PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- I hope everyone enjoyed reading our alternative Newsletter last week. We are extremely proud of our TAP program and last week’s Newsletter gave a great overview of some of the programs that have operated across the school this year. Thank you to Robyn Vale for putting the Newsletter together. If you missed your copy, they are available on the web page.

- The Kids Matter day is just one way that we acknowledge the importance of health promotion programs in the holistic development of our students. This annual event is a chance to stop, celebrate and think about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, both physically and mentally. Thank you to all those wonderful presenters who supported the day, TSPA who provided the BBQ and the staff and students who made the day so enjoyable.

- We have now completed stage 1 of the DEECD building program process. The next stage is the appointment of an Architect and Project Manager. The paper work stage of any major building program is extensive. I will keep you informed as we pass through each stage and hopefully onto some construction.

- We are seeing an increase in students who are not wearing correct school uniform. Jumpers and shoes are the biggest offenders at this stage. Please ensure that your child has an out of uniform note if jumpers are in the wash and new shoes are in the process of being purchased. Summer dresses should be worn with white socks.

- If you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss with me please feel free to give me a call at school (03) 5598 3381 or on (0407345324).

ROSSALIE MOORFIELD
PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to: Rachel Armistead and Brittany Lindsay who participated in the South West TAFE Annual Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Showcase. Rachel won her category.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Our Kidsmatter Day was again successfully held yesterday. Our staff, students and parents were very busy taking part in a wide variety of activities throughout the day, all focussed on the importance of maintaining good health and wellbeing. We were very lucky to have some wonderful presenters join us for the day. Some of our presenters travelled a long way to get here and many others were also members of our local community. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the day. A big thanks must go to the Warrnambool Foodshare group, who donated a range of healthy items for our day, including fruit, water and yoghurts for our healthy eating sessions. Thank you also to Wannon Water, who donated the use of 6 water coolers on the day. This was appreciated by all those who worked up a thirst during their energetic sessions. I will include some photos from the day in next week’s newsletter.

Year 9 Camp
Our Year 9 students headed off on their camp to Mount Arapiles last week. The students were camping out in tents at Mount Arapiles and they participated in a number of rock climbing, hiking and abseiling activities during their stay. The students organised their food supplies for the camp and cooked their meals around the camp fire. Throughout the camp, the students were encouraged to step out of their comfort zones and challenge themselves during the climbing and abseiling activities. An important focus for the camp was also on the students learning to work as a team to complete several of the camp tasks and challenges. The students needed to support, encourage and cooperate with each other to achieve their team goals.
**Year 10 Work Experience**

Our Year 10 students gained a taste of life in the workforce last week, as they undertook their Work Experience Week. The students gained experiences working in a wide variety of jobs. For many of the students, this work experience gave them the opportunity to have a closer look at occupations that they are interested in following as a career path. Many of our students were working with local businesses and organisations and we thank all of these workplaces for their support of this important program.

**Stress Down Day**

On Friday 22 August, a group of Year 9 students from our school coordinated a Stress Down Day to raise awareness of the important work of the Lifeline organisation. The students are all part of our BRICKS Leadership group, who meet regularly with students from other local schools and take part in activities and projects that assist them in developing their leadership skills.

As part of their Stress Down Day, the group encouraged other students to wear their slippers to school on the day. The students also cooked a BBQ lunch for their fellow students and then joined in with the Year 5 and 6 afternoon sports session, where they organised a variety of games for the students to play.

(Above) Year 4 students, Pappy Haugh, Holly Duynhoven, Lara Brown and Sophie Gleeson enjoying their BBQ lunch and showing off their comfy slippers.

(Above) BRICKS leader, Will McKenzie giving directions to the Year 5 and 6 students during Sport.

**MATT HAUGH**

**ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (7-12)**

We are now beginning the planning stages for class structures and child placements for the next year. While teachers take the utmost care when considering the placement of every child, using their understanding and experience, 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. For example, there may be neighbourhood issues that can cause distractions for children’s learning or there may be 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 2015. Likewise, if you know that your family will not be attending Timboon P-12 School in 2015, we would 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 19th.

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 three weeks.

Our ‘Kids Matter Day’ this week was a highlight for all who attended. The quality and variety of presenters was outstanding. Our children were wonderful ambassadors for our school, with the presenters all commenting on how great they were to work with.

Congratulations to Zach Clough who was named the ‘Student of the Fortnight’ at our last assembly for his support and encouragement during Bike Ed Training. Also congratulations to Jack Banks, Troy Groves and Katherine McDougall who were presented with Certificates of Achievement from Mathletics Australia, for their work using the Mathletics program.

**ANDREA TAYLOR**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**2015 VCE / VCAL tops**

Students in year 10 are reminded to order and pay for the 2015 VCE/VCAL tops by Monday 15th September. Order forms are available from the Office, see Mrs. Nich for sample sizes. Remember, late orders cannot be accepted.

**End of term disco’s Friday 5th September**

To help celebrate the countdown to the end of term, our Year 12’s are running a P-4 disco at lunchtime on Friday 5th September. Free entry, with a selection of bite sized sweets and bottles of water for sale. Then in the evening, from 7 – 10 pm, the school hall will rock with the 5 – 8 disco. Entry through the Hall door, $5. No passouts. Please drop off and collect students at the door. Drinks and snacks are available for sale to refuel after all the dancing.

**VCE revision classes**

To help students with their preparation and revision for the end of year exams at the end of October, our staff will be running revision classes for many subjects. A timetable will be distributed this week.

**Monday 22 September**

- History, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Further Maths, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Monday 29th September**

- Studio Arts, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Tuesday 30th September**

- Biology, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. English, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
**Wednesday 1st October**
Chemistry, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Legal Studies, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. English, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Thursday 2nd October**
Physics, 10:30 am – 3:00 pm. Further Maths, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Friday 3rd October**
Maths methods, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Health and Human Development, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Psychology, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**VTAC applications**
Year 12 students are in the process of registering with VTAC and applying for courses for 2015 and beyond. As timely applications close during the holidays, we are currently working with students to help them with this process. Once they have applied, students can change their preferences for the next couple of months. Students can apply for consideration under the Special Entry Access Scheme (that provides special consideration for students who have experienced some educational disadvantage for a variety of reasons) once they have completed their initial VTAC application. (SEAS applications and Scholarships close in October).

**JULIE NICHOLSON**

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Tim Marwood
On Monday the 25th of August Tim Marwood from Timboon Fine Ice Cream spoke to the year 7 and 8 TAP Community Partnership students.
He provided a huge amount of information about the history of his business, challenges it has faced and is facing and future possible directions. As well, he detailed the process of making ice cream and how his ingredients and methods differ from those used by the big multi-national companies.
Tim also provided a sample of some very tasty chocolate ice cream to the students.
A big thank you to Tim for giving up an hour and a half of his valuable time to share so much information with us.

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**Life in the Science Room (Primary)**
Last week was Science Week and the Primary students participated in lunchtime activities based around food, as the theme for science week was ‘Food for our future’. On Tuesday, at lunchtime, some very capable and organised Year 6 students demonstrated colour experiments using food for the Prep to Year 3 students. On Wednesday the group challenge was to build the tallest free standing tower using only thin spaghetti and squishy, sticky marshmallows. Despite many setbacks there were some very creative towers built.

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**Colour science**
The winning tower team (right)

**Anne Frazer and Nigel Mottram**
Primary Science Specialists

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**SRC Footy Colour Day Fundraiser**
**Friday 5th September**
Our fundraiser for Term 3 will be a Sporting Celebration on Friday 5th September.
Come along in your favourite AFL team colours or show your support for soccer, netball, rugby or another team sport.
Please bring a $2 donation to support Tony and Sue Bird after the loss of their house and belongings in a fire.
Looking forward to a sporting day and great fundraiser!

**Timboon P-12 SRC**
World Vision 40 Hour Famine
Well done to all those students who participated in the 40 hour famine. Choosing to give up something you value, to raise funds for malnourished children in Rwanda, is a wonderful act of selflessness. Thanks to those who have returned their books and money, we have already raised over $1000 as a school. Could all books and money please be returned to the school office by Friday 12th September.
Thank-you, Anne Frazer SRC Co-ordinator.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on Friday 12th September (1:00- 1:50pm in the SEU building.)
For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.

THANK YOU ...
Year 6 would like to say a big thank you to the year 9’s.
On ‘stress Down’ Friday, some students from year 9 volunteered to take Year 6 sport. Year 6 had a great time and really enjoyed the range of activities offered and working with the older students. Thank you Year 9 and we’d love to do it again some time!

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK 9 (8th – 12th September)
Mon 8th Bobby French Jane Hammer
Tues 9th Charlene Payne Nicole Oberine
Wed 10th Angelique Cangelis Volunteer Required
Thurs 11th Jenny Inglis Wendy Maskell
Fri 12th Tanya Delaney Kylie Martin
(12:00 – 2:00pm Volunteer Required)

WEEK 10 (15th – 19th September)
Mon 15th Michelle Fowler Melissa Cardwell
Tues 16th Kate Harris Kate Makin
Wed 17th Debra Scholte Volunteer Required
Thurs 18th Glenda Gardner Naomi Lewis
Fri 19th Sara Keating Cherie Mungean
(12:00 – 2:00pm Volunteer Required)

Careers News Week 8 Term 3 2014

Reminders
- Occupational Therapy – 4 Sept; Education Precinct, Austin Hospital, Heidelberg; Book: renee.bartlett2@austin.org.au.

1. YEAR 12 NEWS
- APPLICATIONS – Year 12 students who wish to apply for tertiary courses for 2015 are advised to visit the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) soon to get an application completed. Remember that you can change your application, even after obtaining your ATAR in December (up to 12 noon on 22 December). Application fees rise from $28.00 to $93.00 if you first apply after 30 September. You are advised to include in your VTAC application, courses in which you believe you are almost certain to be offered a place. However, it is not necessary to fill in all 12 available places in the application.
- DEFERRAL - Remember that if you want a break from study, you can defer taking up many course offers (see: www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/deferment.html for each institution’s policies). Some universities will allow one year of deferral, while some offer up to two years. However, be aware that deferral is not always automatic.
- SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS) - If you wish to submit a SEAS application because of some disadvantage you have experienced, these applications can only be completed once you have a VTAC application done. SEAS applications close on 7 October. You are advised to at least apply for SEAS Category 1, because if any information regarding your Personal Information and Location are relevant to your application, it will only be applied if you have selected Category 1.
- SCHOLARSHIPS – All Year 12 students are advised to consider applying for Equity and Merit scholarships via VTAC. VTAC scholarship applications for domestic students close at 5pm on 17 October 2014. See: www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html - details are available there about Institutional Access and Equity Scholarships, Commonwealth Scholarships, and Merit Scholarships. For example, you can check out on this site what Merit scholarships are available at each institution (La Trobe University lists about 60 different types of scholarships, for example). Perhaps surprisingly, some scholarships are not awarded each year due to a lack of applicants.
In addition you are wise to check individual institution websites for scholarships. There are also Student Start-Up and Relocation Scholarships available to students receiving income support; these are administered by Centrelink. Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships are administered by institutions and will be allocated to students who meet the Commonwealth eligibility as described on the Centrelink website and have had their indigenous status confirmed.
- APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS – Some Year 12’s will be considering gaining qualifications via an apprenticeship or traineeship. Apprenticeships generally take four years, while traineeships are usually 12 – 18 months long. Completing a pre-apprenticeship course with a VET provider (eg SW Tafe in Warrnambool or the Gordon in Geelong) often assist in obtaining an apprenticeship. These take around four or five months full-time to complete, and are offered in areas such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanics and many others. Sometimes Group Training Australia (ph 1800 819 747) will be able to assist
in finding an employer with whom to complete the apprenticeship. A Group Training Organisation employs an apprentice or trainee and places them with a host employer. For names, locations and contact details: www.grouptraining.com.au.

2. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS
• PHARMACY AT LA TROBE – Clarification of Course Guide pre-requisites: VCE Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry; and a study score of at least 25 in any Mathematics.
• ELITE ATHLETE BONUS ENTRY SCHEME – Elite athlete future students applying for admission into an undergraduate course through VTAC are offered access to a bonus aggregate points entry scheme at La Trobe, one of three Victorian universities offering bonus aggregate points for elite athletes. The scheme is available to domestic undergraduate applicants classified as an elite athlete, whose sporting commitments have impacted on their previous studies, and are applying for admission through VTAC. Students are eligible to receive five bonus aggregate points towards their entry score for admission. NOTE: ACU and the University of Melbourne also offer similar programs. See: www.acu.edu.au/elite-athletes; Melbourne’s program is also for artistic performers. See: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/high achievers_programs/elite-athletes-and-artistic-performers.

3. INTERESTED IN CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE? Then consider, these programs:
• Werribee Open Range Zoo Keeper for a Day – Want to work with animals? Then participate in experiences designed to provide you with insights into the role of a zoo keeper. Who: Years 7 - 12; Cost: $105; www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day.
• Healesville Sanctuary Vet for a Day program - Who: Year 9 - 12; Cost: $129; www.zoo.org.au/phaelesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day.

4. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - The Faculty of Science is holding a Burnley Information Day on Thurs, September 11, 2014 - 12:00pm to 7:00pm at the Burnley Campus, 500 Yarra Boulevard, Richmond.

5. DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS –
• ASSURED OFFER PROGRAM
The Deakin Assured Offer Program (DAO) provides eligible Year 12 students with the chance to receive a conditional offer of a place in one of the participating Deakin courses in November. It guarantees an offer even if the Clearly-In ATAR increases in 2015. The program acknowledges the work VCE students put into their final year and minimises the stress of waiting for an offer in January. Application process: register your details at www.deakin.edu.au/assured and list up to 12 DAO courses. If you get the minimum ATAR for a course and meet prerequisites, you are guaranteed a Deakin VTAC offer in 2015.
• DISCOVER DEAKIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Deakin is offering Year 10, 11 and 12 students the chance to find out more about Deakin and its courses through workshops and seminars. Talk with staff/students about courses and ask questions. When/Where: 9am-12noon, Mon 22 Sept at Geelong Waurn Ponds; Tues 23 Sept at Burwood; Info/book: Click here.
• GUARANTEED ENTRY PATHWAYS FROM TAFE TO DEAKIN
The Deakin Pathways Program seeks to encourage increased participation in higher education, and provide a supported student transition to higher education through VET programs. The Program will substantially expand career outcome-focused pathways into Deakin courses by offering mapped pathways with VET providers. Deakin’s long-standing partnerships with Box Hill, Chisholm, Riverina, South West and The Gordon Institutes now offer guaranteed entry pathways in a range of disciplines. These provide students with a seamless transition from Diplomas to Deakin degrees. Click here for further details.

6. SWINBURNE ADVICE NIGHTS – For Year 12 students and parents, these are designed to help you become informed about the application process and studying degrees and diplomas at Swinburne. Presentations will be made about courses, scholarships and pathways. Current/past students will share experiences. When/Where: 4.30-6.30pm, Wed 10 Sept (Wanitira) & Wed 17 Sept (Hawthorn); Info: www.swinburne.edu.au/advicenight.

7. HOW DO I TACKLE THE VCE PHYSICS EXAM? Clare Kenyon, recently a physics teacher, and now undertaking a PhD in physics, will provide very useful study tips for students preparing for the Year 12 physics exam. A great opportunity! When: 6pm, 4 September; Where: Hercus Theatre, School of Physics, University of Melbourne; Cost: Free; Info: maxwellt@unimelb.edu.au

8. HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT ACU ‘MY CAREER MATCH’? Completing ACU’s My Career Match survey will help you find suitable careers based on your strengths and personality type. My Career Match produces a specific report for each individual which will help you link your strengths and talents with careers and course options. Give it a try!

Drew Deppeler 55983381

2015 - DEB BALL INFORMATION NIGHT
NEW DATE!
Thursday 18th September in Admin Centre at 7:30pm
Enquiries: Heather Bullen 0429 302 648

Timboon Demons Football Netball Club
Junior Presentation
Thurs 11th Sept
7pm for 7.30 pm start
Please bring a plate of supper to share

Senior Presentation
Friday 12th Sept
6.30 pm for 7pm start
3 course meal $38 per head
Bookings phone Therese 0417852431
Friday Night Rock Climbing

We will be running Friday night indoor rock climbing trips during Term 3 as we have done in previous years. The cost will be a minimum covering a school discounted entry to “The Rock” indoor rock climbing centre in Geelong and 20 seater bus hire. The school can supply harnesses and may be able to supply climbing shoes, depending on size. Last year the cost was $35 per person. It may be possible for parent volunteers, particularly females, to come as a member of staff.

These are trips for students who enjoyed the rock climbing on the Year 9 camps and would like to do more. These trips were originally an extension to our Year 9 program but they are in no way compulsory. Other students and/or parents who would like to try indoor rock climbing are encouraged to come along and would be welcome. Younger students would need to come with an older sibling or parent who is prepared to belay them. Places are limited on the bus so it will be first in best dressed.

The bus will leave Timboon as soon as practical after the school buses, about 3:40 pm. We will stop at Waurn Ponds where a variety of takeaway franchises are available for an early tea. We climb from about 6 to 8:30 pm, and return to Timboon about 11.00 pm. Last Date:

Friday 12th September

Please give your name to Mr Graesser if you are interested.

FLAT TO RENT in Timboon – one bedroom fully furnished excellent condition for long term, short term or overnight.
PHONE: 5598 3864 or 0407 044 889

Camperdown Little Athletics Centre

Family, Fun and Fitness

Little Athletics is back again for 2014-15
For all Girls and Boys, 5 to 16 years of age.

Registration pack collection and
Parent information night Friday
10th October, 4pm.

Competition commences Friday
17th October, 4.20pm

Venue: Aths Track, Fuller/Frederick St (behind Basketball Stadium)

Please register online at www.lavic.com.au and click on McDonalds Registration logo (Cost $120 for entire 14/15 season, no ongoing costs)

For additional information, contact

Mick Kavenagh (Pres.) 0407353923 or Kathy Hallyburton (Registrar) 0419671300
PARENT CLUB NEWS

TSPA PARENTS SAY
Love to hear from you!
Name: ___________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________________________

TSPA MINI MINUTES
ARTSHOW/AUCTION: Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} October, Timboon Golf Club, time 7pm open for viewing, 8.15pm auction start. Also, on Saturday 25\textsuperscript{th} October, between 10-3pm, to give people a second chance at buying the art not sold. (There is the chance that there won’t be any). Other ideas also on the list are a raffle, spot prizes, supper, music, power point displays. The art will be small canvasses painted by P-6 students, and other art as done by the secondary students and local artists. We also have metal work, woodwork, photography and sculptures. The entry is $10 per person, which covers supper, and a glass of bubbles upon entry. We will advertise as much as possible through local businesses and media. Raffle tickets will be available for sale pre auction. Items TBA.

Father’s Day Stall: We thank everyone who supported this year’s stall. We hope all the recipients of the gifts have a great day.

DEB BALL: The first meeting for this is on Friday the 12\textsuperscript{th} of September, at the school admin building at 7.30pm. All prospective debs and parents are required to attend. Heather Bullen has agreed to assist us in the handover of duties for this event, but will be available for assistance when required.

Next Meeting: Monday October, 6\textsuperscript{th} at 7.30pm at the school admin building, to finalize art auction, deb ball details, TAP day, and possible election BBQ day. Hopefully the meeting after this can be scheduled in the day time.

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

FOR SALE

Finches for sale from $10 upwards- different species.
2 mtrs of firewood $190
3 yr old male black pug – with papers, microchip upon sales $1,500
1 yr old female fawn pug, without papers, microchip upon sales $1,000

WANTED any ‘free’ old lamps, condition not important but must work. Any ‘free’ old wardrobes – condition not important.
PHONE: 0498 185 089

“FAST EDDIE” FOR SALE
Toyota Seca – 5 door hatch, auto, air conditioning, 2 x new tyres, 324,000kms, Runs well, currently registered but is purchaser’s responsibility for roadworthy. $1,800.00
See Chez at the caf or phone 0437 668 575

Timboon Pharmacy is looking for casual staff. Applicants must be over 15 years old, and be available for weekday afternoons 4pm – 5pm and Saturdays 10 am to 1pm. Please submit resumes to Timboon Pharmacy.

NEW NEW NEW
Starting term 4 2014

MONDAY NIGHTS – TEENS
Teen fitness classes.
Girls in the Santos room, doing a circuit class & focusing on their wellbeing.
Boys in the gym learning weights.
Classes run from 5-6pm

MIXED MUBIL III Comp
Starting second week in the school holidays, taking teams now.
Please call Rachel 0428985473.

YMCA NETBALL ACADEMY
Participation in the YMCA Netball Academy allows children to obtain an excellent understanding of the netball industry & develop skills in athlete personal development. Call Kate on 0437395690 for any enquiries. Application forms can be obtained at the stadium.

FUN NASTICS
Our very successful gymnastics based program for children aged 6 to 12 returns again in term 4 in the Thursday afterschool time slot. This is a great program to assist young children with their general body coordination whilst acquiring a range of gymnastics skills. Register names now. Call Kate 0437395690.

Enquiries - Ring the Timboon Stadium on 5598 3445

SHOPPING TOUR
Saturday October 18\textsuperscript{th}
Cost $55 per person (cut lunch included)

Come and support the Simpson Primary School with a great day out shopping in Melbourne.
We will be going to a number of outlets in Melbourne all fully transported on a coach. We will be leaving early and it will be a long day. We will stop for dinner on the way home with bubbly and nibbles for on the way home.
Please contact the school or Coral 5594 3345 or Michelle 0429 409 983 to book your spot. Payment is due by 20\textsuperscript{th} August.
Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:
- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent's bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2016, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools — consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.