



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SEYMOUR TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## SALVADOR DALI –

### LIQUID DESIRE

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, students from year 11 and 12 studio art class attended the Salvador Dali Liquid Desire exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. The exhibition was a once in a life time chance to view Dali's incredible work. We began with a lecture on Salvador Dali to get some background on his life and some insight into his strange and eccentric ideas.



The exhibition held more than 200 original stunning works in all media including painting, drawing, watercolour, etchings, sculpture, fashion, jewellery, cinema and photography. The opportunity to go and see such amazing art has offered much inspiration for the year 11 and 12 art folios and has given the students some understanding of art genres such as impressionism, abstract, cubism and, most of all, surrealism. It is a mind blowing experience and I encourage anyone who is interested in art to go and see it.

Bronte Halsall

Visual Arts Captain



## THE MONTY PYTHON REPORT

It's seven weeks since Monty Python arrived in our school. In that time he's already grown 3 cm, now being 49 cm. He's had a lot of visitors, with both students and staff taking him out of his tank regularly.

We are now starting to measure his food intake and compare it to his growth rate. Thank you to the girls who weighed his mouse, measured and fed him last Friday.

Keren Fletcher

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Friday 7th August</b>	<b>Last Day for Semester 2 EMA Applications</b>
<b>Tuesday 11th August</b>	<b>GSSSA round Robin—Years 7—10</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th August</b>	<b>Tertiary Information Evening. 6:30 pm Library, for year 12 (and 11) families</b>

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to term 3 for all students, staff and parents! The term has started smoothly and we are very fortunate that all the facilities work undertaken at the school, especially the installation of the new fire service, was completed on time during the holidays and I want to thank Keren Fletcher and David Mills for their support in completing those projects. Reports were sent out at the end of term and I trust parents and students have had an opportunity to discuss the contents and inform progress and planning from here. A VCE parent teacher night was held last Tuesday and I thank the many parents and students who attended. A special thank you to Rose Grubelnik and Lionel Camilleri for the dedication in getting all Semester 1 Reports out on time.

### **Regeneration - Science Building.**

I am delighted to report that we have been successful in obtaining a new science wing. This is part of the Federal Governments' Building Education Revolution (BER) and 70 schools out of 167 applications in Victoria were successful. This Region was awarded three projects and we thank the Regional Director, Mr Stephen Brown and his team for the strong endorsement of our application. The building will need to commence construction very soon and we look forward to this project being the first part of the total Regeneration Project commencing soon. The building will be placed on the current basketball courts behind the Arts building. The BER process will also see the combined schools in the Regeneration apply for three other projects and our Technical Trade Centre will be a potential fourth Federally Funded project on behalf of 11 other secondary schools in the southern part of our Region.

### **Regeneration Master Plan**

A second major Master Plan has been developed by our architects and this has addressed many of the significant issues raised in public meetings and other forums since the start of the year. The new proposal is for a potential Kinder – to grade four learning centre, a 5-8 year learning centre, and a 9-12 (possibly TAFE) centre. The new design has the flexibility of year 9 potentially being in their own separate learning space. The project also includes possible BER templates for a junior P-4 learning centre, a junior sports centre and a hydro therapy pool for the Special School component of the enrolment. These decisions will be announced later in the year through the Federal Government.

### **Cyber and Phone Bullying**

The issues of cyber and phone bullying have been with us for a number of years and recent media articles have shown the potential outcomes for students in other places. I remind parents we have an internet and computer acceptable-use policy in the student planner and advise parents to be vigilant on the use of computers by their children at home. We also have many students texting other students both inside but usually outside school and as this is inappropriate the school will take action. We are currently reviewing our phone policy and all students should ensure that their phones are not on or visible during class time. School Council will discuss this issue at our August meeting.

Tim McCartin  
Principal

## DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Over the past year we had a number of students apply for Defence Technical Scholarships. There were quite a number of applicants throughout Australia and the selection process was rigorous. Despite this, we would like to congratulate Luc Stevens and Aaron Townsend on being successful candidates for the 2009 Defence Technical scholarships and would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

The 2010 Defence technical scholarships are now open to all students going into year 11 & 12 in 2010, who are interested in pursuing a career in the ADF. For more Information please visit their website

[www.defencejobs.gov.au/education.dts](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education.dts)

Carolyn Bell

Defence Transition Mentor

## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

### **Instalment Two**

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing. Applications close on 7 August 2009.

Further information can be obtained from:

[www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm)

Contact: School Office for application form and further information **Key Dates:**

Eligibility day - 13 July 2009

Parent applications close - 7 August 2009

Census day - 7 August 2009

EFT payments - Mid August 2009 onwards

Cheque payments - Late August / Early September 2009

## 8D \$1040 CHALLENGE – UPDATE

Due to our success in the cake stall, we have achieved our goal of raising \$1040.00 for Oxfam Wrapped for 40 AIDS orphans. We have now decided that our goal will be to raise as much money as we can for the semester. We would like to inform you that this term we will be holding a sausage sizzle on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August. It will be held outside Safeway from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We would like to say thank you for your support and to remind you that donation tins are still at the General Office and every dollar helps. We will keep you informed on our progress. James Ure & Ariana Orro 8D



### BOORI (MONTY) PRYOR

Monty Pryor came to Seymour Technical High School on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. He told stories of his life and gave everyone great laughs. He played the yickie – yickie (didgeridoo) and said “hello” to Jasmine Denke using it. He was presented a piece of Koori artwork from one of our students and a year 12 shirt from the year 12 level which was presented by Rhys Macreadie. We learnt many things and it was spectacular to meet Monty. We also had Maddie Richards make a wonderful speech thanking Monty for coming.

Liana Whitling 10A  
Indigenous Student Council

### MONTY PRYOR COMMENTS:

Zeke Orro;                “Absolutely Hilarious”  
Renae McKeown;    “It was pretty funny, he had a good message”  
Craig Hart;             “An interesting insight into his life”  
Ben Parker;            “Extraordinary”

### CHALLENGED BY YOUR CHILD’S ASTHMA?

‘Parenting Children with Asthma’

The University of Queensland is conducting research investigating the challenges faced by parents of children with asthma. This project involves a survey examining the factors that parents believe make management of childhood asthma more difficult.

What does participation involve?

Parents of children with asthma, aged 3 to 12 years, can participate by completing a set of online questionnaires about their family, their child, and their child’s asthma. These questionnaires will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. You can complete the survey at:

<http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/asthmaparents>

For more information, please contact  
Caroline Gregory (ph: 07 3365 9186, email:  
[caroline.gregory@uqconnect.edu.au](mailto:caroline.gregory@uqconnect.edu.au))

Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

### UPDATE - SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

We would like to inform families and students that there has been a change in our School Dental Service. It is now available to all children in Years 7 & 8, 9 and 10 with a current Health Care Card. This has changed as the cut-off previously was year 8.

Eligible parents can contact the School Dental Service on 57936126 on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings to request a consent form between 8.30am and 12.30pm. Once a child has attended the School Dental Service they will receive a follow up appointment every 24 months to help maintain their dental health.

Appointments are available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays between 8.30am and 4.00pm.

If you would like any further information please contact the school dental team.

### TERM THREE BUS PASS: 2009

Term three (50 days) bus pass is \$85.00 return & \$50.00 for either morning or afternoon travel only.

We laminate each pass for durability and they can fit easily into your child’s purse/wallet.

Payment can be made to the driver (envelope with child’s name) or at our offices between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm. The only forms of payment that we can accept are either cash or cheque.

Other passes available are: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 & 100 trip passes. They are valid until they run out and can be used throughout the school calendar year.

Those choosing to pay as you go, please ensure that your children have the correct money, as the drivers do not necessarily have change available. For more information contact Seymour Coaches on 5792 1181.

Seymour Coaches

### TASMANIA TOUR 2009

There is one position 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



Vivienne Sewell with some Seymour Primary School students, while on work experience.

## CAREERS NEWS

### Tertiary Information Night – Change of time and date

The tertiary selection information evening was previously scheduled to be held at 6:30pm on *Tuesday 4 August*. It will now be held at 7:30pm on *Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August*. Shioban Downing from LaTrobe University will be speaking about how to choose a course, how to apply for courses, accommodation, scholarships and much more. Students in Years 10 and 11 and their parents are welcome to come along as they are also likely to benefit from attending this presentation.

### Interested in Graphic Design?

The University of Ballarat will be holding a one day conference on Thursday 6th August 2009 (10.30 am - 2.00 pm) aimed at showcasing work by Graphic Designers. Those who attend this free event will also be provided with lunch and an opportunity to talk with lecturers from UB about Graphic Design tertiary studies. Industry designers will present their work in an exciting audio visual format and will also provide advice on a career in Graphic Design. Also on display will be example folios to help high school students prepare their own folio for applications to tertiary study. For further information go to [www.pasteup.ballarat.edu.au](http://www.pasteup.ballarat.edu.au) or refer questions to James Baker [j.baker@ballarat.edu.au](mailto:j.baker@ballarat.edu.au)

### Automotive Apprenticeship

Ken Muston Automotive (Shepparton) is looking at employing a first year apprentice at the end of the year. There is also the possibility to complete work experience in the September school holidays to obtain exposure to the workshop environment. The suitable applicant must have good English and Maths. Students who are completing year 11 or year 12 this year and want the opportunity to pursue a career as a Motor Mechanic can contact Eric Holt on 58216688.

### Panel Beating Apprenticeship - Possibility

Woollards Panels in Watson Street Shepparton are interested in putting on a student after school cleaning up at the panel shop, packing down boxes and similar tasks. If the student was keen, this could lead to an apprenticeship as a panel beater on completion of schooling. For more information, contact the Careers office.

### Students with Disabilities and Tertiary Study Support

Students with disabilities who are in the process of finishing their secondary school studies and making the transition into further studies or employment may be interested to know that the NDCO Victoria state website is now live. This site provides information about support services that are available for people with disabilities as they make this transition. The web address is [www.ndcovictoria.net.au](http://www.ndcovictoria.net.au)

### Shepparton TEC Information Evening

The Shepparton TEC Information Evening will be held on Monday 3rd August at, 6.00pm.

### New Health Science Courses offered at La Trobe (including their Shepparton Campus)

In 2010 and 2011, LaTrobe will be adding a number of Health Sciences courses some of which will be delivered from their Shepparton campus. Courses being offered include Dentistry, Physiotherapy (Bundoora, Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga and Shepparton\* in 2010, with Mildura to follow in 2011). Podiatry will be offered at Bundoora and Bendigo in 2010, with Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton to follow in 2011. Speech Pathology will be offered at Bendigo and Bundoora in 2010, with Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton to follow in 2011. To find out more about your local Latrobe - you should attend their Open Day after school on Friday 21st August. Check out their website for the details.

### GOTAFE

Copies of the 2010 GOTAFE Course Guides are out now. Please collect one from your friendly careers advisor or 1300 468 233 or visit [www.gotafe.vic.edu.au](http://www.gotafe.vic.edu.au). If you want to check out their latest 'gos' go to: <http://www.gotafe.vic.edu.au/gotafenews/jun09/june09.swf>

Jeremy Linton

Careers Coordinator



Shannen Tempest enjoying her work at Hails Nails.



Shaun O'Loughlin working hard for Craig Sherwood.