

Timbarra P-9 College Newsletter

Important Dates

November

- Tues 2 - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Wed 3 - Canteen Open
- Tues 9 - Prep 2022 Storytelling Session
- Tues 16 - Prep 2022 Storytelling Session
- Primary Art Show
- Wed 17-19 - Year 9 Camp
- Primary Art Show
- Tues 23 - Prep 2022 Storytelling Session
- Year 7 2022 Information Evening

Message from the Principal

Every day over the last two weeks has been a 'welcome back' day. As year levels and staff transition back on site there is much news to catch up on. It is a very positive climate and with the end of lockdown there is much excitement around the school.

It really felt like a 'full house' on Tuesday when our Year 3-4 and Year 8-9 students returned onsite. Last Friday, it was lovely to see the Year 5's and 6's outside participating in sport, and the Year 1-2's working quietly and happily. There was even a Prep car race outside earlier in the week as the preps wore their cardboard cars!

The Year 7 STEAM class were the first to work in the new STEAM building last week. They were very impressed by the facilities, new contemporary furniture and resources, especially our new 3D printer. Our IT manager is in the process of ordering all new Apple Macs for our media centre. I am sure Jason Homes our Virtual Worlds facilitator and Miss Brown who teaches media, and not to forget the students, will be very happy about these updates!

Tuesday saw the return of all teachers onsite. There was much chatter around the school catching up with colleagues, planning for a full return of all students with great excitement. It felt like a school again. Timbarra P-9 is a registered SunSmart school and highly encourage sun protective behaviours in Term 1 and 3 of the school year. Just a reminder that students and staff are to wear a hat during all outdoor activities as well as recess and lunch breaks. While melanoma incidence in Victoria continues to rise, incidence rates in Victorians younger than 60 years are now stabilising or falling, consistent with the positive effect of the SunSmart program on behaviour change.

Its' that time of the year when we slip, slop, slap, seek, slide.

Can I once again appeal to parents/carers who are continuously dropping and picking up your child/ren from the front staff car park as it concerns me greatly that the safety of our students is being compromised at the busiest times of the day. Safety, as mentioned in my last update is the utmost of importance and accidents can easily occur when cars are entering, reversing and leaving the car park. In addition, we often have many delivery trucks dropping off goods at this time of the day.

The Prep transition co-ordinators are hard at work planning a fun and exciting transition program to promote a positive start to school. Enrolments are still being accepted for 2022 Prep students. If you would like any further information please look at our website and check out our 'Day in the Life of a Prep at Timbarra' video (<https://www.timbarrap9.vic.edu.au/prep-transition>)

Advice for parents about education services that are affected by COVID-19

COVID-19 education hotline

Call 1800 338 663, from 8:30am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 3pm Saturday and Sunday (excluding public holidays). If you need an interpreter, call 131 450.

REMINDER: This Friday is a curriculum day where staff will be participating in a full day on line professional development with Bronwyn Ryrie Jones a much sought after educational consultant. As a school we are very fortunate to be working with her. No students required at school on that day.

Thank you

Linda Duncanson
Acting Principal

OSHC Updates

OSHC Phone Number: 9705 7400

OSHC Hours: Before: 7am – 9am After: 3pm – 6:30pm
Vacation Care Hours: 7am – 6pm Curriculum Day: 7am – 6pm

*If our phone is unattended, please leave your booking or cancellation on the answering machine.

NOTE: We will only call you back if we are unable to take your child due to ratios, otherwise if you do not hear from us, everything is fine.

BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS FOR CHILDREN RETURNING TO OSHC

Due to children returning school for on-site learning as of next week, anyone who had a permanent booking with OSHC before lockdown needs to let us know before next week if your child/ren will be returning or not returning to the OSHC service.

NOTE:

If you did not cancel your booking before lockdown, your booking still exists and will become 'Active' again as of next week which means you will start being charged again if you do not cancel it or let us know when your child will be returning.

Some people have already cancelled their bookings or have communicated that they will be coming back and using their bookings once school returns, which has been extremely helpful for us with organising numbers, staff, food and materials.

IMPORTANT:

Please do not just send your child/ren to OSHC without letting us know first, as if this happens we are legally not allowed to accept them into the program without parent confirmation first.

If they do turn up unexpected, they will have to be sent to the school office and then the office will have to ring you to confirm where your child/ren are meant to be.

So it is of utmost importance that you confirm your booking or cancellation.

INVOICES:

The next OSHC Invoices will be sent via Email to you on; Tuesday, 9th November 2021

Please make sure you are checking your Emails. Also, if you have not received an invoice, please first check your 'Junk Mail' box. If it is not there, please contact us to make sure we have the correct Email address for you.

You can check all your details on your 'Parent Portal' at any time.

To check your Invoices, update any personal details and make sure we have the correct information at all times, this is the site you will need;

Parent Portal site: <https://www.smartcentral.net/v2/home>

Username: is your Email

Password: is your Mobile Number

POLICIES UP FOR REVIEW IN OCTOBER:

Celebrations Policy, Child Safe Environment Policy, Reportable Conduct Scheme Policy, Termination of Enrolment Policy, Open Door Policy & Governance Policy.

NOTE: All Policies are available at the OSHC Service for parents to view and add input.

Lisa, Elisabeth, Hailey, Isla & Ashlee - (OSHC Staff)

ANZAC REMEMBRANCE DAY

We have the following Remembrance Day items for sale in the Office

Badge—\$1
Poppy—\$2
Wristband—\$3
Keyring—\$4
Poppy— \$5



LEST WE FORGET

5M Back Onsite = Lots of smiling!

It is much easier to exercise and stay active with recess and lunchtimes.

Anthony

I am a lot more focussed on my work when I am onsite.

Simi

I liked seeing my teacher in person!

Jazz

It is better when the teacher is explaining work in class and it is more fun with my friends.

Cooper

I love being able to see all my friends.

Ben

Onsite I find it much easier to understand tasks.

Akshay

It's better to be onsite because you get to see many more people than during Remote Learning.

Lilly

Being back at school has kept me in a better sleep routine.

Judd

It is great to see kids being kids!

Mr McLaughlin

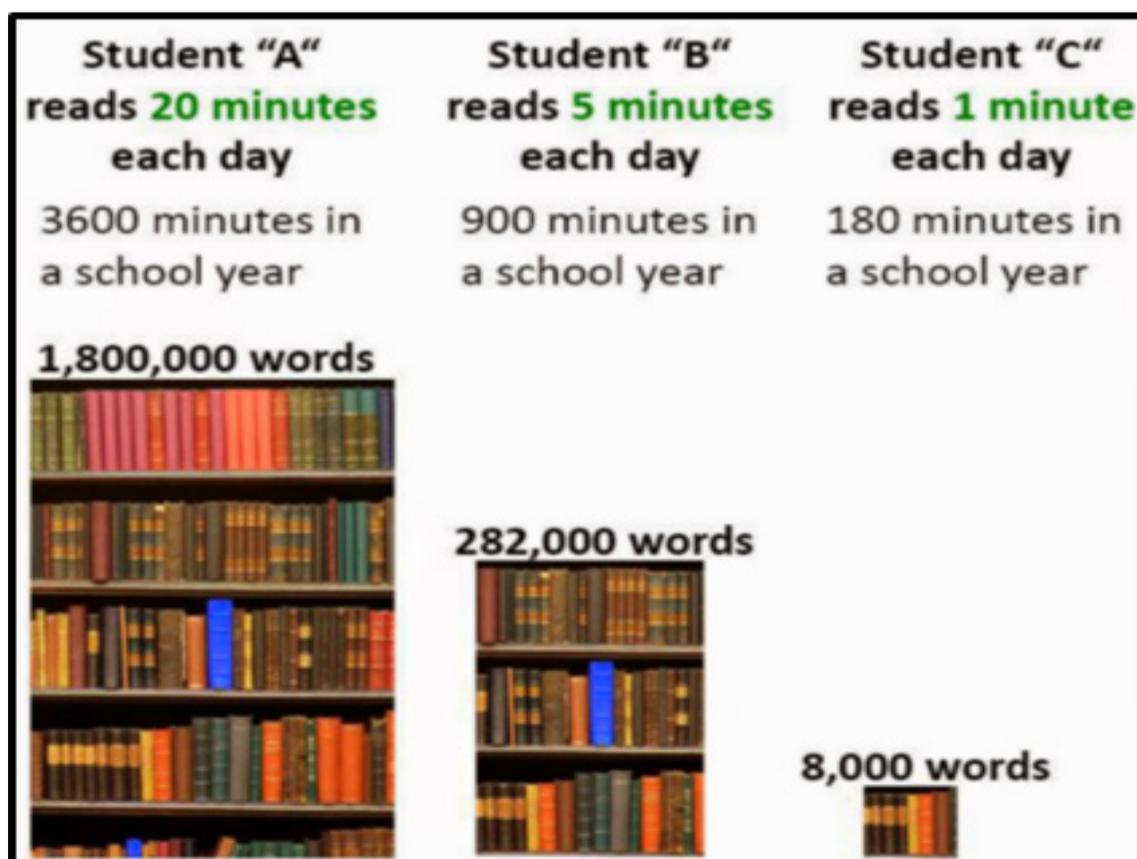


LET'S TALK LITERACY

At Timbarra, we encourage our students to read for a minimum of 20 minutes every day. Why do we do this? Research shows that there are many benefits of daily reading for children.

- Exposure to books improves children's reading skills. Practice makes perfect!
- Reading increases vocabulary, comprehension and communication skills.
- Exposure to new words, grammar and punctuation will help to improve children's writing. It is important to be exposed to the writer's craft.
- Daily reading builds independence, leading to greater confidence.
- Reading broadens the mind and develops empathy. Literature opens children's minds to the lives of other people, helping them to make sense of the world around them.
- Regular reading promotes academic achievement across the curriculum. Non-fiction books provide opportunities for children to increase their knowledge and interests.
- Reading develops imagination. While reading, children create worlds. This develops their creativity and empathy as they immerse themselves in the lives of the characters.

Plus...reading is fun!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION

City of Casey's planned secondary school immunisation visit for year 7's (Second HPV vaccine) will be held at Timbarra P9 College, Friday 5th of November.

Please be aware there needs to be a minimum of 7 days interval between administration of a COVID-19 vaccine and any other vaccine.

Council will check the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to see if your child has been administered the COVID-19 vaccine prior to their immunisation visit.

It is still the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform City of Casey if their child has had the COVID-19 vaccine within 7 days of their visit by phone (03) 9705 5200 or email vaccination@casey.vic.gov.au.

If you don't want your child vaccinated at school or your child will be having a COVID-19 vaccine within 7 days after their visit, please inform the school or City of Casey to remove your child's Immunisation card prior to their visit. Please find the booking link for City of Casey immunisation sessions if your child has missed the school immunisation visit: [Immunisation dates and times | City of Casey](#)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Bernadette Gubbins
First Aid Coordinator



**FOOTBALL FOCUS
MELBOURNE**

**Kicking Off Saturday 6th Nov
9:30am - 10:30am
Monash University - Clayton
6 Week Program**

www.footballfocusmelbourne.com.au

-  **Boys & Girls - Ages 3-10**
-  **All Skill Levels Welcome**
-  **Spaces are Limited!**

