



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SEYMOUR TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



RECOGNITION OF SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

On Tuesday 23rd June we held a special Principal's assembly to acknowledge the many high achievers in the sporting arena during semester 1.

It was pleasing to recognise the age champions for swimming, cross country and athletics at this function.

Christy Rilen - Sports Coordinator



YEAR 7 ZOO EXCURSION

On Thursday 18th June 60 Year 7 students visited the Melbourne Zoo as part of their Science studies. The students attended an education session, learning about the various types of classification used at the zoo. They were also able to spend time working in small groups looking around the zoo at the different exhibits. All students are to be commended for their great behaviour, enthusiasm and participation on the day.

Tracie Baker - Science Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 26 th June	Semester 1 Reports Issued to Students
Friday 26 th June	Last Day of Term 2 - 2:30 pm
Monday 13 th July	Term 3 Begins
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 11 & 12 and VCAL Parent Teacher Interviews

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**Term Update**

As the term closes I must congratulate the students and staff on a fine first semester. This semester has not been without its challenges and I want to pay credit to the support students and staff have provided one another within the school community.

The bushfires have left their mark across all local communities and directly on some of our students, parents and staff. We continue to offer support to those in our community affected in any way.

The critical part of a school is the teaching and learning program and I am very pleased with the direction our staff are heading in rewriting curriculum within the Common Curriculum, VELS guidelines and with a vision to our Regeneration model strongly supported by Regional personnel. All year levels are working hard supported by our very able administration team. I want to thank all staff for the very strong team based approach adopted in all our changes.

Year 11 & 12 / VCAL Report Evening

These students have their own report night early next term on Tuesday 14th July. I would encourage all students to attend with their parents. Year 12 is an incredibly difficult year and this is an opportunity to take stock and work through any concerns to focus on improving academic results at the end of the year. I strongly urge year 12 parents to attend these evenings as your support is a necessary ingredient in improving outcomes.

Staffing

I want to thank Brooke Nester for her work as Student Welfare Coordinator since 2005 and congratulate her for her appointment to a psychology position in the Region. As a result of Brooke's departure her year 12 classes will be covered by Amanda Wilson. I would also like to welcome back Marcus Watson returning to teaching from Long Service Leave. We farewell Jemima Hill taking leave for six months and wish her well in her break. Jemima has made a great contribution in the school in her short time here and will be missed.

Permission Notification Reports / Excursions Forms

Students and parents / guardians are request to take extreme care with permission notification forms that are handed out to students for excursion participation. These forms contain private / personal information and should be cared for in a confidential manner.

Many students are misplacing their forms and are bringing in handwritten notes from home, which are not an acceptable replacement. Nor is a phone call from a parent. Students can only participate in the selected activity if they hand in a signed permission notification form along with any payment required.

Replacement permission forms may not always be provided if students repeatedly lose their forms.

Tim McCartin - Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL FOOTBALL:**HERALD SUN COUNTRY CUP**

On Tuesday 16th June the Senior School Football team travelled to Tatura Park to play in the next stage of the Herald Sun Country Cup. Our opponents on the day were Kyabram Secondary College and Goulburn Valley Grammar School.

Our first match was against GVGS, and after a poor start the boys found themselves 20 points down at half time. The second half saw a spirited fight-back with some excellent team football played. Some terrific work from Kane Lofts and Nathan Nund in defence, and good support from Josh Williamson and Nick Dundon around the ground led a rampant STHS to a gutsy 7 point victory. STHS 5.2.32 def GVGS 4.2.25. Better players were Kane Lofts, Nick Dundon, Nathan Nund, Josh Williamson and Josh Neels.

The sides' second match was against Kyabram SC. After a competitive first half, the STHS boys ran out of steam and a hard running and highly skilled KSC went on to record a strong 40 point victory. STHS 3.1.19 def by KSC 8.11.59. Better players were Nick Dundon, Josh Mabon, Kane Lofts, Jacob Loraine and Jeremy Meek.

The loss to KSC in the second match has ended the school's campaign. All of the boys should be proud of their efforts and congratulated on making it to this stage in a very strong and competitive Herald Sun Country Cup.

Well done, lads!!

Luke Treacy - Herald Sun Country Cup Coach

INTERESTED IN BEING PUBLISHED?

Attention all budding authors and illustrators - you are invited to take part in our annual Inter-school Library writing/illustration challenge. Winners will be published in an Inter-school magazine and certificates awarded. The genre this year is CRIME FICTION and the criteria are as follows:

ÿ There are two separate divisions; writing and illustrations, but you are welcome to enter both.

ÿ Writers: 600 word limit but you may chose to submit only a portion of a story. All submissions need to be typed and submitted electronically. Save it in your workspace or bring it to the Library on a memory stick.

ÿ You must have the following key somewhere in your piece - The creeping figure was only visible as a series of shadows playing against the crumbling brick wall.

ÿ Illustrators: you need to link your illustration to the key as well. All drawings must be done in a B pencil or black fine liner and no bigger than A4.

ÿ Entries must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm, Wednesday 22nd July.

Megan Taylor - Teacher-Librarian



DAY OF CELEBRATION!

It is now a tradition for our school's International Club to celebrate International Children's Day. Every year our International Club organize this event. However, this year members of the International Club had a rare chance to combine two famous events into one celebration – the International Children's Day and the International Food Festival. On Monday 22nd June we visited Melbourne's International Restaurant, "Sante". This restaurant is very popular among Melbournians, visitors and international tourists alike. It is famous for its buffet style and it serves European, Asian and Australian cuisine. Students were introduced to the variety of salads, soups, meats, fish, pasta, veggies and fruits. European cakes, Russian "Anna Pavlova" cake, French profiteroles, fruit jelly, chocolate mousse and the variety of Australian ice-cream were the most popular dessert dishes among students.

Students enjoyed their meals as well as their time reflecting how lucky they are to be born in Australia and the education and opportunities that are available in our country.

A special thanks to all teachers and administration staff, and particularly, to Mrs S. Thompson and Mrs Tuckwell; without their help this celebration would not happen.

Galina Georgios – SOSE Teacher / Coordinator

BPAY REMINDER

School Council policy is that amounts paid by Bpay are allocated to the oldest outstanding charge first. If you wish to use this facility to pay for camps or excursions you must have no other outstanding charges, other than the voluntary charges of equipment levy and school magazine.

Keren Fletcher – Business Manager

TASMANIA TOUR 2009

There are still a couple of positions available on the Year 9 Tasmanian Tour. For a chance to be part of this great experience, contact the General Office or myself for a tour booklet.

John Simpson – Camps Coordinator

1962 SCHOOL SONG BOOK

We have had an ex student contact our school in pursuit of the above book to copy. If you can assist, please contact the General Office.

\$1040 CHALLENGE UPDATE!

On behalf of Year 8D, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraisers so far, and donated money. Even though we are only half way through the year, we have in fact surpassed our goal of \$1040. We now have over \$2000 and, with the upcoming Sausage Sizzle on 15th August, we hope to raise a lot more.

The recipe books we produced in the classroom were sold successfully at the cake stall, and are still for sale in the General Office for \$5.00. We now have passed our goal; we have raised the stakes and want to send as many Zimbabwe children to school as possible. We are very proud of how far we have come, and look forward to continuing the \$1040 challenge.

Grace Austin & Haylee Durbridge – on behalf of Year 8D

KEYS PLEASE

Peter Stonehouse from VicRoads will be presenting the Keys Please program to all of our Year 10 students on Thursday 16th July at 9:00 am. The program will include information about how to increase your chances of surviving the early driving years when, statistically, young people are most at risk of injury or death through motor vehicle accidents.

This forum is for Learner and supervising drivers and explains that learning to drive involves developing some of the most complex skills we ever have to master.

While the timing of this event will exclude some parents with daytime commitments, it will ensure all of our Year 10 students have the opportunity to be taught important principles about safe driving. Year 10 parents will receive invitations to this event through the mail.

Margaret Tuckwell – Year 10 Coordinator

SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING HOLIDAY PERIOD

Seymour Police have informed our school that they will be regularly patrolling all of the local schools' grounds during the holiday period. Families should advise their children not to enter school grounds during that time as police may bring trespass charges against unauthorised users of school grounds. **NO STUDENT IS PERMITTED TO ENTER SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD.**

Members of the community are asked by Victoria Police to keep an eye on our local schools over this period and to contact 000 if they observe any suspicious behaviour.

Message from Seymour Police

CAREERS NEWS

Attention VCE Students

Are you looking for inspiration on study techniques? Check out VCEONLINE – a free service for all students around Victoria completing VCE subjects. The service involves collaborative learning to assist with revision for both SACs and external VCAA exams.

Interested in Marketing or Human Resource Management?

LaTrobe has launched two new degrees: The Bachelor of Business Marketing and the Bachelor of Business Human Resource Management. To find out more including an ‘international study tour’ which is offered as part of this program visit www.latrobe.edu.au/lawman/courses/undergraduate/marketing or www.latrobe.edu.au/lawman/courses/undergraduate/Business

Folio Preparation Courses

– LaTrobe Bendigo on 29th & 30th June. Contact Jennifer Uren 54447969 or download a registration form at www.latrobe.edu.au/visualarts/folioshop/

– University of Ballarat on 1st July. Visit www.ballarat.edu.au or email artsinfo@ballarat.edu.au.

University / TAFE Accommodation Expo for Year 11-12 Parents and Students

This event will involve;

- a short presentation on generic accommodation needs/issues
- Centrelink: short presentation

Exhibitors including: Centrelink, Banks and Real Estate Reps. This will be held on 27th July 2009 from 7:00 pm – 8:45 pm at Mercy Centennial Stadium, Notre Dame College, Skene Street, Shepparton.

Experience Monash

Are you a student in Year 10, 11 or 12 or a parent of a student in one of these years? If so, you may want to attend the Experience Monash event on 7th July from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. The program aims to introduce you to experiences available at the Clayton campus. You can choose from a variety of interactive faculty workshops, plus learn more about entry requirements, scholarships, fees and transition to university. For program details and to book online visit: www.monash.edu.au/study/events/experience , telephone 99034758 or email valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au .

Sport Statistician? Gym Instructor? Sport Administrator?

A fantastic and local option is the Diploma of Sport & Recreation or Certificate III (& IV) in Fitness at our Goulburn Ovens TAFE. Studying this course can be used as a stepping stone (‘pathway’) to University for teaching. Contact Paul Wyatt, Sport & Recreation Coordinator on 58332627 or email pwiyatt@gotafe.vic.edu.au or download a brochure from www.gotafe.vic.edu.au .

Business Buff or Techno Head?

Build a bridge to Deakin? Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology (MIBT) provide an excellent pathway to Deakin for students who do not meet the admission requirements for Deakin’s courses. Check out www.mibt.vic.edu.au for details.

Year 10 –12’s Open Days

So many Universities... so many Open Days. Check the open day link at www.vtac.edu.au for dates for University of Melbourne (Parkville & Southbank (VCA/Music) on Sunday 16th August. Subsidised travel available – must complete and return the V/Line Travel booking form by Friday 24th July to take advantage of this offer. Download from (& register) www.openday.unimelb.edu.au .

From “ENTER” to “ATAR” – a name change

This is a name change only. There is no change to the calculation and it will have no effect on students’ ranking or the selection process. The adoption by all states and territories (except Queensland) of the name ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) over the 2009 and 2010 period reinforces that the measures of overall achievement of Year 12 students in these states are the same.

Jeremy Linton – Careers Coordinator



Lydia Hendy-Sawatijw on placement at Seymour Library



Nevil Sabu Alex enjoying his experience at Seymour Toyota