



The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day. The App, called **SchoolMate**, is available for *free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads* and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets. SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and: Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)

Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level

Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level. Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

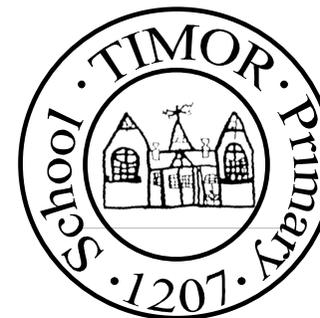
SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10.

I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.



Commencing in August the school will be trialling a communication App called tiqbiz. Via this app the school will be able to contact parents/guardians with important school information including permission forms, absence information, reminders about excursions & newsletters. When the trial commences we will forward you information so that you can download the app and give us feedback about its use. Please get on board as we move towards a more effective way of communicating with you all!

Newsletter



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Pinboard

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ Wed 29 July Gr 5 & 6 MEC Transition
- ♦ Mon 10 Aug Life Education at Dunolly
- ♦ Wed 19 Aug School Council Meeting
- ♦ Fri 21 August Cluster Athletics Day
- ♦ Wed 2-Fri 4 Sept Performing Arts at Dunolly

Parent Opinion Survey

The use of Parent Opinion Survey (POS) data, as a measure of school performance, is a very important step towards making our school the best it can be. The school endeavours to respond to this data by modifying its practices and physical resources.

Most schools ask just 15% of families to provide their feedback by completing the POS. This year **all** families are being asked to complete the Parent Opinion Survey (POS) which should take under 20 minutes to complete. I believe it is important that all parents have the opportunity to provide Timor Primary School with detailed feedback. On the last page of the confidential survey it provides a space for parents to write detailed feedback of things that they like and things they might like changed. Please feel free to use this section remembering that the survey is confidential.

I would ask you to please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will be reflected in the management and organisation of the school in 2016 as they have been for 2015. It is important that you complete the entire survey, seal your completed survey in the envelope included and write your child's name and year level on the back of the envelope. Your child's name will only be used to record the fact that you have returned the survey. The sealed envelope will not be opened at the school.

Parent surveys are being sent out next week and we ask if you could you please return them by Friday 31st July, 2015.

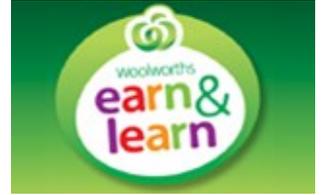
HEADLICE



WE ARE CONTINUING TO ASK PARENTS TO BE DILIGENT WITH CHECKING & TREATING YOUR CHILD'S HAIR FOR HEADLICE. A NUMBER OF STUDENTS HAVE BEEN NOTICED WITH EGGS.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

Earn & Learn has commenced so by shopping at Woolworths, for every \$10 you spend you will receive one Earn & Learn Sticker (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).



Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet (the school has supplies of these) and when it's complete, put into the Collection Box at your local Woolworths or give to the school. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment as we have in the past. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Attendance Awards

Once again at the end of Term 2, students with 95% or greater attendance throughout Term 2 were awarded with vouchers. A 'Lucky Dip' format was used for students to pick their own award bag which contained either a \$10 bookclub voucher, \$20 or \$30 Coles Myer gift card. Students opened their bag at the end of the presentation. The following 17 students received awards with some very happy faces!!

