

Newsletter

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Strength Through Understanding

Date: 8th May

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KEY SCHOOL DATES

11th May Smile Dental Van
8th June Kings Birthday Public Holiday
10th June Student Free Day
26th June Last Day of Term
13th July Start Term 3

7-12 DATES

6th May HSSSD Cross Country
20th May Regional Boy Netball
4th June HSSSD Football
16th June GAT
24th June GW Regional Netball (7-8)

P-6 DATES

5th May 3-6 Cross Country Noorat
8th May P-2 Lighthouse Theatre
15th May Division Cross Country Warrnambool
23rd June AFL 9's Noorat (3-4)



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Timboon P-12 staff and students acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are gathered today, the Kirrae Whurrong people, and pay our respects to their elders both past and present.



Anzac Day Service

Timboon
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back to Term 2

Thank you to all students, staff and families for such a positive start to Term 2. It has been great to see students settle quickly back into learning routines, reconnect with friends and staff, and begin the term with energy and enthusiasm.

This term promises to be another busy and exciting one, with a number of important events, programs and improvements already underway.

Wizard of Oz Auditions and Rehearsals

We are very excited to see the beginning of auditions and rehearsals for our school musical, The Wizard of Oz. The team from Red Door have been incredibly impressed with our students during this week's auditions. They commended our students for being polite, kind, warm and enthusiastic throughout the process. This is a wonderful reflection of our students and the way they represent our school. We look forward to the cast announcement shortly and to seeing the production come together over the coming months.

ANZAC Day Service

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and supporting our ANZAC service. It was a respectful and meaningful occasion, and an important opportunity for our school community to pause, reflect and honour those who have served.

A special thank you to Bernie Dunn for playing the bugle and to Caitlyn Kearney for singing the National Anthem. Both contributions added greatly to the significance of the service.

Holiday Works and School Improvements

A number of important works have taken place across the school during the holiday period:

- Our Shelter in Place works have commenced in the library and are now close to completion. The latest advice from the contractor is that we expect all fencing to be removed by the end of Week 4. These works will provide our school with a building that is fit for use as a shelter in place in the unlikely event of a bushfire during the school day. The improvements are designed to help the building better resist ember attack and include the removal of combustible materials from the surrounding area. Once the works are complete, we will look to reinstate an appropriate garden in this space.
- We have also had acoustic works completed in the JS3 classrooms and the Pavilion classroom. These improvements have made a significant difference to noise levels in these learning spaces, creating calmer and more effective environments for students and staff.

Attitudes to School Survey

Next week we will begin the Attitudes to School Survey for all students in Years 4 to 12. Families are encouraged to read the Compass post for further information.

This is an important survey that helps us better understand our students' perspectives and needs. Student voice plays a valuable role in helping us reflect on what we currently provide and where we can continue to improve. In the past, feedback from the Attitudes to School Survey has helped inform a range of programs and changes across the school, including our Respectful Relationships curriculum, curriculum planning, timetable adjustments, extended home groups, the introduction and implementation of School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS), wellbeing initiatives such as Maggie the dog, and many other improvements.

We value the opportunity to hear directly from students and use their feedback to continue strengthening our school.

Thank you again for a great start to the term. We look forward to working together across Term 2 and continuing to provide a positive, supportive and engaging school environment for all students.

MATT DODSON
PRINCIPAL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

As the leaves fall, the change of season helps us to be reflective about the work of schools. At Timboon P 12 School, this is a vital time for us to build momentum, to work together to manage our students' cognitive load, by establishing strong routines, minimising distractions, so that our students can focus entirely on their learning. However, it starts with each student showing up ready to put in the effort required to succeed.

We believe that for our students to demonstrate growth, we must maintain high expectations coupled with an unwavering belief in their potential. To achieve this, I want our students to confidently:

- **Demand challenge:** Actively seek out difficult tasks and ask for support, only after they have applied themselves.
- **Reflect on Term 1 insights:** Use the feedback and growth from earlier in the year to improve their current studies.
- **Take responsibility:** Gain understanding of what is required of them to reach the next level of achievement.

Through the continued work by our SWPBS team and our staff embedding the school wide practices, it is evident that there is so much to celebrate; so much potential within our students; and so many examples of them being the best that they can be.

Our School Captain, Holly Delaney, placed the wreath at the ANZAC DAY ceremony alongside some of younger student representatives, to connect with the wider community in remembering those who gave up their lives in service.



I would like to thank our staff for the care and expertise they share with our students.

SOFIA ALEEM
7-12 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Term 2 has commenced with a calm and purposeful buzz. Learning expectations and routines were set and embedded during Term 1, enabling a focussed start to the new term. It is very rewarding to visit classrooms and observe the focussed learning that exemplifies our school. Our Prep cohort has settled in beautifully and is making excellent progress with important learning in this first year of school.

I've been enjoying observing the students play a wide range of games at recess and lunch. The ovals are being well used for football, the courts for basketball and netball, and the playgrounds are always busy with students engaging in a range of creative and active play activities. Younger students have been happily playing huge games of chasey. We have some creative constructions appearing using natural materials. Some students like to visit the library during recess and lunch for quiet, inside activities.

Congratulations to our Years 3 to 6 students who have competed this term at District Cross Country and Divisional Athletics, and to our four students who competed at State level swimming. Thank you to Mr Cook for coordinating these events.

Lunch clubs have begun this week, with different activities each day from Monday to Thursday. These provide another indoor activity opportunity during the winter terms. Thank you to our Mental Health in Primary Schools leader, Lisa Pechotsch, with the support of our Music teacher, Steve Guthrie, for coordinating the clubs.

With the cold mornings followed by warm days so far this term, the jumpers in lost property have piled up again. Our Junior House Captains sort and return named items. Unnamed lost property is periodically washed and taken to TOPS. Families are always welcome to sift through the lost property collection near the canteen to hunt for missing items.

The Wizard of Oz auditions this week kick off the 2026 production preparations. Rehearsals are scheduled for every Wednesday, with Years 3&4 alternating weeks with Years 5&6 for chorus rehearsals.

Our next primary assembly will be in Week 4, Friday 15th May. Due to some excursions being held on Fridays this term, have changed the assembly schedule to Weeks 7 and 9, June 5th and June 19th.

MICHELLE NORTON
P-6 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

VALUES AWARD RECIPIENTS

Term 2 Week 2	
CLASS	NAMES
00A	Shae Nesseler and Ivy Mason
00B	Zanda Peters and Hazel Irvine.
1A	Cleo Bell and Tate Quick
12B	Ruby Angus and Vhyle Paderanga
2C	Aubree Thompson and Louella Bell
3A	Lhiana Tolabis and Colton Morgan
34B	Piper King and William Brown
4C	Isla Dickinson and Josh Tugade
5A	Billie Henriksen and Nardia Ferrari
56B	Lexi Collins and Eliza Howarth
6A	Bonnie Cooper and Pippa Dunne



Thank you to the Timboon Opp Shop (TOPS) for their donation of tennis racquets. They are helping support our students to be active and healthy, and the children love using them.



Year 8 Art students have been exploring the importance of sustainability in contemporary art practice by creating innovative sculptures from recycled and discarded materials that would otherwise end up in landfill. Through this process, students investigated how everyday waste such as plastics, cardboard and packaging can be transformed into meaningful artworks, challenging perceptions of value and encouraging creative problem-solving.

This unit emphasised the art-making process, with students experimenting, refining and resolving their ideas while considering both aesthetic qualities and structural design. Alongside developing their practical skills, students also examined the environmental impact of waste, and the role artists can play in promoting more sustainable futures. By reimagining materials and reducing reliance on new resources, students gained a deeper understanding of how art can communicate powerful messages about conservation, responsibility, and environmental awareness.

Mrs Gail Higgins
Secondary Arts Teacher
Timboon P-12

SPORTS

Year 7-8 Boys playing Netball at Camperdown on Tuesday.



Students (LR) Montana Bellis and Mikaylah Moloney.

Projects in the background, our school honour board and the Timboon Tales.



The reinstatement of the honour board at Timboon P-12 School is a significant act of historical preservation, especially as the school celebrates its long-standing connection to the district. We wanted to ensure that names that might otherwise be forgotten by time are afforded proper acknowledgment. The school buildings themselves are heritage listed, and the school has fought to keep its historical identity. We celebrated our student project, the Timboon Tales, highlighting 150 years of the township, show a renewed interest in recording histories and connecting younger generations with their past.



Regional Swimming Horsham



Congratulations to all students who have represented our school at Regional Swimming, State Swimming, District Athletics, and our school cross country. There have been some incredible achievements and outstanding sportsmanship on display, and all students should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Menzel Cook

11 yr old 50m Backstroke – 1st

11 yr old 50m Butterfly – 1st

Nelson Cook

10 yr old 50m Backstroke – 1st

10 yr old 50m Butterfly – 1st

Will Smith

11 yr old Breaststroke – 6th

11 yr old Freestyle – 4th

Lenny Champion

11 yr old Breaststroke – 7th

Gretel Hollick

9/10 yr old Breaststroke - 13th

Ivy Tutungi

9/10 yr old Breaststroke – 9th

Anna Banks

9/10 yr old Backstroke – 13th

11 yr old 200m Freestyle Relay

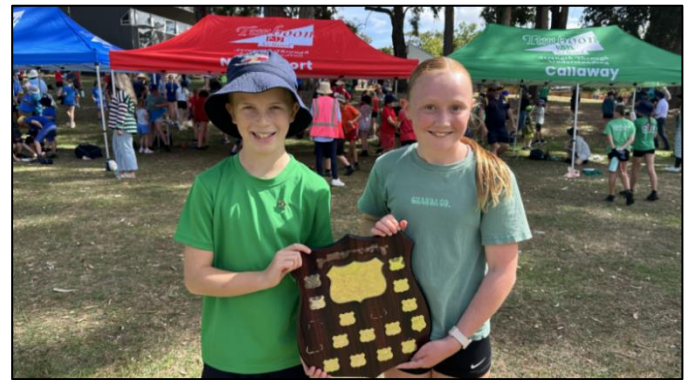
Menzel Cook, Jack McKenzie, Will Smith & Nelson Cook – 1st

12/13 OPEN 200m Medley Relay

Menzel Cook, Jack McKenzie, Lenny Champion & Nelson Cook – 4th



Primary Athletics Congratulations Callaway



RESULTS

12/13 Boys

1st Hudson Bell

2nd Burke Riches

3rd Daniel Tugade

12/13 Girls

1st Daisy Parsons

2nd Thea Whitehead

3rd Milla Loughnan

11 Boys

1st Will Smith

2nd Jake McNeill

3rd Menzel Cook

11 Girls

1st Esther Couch

2nd Ivy Tutungi

3rd Eva Watson

10 Boys

1st Callum Nicholls

2nd Emilo Haig

3rd Nelson Cook

10 Girls

1st Gretel Hollick

2nd Isla Dickinson

3rd Maggie Pender & Winnie Alexander

9 Boys

1st Ethan Cotton

2nd Chase Bell

3rd Jett Newey

9 Girls

1st Lely Mckenzie

2nd Elise Nesseler

3rd Kirra Loving

District Athletics Camperdown



Anna Banks, Pippa Barry, Chase Bell, Shylah Bellis, Menzel Cook, Nelson Cook, Ethan Cotton, Esther Couch, Olly Dickinson, Isla Dickinson, Nardia Ferrari, Emilio Haig, Arthur Handcock, Harriet Handcock, Gretel Hollick, Milla Loughnan, Kirra Loving, Nick Whitehead, Jack McKenzie, Sienna McKenzie, Lely McKenzie, Jake McNeill, Elise Nesseler, Jett Newey, Callum Nicholls, Nixon Noar, Burke Riches, Will Smith, Alexa Tadianan, Daniel Tugade, Eva Watson and Thea Whitehead.

District Athletics Age Group Champions
Isla Dickinson and Elise Nesseler



State Swimming MSAC Melbourne

Menzel Cook - Butterfly 7th-Backstroke 5th
Nelson Cook- Butterfly 8th-Backstroke 2nd
Relay: Menzel Cook, Nelson Cook, Jack McKenzie and Will Smith
7th-PB for the team!



Book Launch - "Timboon Tales: Celebrating 150 Years"



'Do you recall what Timboon was like in the olden days?' This was the question asked by Mr Braham and the 2025 Year 9/10 Extension Humanities students to a group of chronologically advanced Timboon residents as part of the TAP contribution to the Timboon 150 Year celebration. In March last year, students captured the oral histories and stories of 15 local residents and invited 14 others to contribute narratives and tales of the establishment of the Timboon township. The intent was for our young people to record the lives of elders in the community, and they have published shared stories of resilience, tragedy, persistence and humour. By exploring the experiences of other people, students hopefully learnt more about themselves, developed their writing skills, learnt about the history of the local area, felt more connected to the community and know that they have created part of a legacy. Congratulations to Edward, Maya, Matilda, Blake, Sylvia, Nick, Chace, Josh, Toby, Jess and Lochie on these wonderful historical narratives. During the book launch, attended by Mr Braham and students, our contributors were presented with a copy of the book and a certificate. Whilst sharing morning tea, the interviewees and interviewers reviewed the narratives together with lots of memories and laughs. Thank you to Peter Younis, Doug Trigg, Gavan Deppeler, Edris Rhode, Tommy Hose, Cheryl Tregoe, Barry Cook, Neil Trotter, Rollie Stansfield, Peter Pope, Thelma Hose, Barbara Fraser, Hazel Collins, Joe Clover, Kathleen Sumner, MaryAnn and Barry Pender for working with our students. We are also grateful for the contributions by Enid O'Connor, Leeanne Whitehead, Fiona Mackenzie, Leanne Sumner, Allan Kerr, Marilyn Bassett, Ellen Magill, Sally Flynn, Clyde Bassett, Jean Giblett, Lew Officer, Stuart Godkin, Bob Bowker, Tim Marwood, Jerram Wurlod, Julian Benson, Louise Osborne, Tony Dawson and Shelli-Anne Couch. Copies of the book, 'Timboon Tales: Celebrating 150 Years' are available from the Timboon P-12 School office and other local outlets for \$20 each.

Craytastic!

What a weekend! The TAP and Timboon P-12 School were well represented at Port Campbell's annual Crayfest festival that showcased our local food and beverages, artists, musicians and talent with a focus on sustainability, seaside vides, crayfish and community. The Year 9/10 Sungold couture, high fashion garments, created at TAP's On! 2025, were included in the Flotsam and Jetsam art exhibition that showcased our talented regional artists with students also performing in bands over the weekend. Mr Rowbottom and the Vocational Major (VM) students, and friends, introduced the concept of Precious Plastics and demonstrated how plastic bottle caps could be recycled and

turned into new objects such as carabiniers or bag tags. Utilizing the Precious Plastics shredding, extrusion, and injection machines we were able to purchase with a grant from Beach Energy, students were able to have conversations with attendees about limiting plastic use, recycling and circular economies as the extrusion handle was cranked. Younger festival goers made good use of our Crayfish ring toss and cornhole boards while our vollen photo boards were once again very popular – how will you volunteer? Congratulations to the organizers and everyone involved in this wonderful festival!



Paddock to Plate - Dairy determining

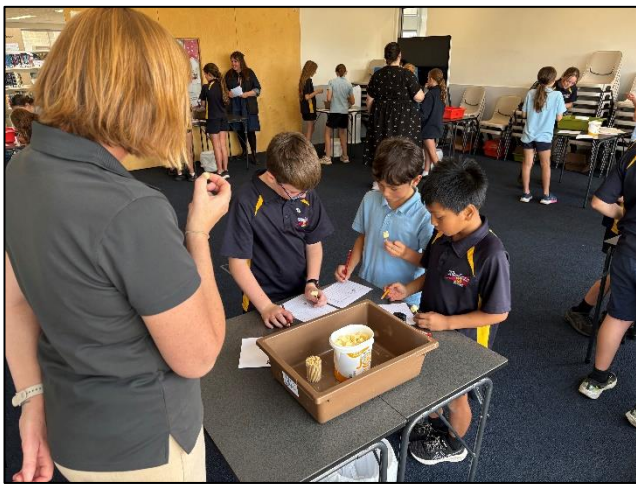
To help introduce the Paddock to Plate topic and to gain a better understanding of the different types of dairy products available, we welcomed Laura Field and Rebecca Korpershoek from Saputo Australia into the classroom to issue a taste test challenge to our Year 3/4 students. After describing the pathway from farm to fridge and reinforcing their learning about pasteurization and homogenization, students discussed the various ways dairy products are produced. Students learnt that skim milk was full cream milk with fat removed, cream was extracted from full cream milk and that butter could be made from cream. The class learnt that yoghurt was fermented from milk with probiotic bacteria, that curds and whey were used to produce cheese and that custard was made from milk, eggs, starch and flavours. Plant based milks were also discussed with students learning that some people with dairy allergies preferred plant-based milks such as soy, almonds or rice milk. Students then had to identify and describe how the various samples appeared, their look, texture, smell and finally taste full cream milk, custard, skim milk, yoghurt, soy milk, cheese and cream. An examination of the fat content concluded the challenge with some surprising results. Dairy delicious!



Weed warriors

A feature of the Timboon Agriculture Project - TAP - is that we can 'tap' into the expertise and experience of community members to help contextualise the classroom learning to really enhance learning opportunities. Our Year 5/6 Science students are investigating habitats and how human activity affects the growth and survival of organisms, so Mr Mottram chose weeds as a local, tactile example. We invited Jess Maxwell, the Environmental Protection Officer from the Corangamite Shire and Dean Drayton, an environmental weed contractor, to talk about weeds and weed control in our region. Students heard that the Corangamite Shire controls over 2200 km of roadside vegetation and Jess' job is to recognise, map and control weeds on these verges and then employ contractors to help manage them. Weeds are plants growing in the wrong spot and potentially causing harm to the environment, farm animals, buildings, agriculture and can cost a lot of money to control or eradicate. Jess and Dean explained that invasive species were non-native plants that caused environmental damage and were often pests or noxious weeds. Our students learnt about human's impact and the importance of early control or the safe removal of these invasive species and the role that they can play to help protect our environment from harmful weeds.





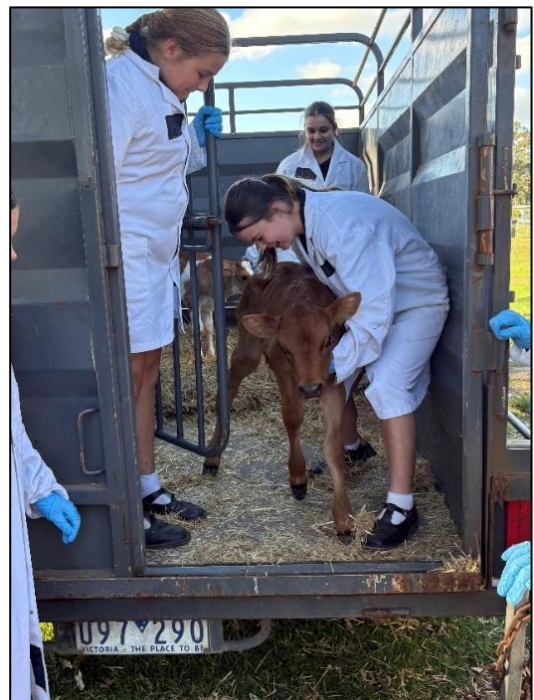
Aussie Wool Pellets in the Shark Tank

Our Year 5/6 Information and Communications Technology (ICT) students have been challenged by Mrs Pechotsch and Mr Mottram to come up with ideas or innovations that solve problems to be presented at a Shark Tank expo later this term. To inspire some entrepreneurial thinking, we invited winner of the 2023 Ideas Place Pitch Night, the Inventions Competition at Sheepvention, and recently featured on 'Landline', entrepreneur, Sherri Symons, into our classroom to motivate our students. Sherri, a wool classing trainer for South West Institute of TAFE as well as a prime lamb and beef cattle producer, invented Aussie Wool Pellets to create a market and use for low value wool. She described her career pathway and the process that lead to the development of the pellets that are biodegradable, aerate the soil, hold 3 x their weight in water and help complete the carbon cycle. Sherri introduced her award winning 'plankton pots' and wood plant matting that used the properties of wool to enhance and protect plant growth. Motivating students to pitch their own ideas, she stressed that they need to consider what problems they are trying to solve, what are they passionate about, what is their creations purpose and who would be their target audience. Sherri galvanized students to seek opportunities and to step outside of their comfort zone but not to be daunted by the obstacles that they could face. Our Year 5/6 classes were definitely inspired with many commenting that they had more ideas for their own presentations and were looking forward to the Shark Tank Expo experience.



Hello Shakira and Charli, our 2026 CCC calves

This week our Year 7 Science students excitedly welcomed our Cows Create Careers (CCC) calves, Shakira and Charli, generously loaned by ex-student and dairy farmer, Peter Fulton, who has been our CCC calf advocate for over 10 years. During the next 3 weeks, the calves' health and growth will be monitored by our students. Peter outlined the feeding regime required for the calves that included feeding pellets, milk powder, grass, hay with clean water and keeping the calves' bedding clean. Ms Allen and students will adhere to a strict feeding regime and students will be rostered on to feed the calves everyday. During their first feed, the Jersey cross calves' weight was recorded with the brown and white calf, Shakira, weighing 38kg while her red herdmate, Charli, weighed 46kgs. The Dairy Australia / Gardiner Foundation program, facilitated by DeeJay Events, has been offered for several years as a cornerstone of the TAP, but this year there is a program re-evaluation with a 'light-touch' version of the program offered to schools with virtual calves. Fortunately, our dedicated Science teachers, Mrs Dennis and Mrs Watson wanted our students to work with real calves so we are incredibly appreciative of our supportive CCC team. We would like to acknowledge the support of our sponsors including Deanne and John from Jaydee Events who facilitate the CCC competition, Maxum Foods who provided 2 bags of MaxCare premium Milk Powder and Reid Stockfeeds who donated 3 bags of Calf Rearer.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR OUR CANTEN



Please call Cheryl in the CAF if you can join our volunteers.
If you cannot make the date on the roster, please try to swap.
Thank you

ENGLISH WORKSHOPS – TERM 2

- Starting Wednesday 22 April
- Timboon Library
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- Improve your English
- Meet new people
- Learn & laugh together

All welcome | Free sessions | Children welcome

FAMILY STORY TIME

When and Where:
Thursdays 11:00am – 11:30am
during school terms

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Professor John Sherwood

Q&A with the Curdies River Coordinating Committee

Educational talks & hands on experiences & demonstrations

FREE Family activities:

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Saturday 16 May,
10.00 am–2.00 pm
Peterborough Hall

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Faraday – A Community Rediscovered

The true story of the Faraday State school, and the chilling kidnapping that rocked a small community.

Join Robyn Howarth one of the six children kidnapped from the school as she delves into her personal story of trauma, the search for justice and what it takes to heal a community.

For more information
www.cmlibraries.com

Thursday May 28th
Timboon Library
10-11am

We are looking for more volunteers to join the canteen roster team.

If you have some time free to help us out, please call Cheryl in the Caf

CAF ROSTER TERM 2

WEEK 3 4th – 8th May	
Mon 4 th	
Tues 5 th	Tony Bird
Wed 6 th	Camille Nicholls
Thurs 7 th	Fabiola Travi Ponce
Fri 8 th	Bonnie Doolan

WEEK 4 11th – 15th May	
Mon 11 th	Anna Stephens
Tues 12 th	Mariann Pender
Wed 13 th	Nicole Burvill
Thurs 14 th	Tanya McKenzie
Fri 15 th	Renee Whiting

WEEK 5 18th – 22nd May	
Mon 18 th	Bryan Ward
Tues 19 th	Amber Donohue
Wed 20 th	Liz Loving
Thurs 21 st	Olivia Tutungi
Fri 22 nd	Kelly Knight

WEEK 6 25th - 29th May	
Mon 25 th	Linda Whiting
Tues 26 th	Mariann Pender
Wed 27 th	Sarah Ferrari
Thurs 28 th	Scott Munro
Fri 29 th	Tanya Delaney

WEEK 7 1st – 5th June	
Mon 1 st	Brian Ward
Tues 2 nd	Tony Bird
Wed 3 rd	Cassy Warner
Thurs 4 th	Anna Cunnington
Fri 5 th	Jen Trigg

WEEK 8 8th – 12th June	
Mon 8 th	Kings Birthday
Tues 9 th	Rachel Richardson
Wed 10 th	Student Free Day
Thurs 11 th	Nichole Burvill
Fri 12 th	Bonnie Doolan

WEEK 9 15th – 19th June	
Mon 15 th	Scott Munro
Tues 16 th	Erin Gardner
Wed 17 th	Olga Caltino
Thurs 18 th	Olivia Tutungi
Fri 19 th	Selina McConnell Bec Couch

WEEK 10 22nd – 26th June	
Mon 22 nd	Chrystal Johnson
Tues 23 rd	Liz Loving
Wed 24 th	Camille Nicholls
Thurs 25 th	Anna Cunnington
Fri 26 th	Tanya McKenzie Sheryn Vogels
Holidays	

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Timboon Library

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Tuesday	1.30 - 5 pm	Wednesday	2 - 5 pm
Wednesday	1.30 - 5 pm	Friday	10 am - 2.30 pm
Thursday	10 am - 2.30 pm	Saturday	10 am - 12 noon
Friday	10 am - 2.30 pm		
Saturday	10 am - 12 noon		

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