Welcome back to staff and students and a particular welcome to new families. Congratulations to our 2014 VCE students who are now beginning the process of starting tertiary education or entering the workforce. We have students beginning apprenticeships and courses in a diverse range of areas. Well done to all our past students and all the best in your new vocation.

Our new Senior School Captains are: Georgia Barnett, Joel Moriarty, Rebecca Vogels, Darcy Tribe, Georgia Bentley and Alister McConnell. Our P-6 School Captains are: Tamara Giblett, Rohan Ferguson, Caprice Baillie, Sullivan Wallace, Madi Clarke and Sam Hislop. Congratulations to all our elected School Captains.

We look forward to our School Captains leading us through another successful year.

To find out more information about the Bring Your Own Device program visit the school web page. The take-up of this initiative in 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.

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.

**Bushfire Procedures for Timboon P-12 School**

- In the event of a Bushfire threatening the school the students are to be evacuated to the Timboon Hall.
- **On days of Total Fire Ban a clearance is to be obtained from the police or the CFA by the Bus coordinator before buses are permitted to leave.**
- In the event of fire threatening one or more bus routes, the affected buses are to remain at school and parents of students on those buses to be contacted. Students will remain at school until collected by a parent or guardian.
- Town students will remain at school, if the town is threatened, until collected by a parent or guardian.
- **In the event of Bushfire threat the advice of the Police and CFA will be acted upon.**
- The Fire Ready app is monitored all day.
- The school has been placed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register. This means that the school will be pre-emptively closed in the event that the Bureau of Meteorology issues a Code Red Fire Danger Rating warning for the weather in this area. DET will provide up to 3 days’ notice of a planned closure (including warnings about cancelling, changing, rescheduling or recalling out-of-school-hours, off-site activities such camps and excursions) as well as information about changes to bus routes. The final decision to close the school will be confirmed no later than 12noon the day before the planned closure. Once the decision to close has been made the decision will not change regardless of changes in weather forecast.
- 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)

**Rosalie Moorfield**  
**Principal**

Congratulations to: All students and staff on a very smooth start to 2015.

February
2nd
P-6 Swimming Program begins
4th
7-12 Swimming Sports.
11th-13th
Yr 7 Camp Cooriemungle
12th-13th
Yr 12 Orientation Camp
12th
School Council
18th-20th
Year 6 Wyuna Camp
27th
P-6 Swim Program ends
27th
HSSSD Snr Cricket

**Congratulations Halladale** for a nail biting win at the Secondary Swimming Sports yesterday.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Homework: In page 6 of the your child’s school diary the recommended hours per week for each year level are published as follows:

- Year 7 & 8: 2.5 hours
- Year 9 & 10: 4-5 hours
- Year 11: 7-8 hours
- Year 12: 10 hours

This can sometimes seem like a lot but when broken down it is a realistic expectation. Quite often students also need to juggle other commitments outside of school such as sports and part time work.

What is the purpose in doing homework?

Five Purposes for Homework

- Practice
- Interaction
- Application
- Extension
- Preparation

I would encourage you to sit down with your child and develop a homework routine. Involve your child’s classroom teacher to strengthen this expectation.

Uniform: If your child presents to school out of uniform without a valid note, they will be provided with a temporary uniform item to wear for the day.

- Sports shorts (only PE classes)
- Black leather footwear for all students
- Timboon P-12 School bag
- A new winter (fully lined/waterproof) jacket will be available shortly at LOWES for approx. $89.99 (see picture below)

Correct school uniform

The school dress code (uniform) policy is set out by the school council. If you require further clarification or support regarding the uniform policy please contact me at the school on Ph: 5598 3381

Immunisations:

This year’s immunisations sees the introduction, for one year only, of the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough) (dtp) vaccine. This program will be offered to secondary school students in Years 7, 8 and 9, in addition to the existing Year 10 program. Parents will receive a letter detailing this information and consent forms that need to be returned to the school general office by Monday the 9th of February. The immunisations are expected to take place on Thursday 19th and/or 26th February.

Buses: It is important all changes to bus rolls and other requests are communicated to the office. If your child is intending be marked off the bas roll, regardless of age/year level this information must be communicated to office staff. It is also important that all bus travellers are punctual to their pick up points.

And remember: “Change your thoughts and you change your world” Norman Vincent Peale

SEAN FITZPATRICK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (7-12)

A warm welcome is extended to both our returning and first time families for the 2015 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 $15 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 $2.10 per swim.

During 2015 correct uniform is again a School Council priority. The black leather school shoes in particular have unified the look of our students. I have been asked about other shoe types and would like to share that under no circumstances are canvas, cloth/suede shoes, or shoes of any other colour (eg: coloured base and brand symbols) part of our uniform. Solid black leather shoes are now the only option. If you are unsure please re-visit the web site (http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/) and you will find the list of approved uniform options. If you would like support in meeting the uniform requirements please do not hesitate to contact us here at school so that a plan can be tailored to enable meeting this School Council Policy.

Our regular P-6 Assemblies will begin on Friday 13th 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. Finally, I would ask any families needing to collect students during the school day to remember that they must come to the classrooms, as we do not send P-6 students out to wait unsupervised at gate areas during the school day.

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
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (P-6)

Year 11 and 12 news
The school year is just a week old and its already in full swing. Our Year 12 camp is Thursday 12th and Friday 13th February (next week). Students will have a range of activities, workshops and speakers looking at: Study Skills; Pathways – TAFE, Uni; Communication styles / team work; Financial literacy; Motivation through goal setting, as well as managing stress and anxiety; Optimal sleep for study – Epworth Sleep Centre. The following week, students will commence their individual Pathway interviews with VCE coordinators to discuss their goals and issues or concerns about the year ahead.

On day one, Year 11 VCE students had an information session reminding them of the ‘workings’ of VCE and how important it was to ‘step up’ into VCE. Their individual Pathway interviews will commence late February, where VCE coordinators will discuss students’ planned pathways through Years 11, 12 and perhaps beyond, their goals and any concerns they have. We will also be touching base about progress towards securing a work experience placement for May.

Julie Nicholson, Drew Deppeler
VCE Coordinators

Library News

Well done to all students who participated in the Summer Reading Clubs and the activities provided in the library during the holidays.

The library is back in full swing, providing reading resources to support CAFÉ reading on the primary campus as well as a range of books for the Premier’s Reading Challenge for classes from Prep to Year 10.

All P-4 students must use their library bags when coming to the library. If they do not have a bag they will be unable to borrow. Library bags can be purchased from the library at a cost of $5. All proceeds of these sales are used to buy new games for our lunch time activities trolley.

Happy Reading
Jenny Evans

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on Friday 6th February. (1:00-1:50pm in the SEU building). For enquiries please call Katrina, 5598 3443.

CANTEEN NEWS

Note from Canteen
*Please consult 2015 menu for correct canteen prices

PARENT CLUB NEWS

TSPA PARENTS SAY
Love to hear from you!
Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

TSPA MINI MINUTES
Canteen Survey. Results have been collated and noted, and will be presented at the next school council meeting. Thank you to all who participated in this survey.

DEB BALL2015: We thank the parents who have taken up duty folders to help make this event run smoothly. The general organisation for this event is on track and the students have been paired, subject to any changes that may seem relevant on the first practice night. Next meeting is February 6th, while the first practice is at 6.45pm Friday.

Swimming sports BBQ on March 3rd. We will supply the BBQ, and meat, bread, sauce, onions, at the sports. We will require parent helpers on the day, so please let me know if you can assist on the number below.

Athletics sports day P-6. March 10th. BBQ with drinks and treats available. Please let me know if you would like to assist on the day, as we do require helpers for this one as well. Thank you.

Annual General meeting is scheduled for Monday 2nd March at 7pm at the school admin building and will be followed by an ordinary meeting from 7.30pm. All positions will be declared vacant so please consider taking on a role as we do need more volunteers to help keep our fundraising going. All are welcome to attend and nominations can be handed in before the meeting.

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

6 Hardwood dining table chairs – as new condition $40 each
PHONE: 5598 3459

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WANTED TO HIRE/BORROW
WHITE SIZE 8 DEB DRESS
FOR EXCHANGE STUDENT WHO IS ABLE TO DO THE DEB BALL
PLEASE CONTACT ME ON THE DETAILS BELOW
IF YOU CAN HELP OUT WITH THIS, IT WOULD BE GOOD
TO HAVE OPTIONS.
Thanks Anne Rosolin  mob 0409 029 464

FREE GLASS JARS SUITABLE FOR PRESERVING.
PH 0409 029 464

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:30pm – 5pm with Family Day Care
At the Timboon Kinder, for children in Preps, Grades 1 & 2.
Limited positions
PHONE: Coralie Lucas 0409 860 474

TIMBOON SQUASH CLUB
Mixed Squash Pennant
Tuesday and Wednesday Nights
Seedings 10th & 11th February
Pennant starting 17th February

Ladies Squash Pennant
Thursday Mornings 10.00a.m.
Seedings 5th & 12th February
Pennant starting 20th February

Junior Squash Pennant
Thursday after school 3.45p.m.
Seedings 5th &12th February
Pennant Starting 20th February

New Players Welcome
Contact: Katrina Currell 55983443-0439995010
Or
Judy Walsh -0407646005
2015 Secondary Swimming Sports

TOP DAY at the pool!
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