PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- This week is Education Week. Thank-you to all the parents, family and friends who attended the Open Morning and Timboon on Display. Parents are always welcome to pop in and see what is happening in the school. Actions often speak louder than words and your attendance at school functions is greatly appreciated by staff and more importantly the students.

- Parents of students in Years 2, 4 and 6 will receive an information pack about a childhood obesity study that we will be participating in over the next four years. This longitudinal study will provide valuable information on the physical activity, sedentary behaviour, diet quality and wellbeing of students who live within the Great South Coast region. Please note the survey is an ‘opt out’ survey. Your child will participate unless the ‘opt out’ form is received by the school.

- Camps, sports and excursion fund (CSEF). 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 means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be 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 will be: $125 for primary school students, $225 for secondary school students. A flyer outlining the application process is attached to this week’s newsletter.

- The Canteen is offering a cup of soup each week. Usually during the later part of the week. This week we have pumpkin soup. The cost is $2 a cup.

- The SRC is holding a casual clothes day tomorrow to raise funds for the Nepal Earthquake appeal. A gold coin donation will be gratefully accepted.

If you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss with me please feel free to give me a call at school (5598 3381) or on (0407 345 324).

ROSALIE MOORFIELD
PRINCIPAL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Year 7 2016: A great turn out for our annual ‘Timboon On Display’ evening held last night. Students and parents were provided with the opportunity to experience firsthand all of the wonderful programs we offer in the Secondary Campus as well as to meet our passionate teachers and enthusiastic students. If you would like a personal tour of school please me at the school. Ph:5598 3381
Well done! To our Junior Football and netball teams who competed in the interschool competition in Terang yesterday. Very cold and wet conditions but a great day all round.

Immunisation catch ups: Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June.

The GAT, June 10\textsuperscript{th} 10:00am-1:15pm:

The General Achievement Test is a test of general knowledge and skills in:

- written communication
- mathematics, science and technology
- Humanities, the arts and social sciences.

These areas are very broad.

Each represents a body of general knowledge and skills that students are likely to have built up through their school years.

Because it is a general test, no special study is required for the GAT. Students will already have done preparation for the GAT in past study of subjects like English, Mathematics, Science and History, where they have built up general knowledge and skills in writing, numeracy and reasoning. These are the knowledge and skills that will be tested.

Students can get a good idea of the questions by looking at previous GAT papers. Students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these questions and note that all the information needed to work out the right answer is provided.

1. Why do students have to do the GAT?

The GAT is an essential part of the VCE assessment procedures.

All students enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3 and 4 sequences must sit the GAT.

Although GAT results do not count directly towards a student’s VCE results, they play an important role in checking that school-based and external assessments have been accurately assessed, and in calculating Derived Examination Scores.

The GAT is used in these ways because achievement on the GAT is a good predictor of achievement on other assessments. If students have done well on the GAT, then their achievements are likely to be high on their school-based and external assessments.

Clearly, some GAT questions relate more closely to achievement in particular studies. The VCAA takes this into account when it calculates students’ expected achievements in each study for each school. For example, GAT results in mathematics, science and technology play only a minor part in calculating students’ expected achievements in humanities studies.

2. How is the GAT used?

The VCAA will use students’ GAT scores as a basis for:

- contributing to statistical moderation of school-based assessment results
- checking the accuracy of external assessment marking
- calculating the Derived Examination Scores.

And remember: ‘Whatever is bringing you down, get rid of it. Because you’ll find that when you’re free . . . your true self comes out.’ Tina Turner

SEAN FITZPATRICK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (7-12)

Open Morning has again seen us welcome many keen parents and family members into our classrooms. Seeing first hand some of the learning activities taking place is a wonderful way for parents to take an active role in supporting their child’s educational journey. I am sure, for example, that many of the dice games taught in the grade one rooms will be played and replayed at home as a result of the morning.

As well as our Education Week Open Morning, we have sent students to The Warrnambool Eisteddfod for ‘Choral Speaking’ and ‘Poetry Reading,’ along with our ‘District Cross Country’ representatives, who will run in Noorat tomorrow and then of course our ‘Timboon on Display’ last night saw our year 6’s have the opportunity to see what is on offer in our High School. What a busy action packed week! But just a sample of what we do here each week.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
‘Collection Notice’
All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Taylor on 55983381 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_ToC404934419

ANDREA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (P-6)

Congratulations to our Year 11 students for a successful work experience week last week. Students were placed in a range of occupations and work settings: social work, allied health, research, education, police, events management, maintenance, welding, agriculture, sport, journalism, engineering, retail, the Gas industry. Work experience provides students with an opportunity to gain a better understanding of careers and work places – we value the partnership that our school has with employers both locally and in Melbourne. Employers consistently comment on the positive work ethic and skills demonstrated by our students and students all received great evaluations - they should definitely add the certificate to their Achievements Folder

Added to the challenge of a week of work, students with a Melbourne based work placement negotiated their way around Melbourne streets and public transport system. While some students had ‘adventures’ finding their way to or from work in the first couple of days, by the end of the week they were no longer the hesitant ‘country kids’. They enjoyed ‘chilling’ on the roof of an evening, coped well with the dormitory accommodation, it was great to see independence and initiative as they prepared lunches, evening meals. Thanks guys, for a great camp
VTAC CourseLink is an initiative of the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). It is an interactive web-based program aimed to assist Careers Teachers, Counsellors, students (years 10-12) and their parents investigate course options based on a range of criteria including interests, studies undertaken and results.

The Student Access program provides students with the opportunity to investigate course options based on a range of search functions that include region, institutions, interest areas, VCE studies (undertaken at Units 3/4 level), study scores and results. It enables students to check prerequisites for courses as well as investigate the implications on prerequisites of removing or adding studies for prospective courses based on interest areas, regions etc.

At Timboon P12, this web based program is introduced to students in year 10 as part of their P63/4 Beyond School unit. Students (and parents) may be interested in accessing this to assist in Pathway investigation and planning. A lunchtime tutorial will be held on Wednesday 27th May in the Library for students, particularly in years 11 and 12, who wish to investigate this program further.

Nepal Earthquake Casual Clothes Day
On Friday the 22nd of May the SRC are holding a casual clothes day to raise funds for the victims of the recent Nepal earthquakes.
We are asking a $2 donation minimum from each person in casual clothes.
Remember that students must not wear thongs and have clothing appropriate for a school environment.
We ask people to support this cause as over 8500 people have died and thousands more are homeless. Many people have also lost their places of employment and schools, hospitals and other key pieces of infrastructure are damaged or in ruins.
Nepal is a country struggling after many years of political unrest and this will set them back significantly. Personally I have travelled to Nepal three times, most recently in January this year. The people are amazingly resilient despite having very little compared to the average Australian. Such a big natural disaster will take a lot of time and foreign aid for recovery to begin.
We look forward to your support.
Carolyne Wakefield

Year 9/10 Small Business Fairy Floss
As part of our small business class we are planning and operating a business within the school environment. We are sourcing and selling Fairy Floss, initially to P-6 students.
Students in P-6 will have received a note detailing information and requesting orders and money be returned by Monday the 25th of May.
The cost is $2.50 per bag. A final delivery date is yet to be advised but should be in the next couple of weeks.
We look forward to your support.
Melanie Martin, Libby Norton, Molly Rowe and James Donald.
If you have queries please feel free to contact us or our teacher Ms Wakefield.

TERACYCLE RECYCLING COMPETITION
The students of Year 6 are encouraging the school to take care of the environment through recycling waste products. We would like to be involved in a competition designed to promote recycling of Toothpaste tubes.
Colgate will award $1000 to the school which collects the most oral waste care products. They will then forward the products to Teracycle who can provide a second life for these products.
Products include:
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste tubes
- Toothpaste caps
- Floss containers

They can be any brand.
Every year in Australia and New Zealand, over 30 million toothbrushes and 80 million toothpaste tubes are thrown away. Together we can help reduce the impact on the environment by recycling these materials.
Year 6 House captains

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Canteen Roster

Week 7 (25th – 29th May)

Mon 25th
Christie Berry
VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Tues 26th
Tanya Delaney
VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Wed 27th
Joy Morden
VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Thurs 28th
Brett Hough
VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Fri 29th
Corinne Beames
VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

(12:00 – 2:00pm Bryan Ward)

Week 8 (1st – 5th June)

Mon 1st
Carrisa Bosuen
VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Tues 2nd
Misty Goodwin
Debra Scholte

Wed 3rd
Emily McKenzie
VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Thurs 4th
Steph Delaney
VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Fri 5th
Michelle Gristede
VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

(12:00 – 2:00pm Monique Fitzpatrick)

CAF News

Vegetables needed for soup please
Pumpkin, carrots etc...
Thank you

Second-hand Uniform Sale

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on
Tuesday 16th June (1pm in the SEU building). For
enquiries please call Susan: 5598 3358

Parent Club News

TSPA Parents Say
Love to hear from you!
Name: ____________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________

Mother’s Day stall: thanks to all who supported our stall.
AGM all positions were filled and our new president is Charlene
Payne. Congratulations Charlene and all the best. Secretary has
not changed and Treasurer is Jenny Inglis. Second had uniform is
Susan Van Rijthoven. Jenny is also our liaison with school
council. Many thanks to the 18 years of service by Katrina
Currell. Well done, an amazing effort.

Next meeting: To Be Decided as Friday does not suit most.
Maybe Monday 18th at 10am. At the library TBC. Please call me
for confirmation if interested. All Welcome.

Anne Rosolin (secretary) mob 0409029464 or tspa@live.com.au

New Program this Term

Mondays
10:30am Mum & Tots &
6:30pm Spin/Circuit Class

Wednesdays
7pm – 8pm Low impact class
Also taking names now for Wednesdays
Y-Teens class 5pm -6pm
Boxing class 6pm -7pm

Enquiries - Ring the Timboon Stadium on
5598 3445

Players Wanted

Cobden Night Netball
C Grade - Grade 2-4

Wednesday from 4:30pm onwards
Starting- Wednesday 15th July (for 10 weeks)
Ending- Wednesday 16th September

B Grade - Grade 5-7
Wednesday night if enough interest 6pm onwards.

Seniors - Open Age
Monday or Wednesday night if enough Interest.

All names due by Friday 29th May
Ring or text teams/individual names to-
Janelle Smith 0409423687
Or Ella Howard 0488057000

For Sale

2002 VX commodore $2,000
Endless chain still in box $80
10” jockey wheel with swivel $100.00
2 x Rams $100 each
Built in oven, in good working order $100
Budgies @ $10 each

WANTED URGENTLY:
2 – 3 bedroom house in Timboon. Must have pet friendly area
and fenced. PHONE: 0498 185 089

Flat to Rent: - One bedroom fully furnished flat in Timboon,
power and water paid.
PHONE: 5598 3864 or 0407 044 889

We build strong kids,
strong families, strong communities.
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If you are interested in volunteering at TOP's please contact Timboon & District Healthcare Reception for a Volunteer Pack or phone 55586000 for more information.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

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.

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The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $25 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

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Timboon P-12 School is one of the largest country P-12 schools in the state. It is located in the dairying district of South West Victoria and lies approximately 35km south of Camperdown and 52km east of Warrnambool. The school sits in a beautiful environment of grassed ovals and eucalyptus trees which are frequented by koalas, possums and native birds.

As a “Kidsmattered” school, Timboon P-12 values each student as an individual, supporting their emotional, social and educational needs.

Year 7 and 8 curriculum offers an explosion of choices alongside the core subjects, presented in an engaging, student-focused elective program. Students can sample from a smorgasbord of subjects.

The range of electives allows students to make choices within the curriculum to create a strong, individual pathway - this results in increased motivation and engagement and encourages students to work towards their personal and educational goals such as clay target shooting, equestrian and motor cross.

We boast our own industrial lavender farm, cheese making course, duck and chicken incubation and rearing, a Stephanie Alexander garden and a two hectare site allowing hands on learning for all year levels.

We have passionate teachers who go above and beyond in providing an outstanding curriculum. An example of this are the trips to Vietnam and Japan. Where staff and community members give up their personal time to escort and support the students during these outstanding educational experiences.

TAP builds on Timboon P-12's strong focus on mathematics, science and technology and led to the school's nomination as finalists in two Victorian Education Excellence Awards in 2013 and again in 2014, Curriculum Innovation and for its outstanding Community Partnerships.

"I feel compelled to write to you expressing our thanks for the past 22 years. My children are just ordinary children who have been given an extraordinary experience in attending Timboon P-12 School."

(Parent of four children who attended Timboon P-12 School.)

The school is closely linked with its community. Team building, leadership, resilience, embracing diversity and responsible decision making are fostered by student led peer support, and community partnerships programs.

An extensive and innovative curriculum is supported by the Timboon Agriculture Project (TAP)

We have a unique band program, which, in 2014, boasted thirty bands participating in the end of year rock band performances.

Recently our school captains led an outstanding ANZAC service for our school and wider community. It demonstrated the talent and confidence which is embedded in our students.

The TAP harnesses the energy and expertise of a dynamic local food production and food processing industry through a multi-layered partnership.

Our sporting teams are outstanding in good sportsmanship and competitive spirit. We had five age champions at the 7-12 athletics and eleven of our students competed in swimming at State level. Winning three golds and a bronze medal at this event. We also promote and encourage the participation in lesser known sports.

If you would like to know more about Timboon P-12 School please contact Mr Fitzpatrick on 59983381

Or come to our showcase Timboon on Display on Wednesday 20th May at 7:00pm.