PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Congratulations to all 7-12 students on a very successful Year 7-12 Swimming Carnival held yesterday. A big congratulations to our age champions and the winning house, Narragoort (more photos and information in next week’s newsletter).

- Congratulations to our newly elected P-6 School leaders: Narragoort Captains Ebony Woods and Ronnie Kamoen, Vice Captains Abbey Trotter and Iagan McKenzie; Callaway Captains Emily Delaney and Chris Bowker, Vice Captains Kira Gordon and Mitchell Wallace; Halladale Captains Milla Clarke and Henry Stansfield, Vice Captains Poppy Haugh and Ned Deppeler.

- Access to ICT Hardware: For a number of years now the school has had in place a bring your own device (BYOD) system regarding ICT. With the ever changing world of technology, the BYOD policy provides parents and students with flexibility when choosing suitable ICT software to support their education. Although providing some access to different devices for students, choosing a personal device that suits your child is recommended.

To find out more information about the Bring Your Own Device program visit the school web page. The take up of this initiative has been surprisingly high, however it is not compulsory. It is an option we make available to students. Each year we charge a $20 connection fee which is excellent value for money as it provides continuous, ongoing technical support to ensure devices can access our school network. A reminder that laptops or netbooks are preferred in years 9-12. Students can begin submitting their devices for network connection to the general office as of Monday 1st February.

- Parents are advised that if students bring valuables to school, they do so at their own risk, as the Department of Education has no insurance for the loss or damage of student owned goods. Nor does the Department of Education have accident insurance in the event that a student is injured at school or while on camps or excursions.

The school community is very proud after viewing the ABC Landline feature regarding our TAP last week. As we keep saying, this project is successful because of the strong ongoing commitment made by our school and wider local community. If you missed it, I encourage you to click on the link below. It really does showcase what a wonderful community we have.

Visit- http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2015/s4397362.htm

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.
Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- After School activities will also be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

**What can parents do?**

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website [http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/](http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/) and school Facebook page.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

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

**Message to parents re hoax phone calls to schools:**

I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days. Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.

Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact me at the school on 5598 3381.

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**SEAN FITZPATRICK**

**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

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**Principal Appointment Process**

As the school community is aware, Rosalie Moorfield retired at the end of 2015 after a long period of service in education, the last five at the helm of our school. We will miss Rosalie with her endless smiles and engagement with students and her ability to make things happen at the school.

The Department of Education met with school council late last year and commenced the process of appointing a new principal. Sean Fitzpatrick accepted the position of acting Principal until the appointment is made. School Council chose to advertise the position in the media over summer to give prospective candidates an opportunity to consider the position. Now that the school term has begun the position has been advertised through the department recruitment process. Applications will be accepted till mid-February. Internal and external applications will be considered.

A selection panel has been appointed that comprises two members of school council, one of our teaching staff, a local principal and a member of the Department. In late February, if there are appropriate candidates, they will be interviewed. If there is a candidate that the panel believes is suitable for the position, they will be recommended to school council for appointment. If not, further recruitment will resume.

Principal positions in P-12 schools in rural environments can be challenging to fill, however Timboon P-12 has a great reputation, heightened even more by our rise to media heights on Landline last weekend.

**Chris Hibburt**

**School Council President**

**IMPORATANT Finance Message:** On the 27th January 2016 a Direct Deposit/Transfer of “School Fees” was made into the school’s account without any form of identification. If you believe this was you, please call Nicki ASAP on 55983381.

Thank you
Welcome back for 2016 and after being back in the classroom for a full week, all students and staff seem to have settled back into school extremely well. Term one is a busy time of year with many events and activities scheduled. Timetables seem to be settled and soon will be up on the webpage for students and parents to access from home.

The Swimming Sports were a huge success with a great team spirit displayed by all students. Many students used the TV characters theme to incorporate some fun into the day, with students from all houses winning prizes. Narragoort was victorious on the day with a very strong swimming team. Many records were smashed and we look forward to more success in the pool over the year.

Year 12 student will be attending a 2 day camp to prepare for the upcoming year. Thank you to Julie Nicholson and Drew Deppeler for organising and supporting the group.

VET courses for students in Year 10, 11 and 12 will begin on Thursday 11th of February. VET Engineering at Timboon 9am-1pm. All other studies at Warrnambool campus’ 1pm - 4pm.

Year 7 students will be involved in a series of immunisations over the year, which are given through the Corangamite Shire. Students have been given a consent form to be completed and returned to school ASAP. The first immunisation is on Thursday 25th February.

Looking forward to a great term and an awesome year.

GABBY THEOLOGOUS
ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A warm welcome is extended to both our returning and first time families for the 2016 school year.

We have begun our school year with an across the board focus on the ‘Values’ and ‘Behaviours’ that we will be putting into practice throughout the year to help us work and play together in a co-operative, respectful way. Just as we have in previous years, we will be using our school policy “Student Code of Behaviour” to ensure all students feel safe and supported while at school.

Our first round in the swimming program has begun with very positive comments about our continued arrangement with the YMCA as the service providers. Once again this year, the cost of the program has been subsidised by the very generous support of TSPA making it possible for us to charge just $17 for the 8 lessons. This cost goes towards funding the two qualified swimming instructors who work with the classroom teacher taking lessons for each grade. The cost of pool entry is an expense that each child must pay to the YMCA for entry to the pool and is not set by the school. If families have a season ticket then they need to provide the number to the school who will pass it on to the YMCA instead of the $2.20 per swim.

Our regular P-6 Assemblies will begin on Friday 12th February, with our new P-6 House Captains leading the assembly and being presented with their badges of office. These get underway at 9:00am and go for about 15-20 minutes – please feel free to check the roster on our web page and come in to join us.

We look forward to a year of learning together and hope that all our families take every opportunity to be actively involved in our Education Community.

ANDREA TAYLOR
PRINCIPAL

House Captains 2016

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

Swimming will start from tomorrow for all year 7-10 PE classes. If you could spare an hour to assist with supervision during your child’s session please email Mr Whitehead. whitehead.dean.d@edumail.vic.gov.au
FOR SALE

1992 Mazda Campervan in very good condition. Fitted out in Tasmanian oak, 2 x beds, wardrobe, 2 burner gas stove, sink, large boot and 3 way fridge.$15,000 O.N.O.
PHONE: 5598 3103

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

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

Attention Years 7-12 Parents
ENGLISH KEY LEARNING AREA
Would like to invite you to an
INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS
Tuesday 9th February
7pm
Library Theatre

Secondary English staff will be in attendance. We will be focusing on ways to help parents to work together with us to strengthen our students’ English skills.
There will be a focus on VCE and all the levels leading to this. A year level English Calendar with detailed weekly learning intentions (both in class and with homework) will be distributed and explained for all secondary year levels. Teaching and learning strategies and assessment will be also explained.
It is a not to be missed opportunity to strengthen our educational partnerships and to nurture a positive climate for students to be successful in their learning.
We look forward to working with you.
Kayleen Deppeler

PARENT CLUB NEWS

TSPA PARENTS SAY
Love to hear from you!
Name:
__________________________________________
Phone:
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Timboon School Parent Association (TSPA)
To start 2016 TSPA would like to invite all school families and friends along to an exclusive strawberry picking evening at Timboon Berryworld. A percentage of all sales will go towards the school.
Date: Tuesday 9th Feb
Time: 4pm
A sausage sizzle will be available. Sausages will be $2.
Note Berryworld closes at 7pm.
## Canteen Roster

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

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## 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 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. A special consideration category also assists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to cover 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.

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**More Information**

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit

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