball 2015
Under 12 and Under 16
(Under 12 competition is open for children in grade 3 through til grade 6)
Online Registrations are open NOW until August 31st
Play will commence:
Monday September 7th (under 12) and Wednesday September 9th (under 16)
Registrations fees are $50.00 per player – plus a weekly court fee.

Please note this season all player registrations will need to be completed online at the Timboon Basketball Association web page before 31st August. You can do this by entering: timboon basketball foxsportspulse into your search engine - click onto the page, click “register here” and follow the prompts.

Fees cannot be paid through the website, but they can be paid using internet banking directly to the Timboon Basketball Association account. Details are on the website.

We will require the support of all players’ families so that our season can run smoothly. We require all parents, or older siblings with some basketball experience to help out with coaching, umpiring or scoring each week.

If you have any special requests or circumstances please notify Terriane Stansfield 0408559853 before the closing dates.

Draws will be posted as soon as they become available.

NIRRANDA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
Junior Presentation EVENING
Friday 4th Sept
Nirranda Community Centre
7 pm
Footballers to supply casserole/savoury
Netballers a sweet please.
Hope to see you all there.
Like us on FB for up to date info.

During the month of August, Timboon Pharmacy is supporting the charity “Share the Dignity”.
This charity supports homeless women by providing them with sanitary products. We would really love everyone to purchase sanitary products from either the Timboon Pharmacy or the IGA and place them in the pink bin located at the entrance of the pharmacy. www.sharethedignity.com.au
www.facebook.com/sharethedignity
and artistic performance and recognises the impact that training and participation may have on the ability to achieve admission into degrees. The Elite Athlete and Artistic Performers Entry Scheme provides for additional consideration to be given for entry into degrees by elite athletes and artistic performers who meet the prerequisites of the course and can demonstrate that their training, competition, performance and/or practice commitments have interfered with their previous studies.

Students interested in applying for this scheme must apply for their degree through VTAC, the usual way, and go to: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au, then to Admissions and Applications and to High Achievers Programs.

NEW BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – La Trobe is introducing an innovative new B. Engineering (Honours) degree in 2016. Designed to meet the changing needs of industry and to boost graduates’ job prospects, the new degree is unique in Australia and follows international trends offering:

- Multidisciplinary focus covering robotics, electrical, manufacturing and mechanical engineering
- Two common years, followed by the choice of multidisciplinary engineering or civil engineering streams
- Engineering-specific business units – focus on developing commercially-minded engineers
- Design units – focus on developing engineers who have a holistic view of engineering projects and project management
- Six months Work Integrated Learning placement opportunity embedded into the degree, supported by a $10,000 scholarship guaranteed for students at the Bendigo campus with limited places available for Melbourne (Bundoora) students.

Graduates will be prepared for new roles in emerging industries, will be well positioned for roles as engineers, project managers and engineering consultants in manufacturing, resources, infrastructure development, healthcare, consulting, and the government sector.

TAKE A TOUR OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) BY VIDEO – go on virtual tours of VU’s Footscray, Flinders St, Queen St, St Albans and Sunshine campuses, completed using Steadicam and drone technology; soar over Flemington Racecourse and Footscray Park, see a sport science lab in action, take a seat in a live moot court, step inside a construction site, explore an anatomy lab and more. See it on the Victoria University YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/VictoriaUniversity

AUTOMOTIVE MODERN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM – Vantage Automotive P/L is a provider of government funded vocational training and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers with an extensive client list across Australia. Applications are now being sought from students interested in the motor industry as an automotive technician or parts advisor. For information: www.vantageautomotive.com or email reception@vantageautomotive.com or ph (02) 8014 8990. Successful applicants will be offered employment at a dealership close to their home.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CIRCUS ARTS (NICA) – is accepting applications for auditions for its accredited courses for 2016. These are: Bachelor of Circus Arts, Certificate IV in Circus Arts and Certificate III in Circus Arts.
