# Newsletter School Strength Through Understanding



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## Congratulations to our community – it's official: our new buildings project has begun!



Timboon P-12 Year 12 student Josh Brittain, 17, preps Lexie McKenzie and Aysha Hollick, both 5, and year 12 Niamh Denny, 18, help to break ground for a new school building with Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney and principal Sean Fitzpatrick.

To view the plans in detail please visit: http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au/

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Email: timboon.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au Website: <a href="http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au">http://www.timboonp12.vic.edu.au</a> School Council President: Chris Hibburt

School Captains: Niamh Denny, Campbell McKenzie, Rahni Quarrell, Josh Brittain, Chevenne James and Jordan Rundle

TSPA Secretary: Sharon Mottram

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Council nominations: This year we have three School Council Parent Representative positions that are up for renomination. If we have any parents who would like to nominate for one of the three positions, you are now invited to do so. If we have more nominations than positions available, parents will be asked to vote for their preferred applicant. I would like to encourage any parent considering nominating to read the accompanying material and contact me or another member of council to discuss the positions.

Enclosed with this newsletter is 'Information for parents' and nomination forms. Either form 5A 'Self-Nomination' or form 5B 'Nomination' form may be used. Nominations are to be delivered to school by 4.00pm, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February *(tomorrow)*. If you require further information, please feel free to give me a call.



Famous Author Phil Kettle visit our school (pictured above with Year 7 student Brodie Delaney) working with Year 7 English students on writing techniques.



Well done to our senior boys cricket team who competed well on Monday winning one of their two games against Terang College.



#### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

The school uses the school compass manager system This system enables the school community to access regular information regarding your child. This year we will be requesting all families to book their parent teacher interview times (P12 Parent Teacher Interviews, Wednesday the 8th March, Timboon Town Hall) on Compass. Further information will be released to families outlining how to access this booking system (an instruction flyer will also be provided to all families this week via your child). In the meantime, all families are encouraged to activate their Compass account via the app store (download App or through the internet) timboonp12.vic.jdlf.com.au/. If you have misplaced your compass account details, please contact the school to obtain your login details and for assistance.

These interviews are about getting to know your child's teacher and their teacher/s getting to know you. There is no formal report on learning progress; however, expectations and programs can be discussed. There will be plenty of signage and the Principal class will be on hand to assist. We have so much on the agenda this term that we thought this may be one way of reducing the number of trips into town for parents.

**Important notice:** If any members from the school community develop any of the following contagious diseases: Measles, Mumps or Chicken Pox, please contact the school immediately. It is critical that we obtain this information ASAP to protect students from further medical conditions/reactions.

#### Please note: 3-6 SWIMMING SPORTS (CHANGE OF DATE)

Our 3-6 Swimming Sports will now be held on Wednesday 1st March. (Not Thursday as previously advertised)

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20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HSSSD Senior Boys Cricket</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	HSSSA Swimming Year 7-12
28 <sup>th</sup>	P-6 Swim Program ends
27 <sup>th</sup>	Geelong Cats visit 10:30am-12pm

March	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming Sports 3-6
8 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Interview
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3-6 Athletics Sports
13 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day (Student Free)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7-12 Athletics Sports
17 <sup>th</sup>	Staff PD (Student Free), Deb Ball

## SEAN FITZPATRICK PRINCIPAL

#### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

It has been fantastic to see students engaged in a wide range of learning activities over the last two weeks. I have been in and out of classrooms where I have seen explicit and engaging teaching, students on task and able to explain their learning to me and teachers hungry for students to learn.

Over the next year this will be enhanced when staff start work on developing assessment rubrics. Sounds like teacher-talk, but it will engage students in knowing 'where to' with their skill development in all subjects; this is essential if students are to understand the skills required to take the next step. Our staff are working very hard at improving their own practice, particularly at knowing their students and building quality relationships.

We have 33 students from Years 10 to 12 completing TAFE or Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects in 2017. We also have 20 students from Years 7 to 12 completing study via distance education. This, combined with the curriculum offered at school, ensures that students and families in Timboon have access to a wide variety of curriculum choices enabling students to follow their passions further. Student going to TAFE in Warrnambool on Thursdays should still be at school in uniform up until the end of session 3 as their normal lessons still run.

It is important to note that enrolments for language classes close on Friday of this week, the 24<sup>th</sup>. The decision to undertake any form of distance education is one to be considered closely as a family.

The start of the school year is also an important time to focus on positive school habits. The 'one percenters' of positive behaviour in class and out in the yard, coming to school on time regularly and trying to stretch yourself that bit more each lesson are what we need to continue to focus on in the Secondary School.

Just a reminder to parents and students that bringing a note to explain absence, or entering it on Compass, is important in enabling us to track our attendance rates. Supporting our students in maintaining or improving attendance is important as we want our kids engaging and improving. The day lost is the one never gained back.

Additionally, if students need to go to the shops in Timboon during recess or lunch time then it should only be for an appointment and not for lunch as per the school policy. Students should sign out through the front office to do this with a signed note. Year 12 students have the privilege of being able to do this without a note, but they should still sign out. If parents want to take their child from school and have lunch that is fine (can you bring some back for me?)

Be sure to check out the staff profile this week of Ian Harris.

DAN WALKER
7-12 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We have officially launched the building work for our new school. Over the next year or so there will be a huge increase in the number of trucks, and utes using our roads. Please be careful coming to and from school.

Did you know that school crossings are only able to be used when the flags are out? If there are no flags, then cars are not legally made to stop. So look for cars – don't just cross without checking.

Make sure you use the crossings safely.

## ANDREA TAYLOR P-6 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

#### CRICKET REPORT

Ten enthusiastic students took to the picturesque Timboon School Oval for the Senior Boys Cricket. First up, we played a quality outfit from Mercy, and had to field first. The boys bowled well against some good batting to restrict Mercy to 129, with Oliver Stansfield and Sam Lenehan taking 2 wickets each. From there, things quickly went downhill against some quality bowling and our boys were bowled out for 35, with Jordan Rundle top-scoring with 11.

Our second game was against Terang, and batting first the Timboon batsmen dominated the Terang bowlers to finish 3-150 at the end of the 20 overs, with Sam Lenehan top-scoring with 40 and Nathan Gillingham compiling a stylish 37 not out. Mixing up the bowling paid dividends, and we were able to bowl Terang out for 49, with Sam Lenehan taking 3 wickets and Brandon Barnett 2. A fun day was had by all, with both games played in a fantastic spirit.

MARK FRASER

#### **TIMBOON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

We have three fundraisers coming up and require volunteers to help on these days if you are available would you please contact Sharon Mottram on 0408 236 945 thank you.

Wednesday  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  March 3-6 Swimming Sports at Timboon pool - we require volunteers to help on the BBQ for this day.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March Athletic Sports Day for Primary 3-6 at school - we also require volunteers to help on the BBQ for this day.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March we need people to help out at the Deb Ball on that night to be held at the Town Hall.

We would really appreciate if you can spare a bit of time to help out on these days.

Sharon Mottram Secretary

#### SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held on

#### Wednesday 8th March

(1pm -2pm in the SEU building)
For enquiries, please call Susan: 5598 3358

#### 3-6 Swimming Sports 2017

The 3-6 swimming sports are fast approaching on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Yesterday our students held house meetings to select which events they would like to compete in. Events will be starting at 10am and a program of events will be sent home next week. In the past, we have benefitted from some fantastic parental support in the form of volunteers, to assist with the running of the day. As I am sure that you will appreciate, there are a large number of activities running on the day and your assistance will ensure that the day runs smoothly. If you are able to assist at the sports, please complete the form below and return it to me by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

This year we have a couple of small changes in the regards to the running of the day. Participation and giving your best is our main focus for the day. For this happen we have decided not to reward students with ribbons after each race, rather award the houses at the end of day. Therefore, the house that is the overall winner each member of that house will receive a first place ribbon and so on.

Year six championship races will stay the same and be our main medal winners.

Kind regards,

Liam Venn

P-6 Sports Coordinator
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## **3-6 Swimming Sports volunteer form for Wednesday 1st March**

Attention: Mr Liam Venn

Your	name:	

Phone number:

We are asking for help filling a variety of roles at the sports. Some of these include helping with starting, recording, judging, marshalling for events and relays, as well as a few others. If you have a preference for a particular role on the day, please write this below.

# \*\*\*Experienced English/literacy tutor available in the Timboon area\*\*\*

Able to support students studying current VCE English study design and any literacy needs in secondary levels (Years 7-12). \$50 per hour.

Half hour sessions also available.

Contact Ian on 0409815883 or email ianclarke37@gmail.com

#### **Red Cross Calling**

be appreciated.

March is Red Cross Calling month and I am seeking volunteers willing to either door knock or collect outside the Timboon IGA Supermarket. Any assistance big or small would

If you are able to help please call Bryan Ward 0423 713 994

#### **CANTEEN NEWS**

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER 2017**

WEEK 5 (27th Feb - 3rd March)

Mon 27thMelissa CardwellTues 28thEmily McKenzieWed 1stP-12 Swim SportsThurs 2ndTony BirdFri 3rdJenny Inglis

12:00 - 2:00pm

WEEK 6 (6th - 10th March)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April Jansen
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Beth Roberts
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Student Inter

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Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Steph Delaney
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Sharyn Ferguson

12:00 – 2:00pm Anne Rosolin

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



#### Careers News week 3 Term 1 2017

You need to be informed, flexible, ready to re-train, with good communication and team-work skills to assist you to build a sustainable career. To help with this you will receive this careers newsletter on a regular basis. Attending career expos, Open Days, information sessions and career seminars will assist you in your career development process, and this newsletter will keep you informed. As a rule, those students who attend career functions, do research and talk to others about careers are able to more readily make decisions.

WHAT IS A CAREERS EXPO? Career expos have representatives from universities, TAFE's independent training providers and employer groups (eg defence force) in attendance to provide information and an opportunity to ask your questions. There are a number held throughout the year, some large ones running for a few days (eg the VCE and Careers Expo 4 May – 7 May @ Caulfield Racecourse), while others are smaller regional expos (eg @ Lilydale). Career expos are of a general nature and are a good starting point for some career exploration - more information later.

The TIS event in Camperdown on the  $30^{\rm th}$  of March is, in a way a small Careers Expo for Year 12 VCE Students.

WHAT IS AN OPEN DAY? Universities, TAFE's and some independent providers open their doors, usually once a year on Sundays in August, for the public to see facilities, attend information sessions, talk to staff and current students, and to check out clubs and societies. These are useful for obtaining a more in-depth experience of a particular institution and its courses. Dates will be published soon (for your diary).

WHAT IS A CAREERS SEMINAR, AND WHY ATTEND? Many institutions run seminars about particular courses or careers, often on week-nights or in school holidays. For example, Monash (see below) and the University of Melbourne run evening seminars on particular courses, while RMIT, La Trobe and Deakin run school holiday programs about their courses (note: this list is not exhaustive). In addition, seminars on studying psychology, sport related careers, and on occupational therapy have been run for many years. These programs give an in-depth picture of courses and career outcomes, and provide an opportunity to ask your questions. More information in later editions.

HOW CAN I ACCCESS UNIVERSITY COURSES? Many courses accept Year 12 graduates on the basis of their ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) and meeting any prerequisite subject requirements. Some courses, however, have additional requirements (eg an audition, a folio presentation, completion of a selection kit, attendance at an interview). You are advised to check these out on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website (<a href="https://www.vtac.edu.au">www.vtac.edu.au</a>). Applicants for courses apply on the VTAC website, commencing in August each year. Up to eight courses can be applied for.

#### **MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS -**

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ACCESS UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AT MONASH UNIVERSITY? Monash has both an undergraduate medical degree (at Clayton) and a post graduate medical degree (at Gippsland). Applicants for the undergraduate degree must sit for a multiple choice test known as the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT), with a testing time of three hours. Applicants must register for this test, with applications now open, and closing at 5pm on 2 June. The test is on 26 July. The registration fee is \$250.00, including access to online practice test 1). The UMAT Information Booklet is also available online at <a href="http://umat.acer.edu.au">http://umat.acer.edu.au</a>. The application process for the undergraduate medical degree at Monash also involves a multi-mini interview and also requires a very high ATAR. In addition to Monash, the University of Melbourne and Deakin (Geelong) offer post graduate medical degrees.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AT MONASH UNIVERSITY? One way is to attend an 'Inside Monash' seminar. Get the inside story of what it's really like to study at Monash. You'll hear from a current student, a past student and an academic. It's the best 90 minutes you could spend researching your course. When: 6.30-8pm March 7<sup>th</sup> Arts, 8<sup>th</sup> Business, 9<sup>th</sup> Science, 28<sup>th</sup> Pharmacy; April 6<sup>th</sup> Design and Fine Art, 11<sup>th</sup> Architecture, 12<sup>th</sup> Interior Architecture; May 2<sup>nd</sup> Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, 4<sup>th</sup> Nursing and Midwifery,

9<sup>th</sup> Education, 11<sup>th</sup> Psychology, 16<sup>th</sup> Medicine and Biomedical Science, 16<sup>th</sup> Education, 17<sup>th</sup> Law, 18<sup>th</sup> Health Sciences, 18<sup>th</sup> IT, 23<sup>rd</sup> Biomedical Sciences, Radiography and Nutrition, 25<sup>th</sup> Engineering; **June** 14<sup>th</sup> Business; **August** 15<sup>th</sup> Music, 31<sup>st</sup>: Education, 31<sup>st</sup> Science and Careers; **September** 5<sup>th</sup> Education. **Register your attendance at:** www.monash.edu/inside-monash; **Other Information**: Call 1800 MONASH.

MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES – Immerse yourself in medicine at Monash through virtual reality (VR). Have you wanted to visit the Monash campus but not got there? Learn more about medicine, nursing and health sciences at Monash through 3600 video. Be one of the first 200 to get in touch and receive a Monash Cardboard to enhance the VR experience. Visit: monash.edu/virtual-reality

## DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS – GENERAL INFORMATION -

At a recent career practitioners conference at the Waurn Ponds (Geelong) campus of Deakin university, delegates were informed that the university now has **54,000** students, 25% of whom are 'cloud' or online students. The university has received some **excellent ratings** in surveys recently, such as having the most satisfied students for 7 years in a row for Victorian universities, rated in the top three Australian universities for graduate employment, and having the world's best Exercise and Nutrition Science School.

INDUSTRY TRENDS IN THE COMMERCE FIELD — at the conference a Deakin staff member talked about employers wanting to look at the 'whole package' when searching for employees. It's no longer sufficient to have a degree and to have had a part-time job. Employers want employees to have an understanding of industry standards, to be a 'cultural fit', to have soft skills, broad life experiences, and technical skills. They need transferable skills and an ability to handle diversity.

Some **forecasts** suggest that today's graduate can expect to be **retrenched three times** in their working life, they will have **several careers**, and they will need **adaptability and flexibility** to remain employed. Jobs in the commerce field that are **disappearing** are in entry-level accounting, routine contract writing, financial planning entry level jobs and in routine data entry jobs. An **ability to interpret and analyse** will be important, and artificial intelligence will be used increasingly.

University students need to start thinking and acting regarding employment in their first year at university, for example, seeking our opportunities to attend interest days run by potential employers at the university. These can lead to further invitations for involvement with these employers (known as pipelining) and eventually to employment.

All commerce students at Deakin must complete a **compulsory unit** help them present in the best possible way to potential employers. Students need to seriously consider **Work Integrated Learning** (WIL) as part of their course. Students need to understand early on that **they are responsible for their career**, and shouldn't wait till their third year at university to think about this.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AVIATION? The power of military aviation will take centre stage at AIRSHOW 2017. See the latest heavy metal put through its high octane paces at this event. Combat jets from home and abroad, bombers, heavy lift aircraft, military display teams and rotary winged warriors will strut their stuff. There will also be historic aircraft from the classic years of aviation, along with displays of the latest innovations in aerospace, aviation and defence products. When: Public sessions: 10am-4.30pm, Fri 3 March – Sunday 5 March; Where: Avalon Airport Geelong; For bookings and further information: www.airshow.com.au.

DREW DEPPELER PHONE: 5598 3381

### **EQUESTRIAN NEWS**

#### Emu Creek Pony Club 2017 Interschool Dressage Challenge

Friday 31st March 2017
Entries close Friday 24th March Via
www.eventsecretary.com.au
No post or phone entries accepted.
Please contact Cheryl at the Caf or
www.emucreek.ponyclubvic.org.au

#### FREE – TO GIVE AWAY

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MFC-9129CN / 9125CN / 9320CW / 9325CW Contact Michael Broomhall or School Office

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#### Nirranda Football Netball Club

Junior footballers (male or female) required for the following grades,
Under 14.5 and Under 12. If any new players are

interested in joining the Mighty Blues in season 2017 contact Brad Wiggins on 0428382560 or the respective coaches,

Under 17.5 Steve McKenzie on 0427062759
Under 14.5 Paul Delaney on 0407504547
Under 12 Brad Wiggins on 0428382560
Training nights ATM are Wednesday nights at the
Nirranda Recreation Reserve

Starting at 5:30pm for Under 14.5 from (22<sup>nd</sup> Feb) Under 12 from (8<sup>th</sup> Mar) and Under 17.5 at 6pm.

All new and existing players welcome.

Nirranda Football Netball Club is a Child Safe and Family

Friendly Club