



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SEYMOUR TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

EASTERN ZONE BOYS' NETBALL

On Thursday 23rd July we travelled to Wodonga to compete in the Eastern Zone Netball finals. Seymour Technical High School started well, scoring the first goal of an exciting senior boy's netball tournament against Rutherglen and displayed their all-round skills to finish a physical game 9-7. The team's next two games were against tougher opposition. Despite contesting every ball and overwhelming Wodonga and Broadford in the mid court, we were unable to convert these plays into points. The team finished the day on a high against Corryong. Corry applied constant pressure in both goal circles, but the boys moved the ball with finesse through the thirds to our accurate shooters to win 13-10. The team performed admirably all day to finish with a 2:2 win/lose result.



Pictured above: Aaron Townsend, Tim Rudd-Schmidt, Dylan Kernaghan, Darren Allum, Mitchell Grey, Matt Mount, Brett Saunders. Absent Kyle Clarke.

EASTERN ZONE GIRLS' NETBALL

On Thursday 23rd July, our coach, Mrs McKenzie escorted us to Wodonga for a day of Netball. Our first game was against a much taller side from Wangaratta, even though we gave our all, it was almost impossible to pass the ball without it being intercepted. In the second game against Myrtleford we felt more confident and were reasonably matched in size. It was a very hard fought game by all concerned and we only went down by 2 goals. Last game against Shepparton proved to be our best, we gave our all and came out the winners. We had a great day and the experience of that competition was awesome. Well done to all the girls and thanks to Mrs McKenzie for coaching and umpiring.



Emma Loraine

Pictured above: Paige Hockley, Nicole Fulco, Lauren Cole, Shannen Tempest, Carly Eden, Andrea McKenzie, Emma Loraine, Kate Hanley, Maddison Grey.

**Festival of Spirit
Celebrations & Fireworks Spectacular
Friday 11th September 2009 — (1:30 pm - 6:30 pm)**

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 7th August	Last Day for Semester 2 EMA Applications
Tuesday 11th August	GSSSA round Robin—Years 7—10
Tuesday 18th August	Tertiary Information Evening. 6:30 pm Library, for year 12 (and 11) families
Wednesday 19th August	VCE/VCAL Course Information Evening Community Arts Centre—7.00 pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear families, students and staff,
The year moves very quickly and we are well into the defining term of the year. Much of the senior students' work will be brought to closure this term and it is vital all students give of their best this term.

We are about to start that part of the year where year level information sessions for students and their families are held to consider the options for 2010. Handbooks will be released soon to bring the latest information about curriculum options to allow students to go into course counselling to choose the best pathways and programs for 2010. I strongly urge all families to sit together to help their children to make informed decisions.

Uniform 2010

A reminder that new uniform currently worn by our year 7 students will be compulsory for all students next year. If families need to replace an item for a child in any level then I strongly urge you to buy updated items from our official supplier.

Year 12 Half Year Exam Results

The Year 12 VCE half year results in accounting, biology, physics, chemistry and psychology were released last week and these form part of the final scores that students receive at the end of the year. I want to congratulate VCE students on these fine results and the teachers who made this possible. The year 12 year is rapidly drawing to a close with virtually only a term remaining before the final examination period. I trust all students in year 12 will have a strong study plan in place to maximise their results.

Regeneration.

The Science block that the school has been awarded under the Federal Governments BER program will be built shortly on the basketball courts behind the Arts wing. I am delighted that this building will allow new methods of teaching to be trailed in this space before the main Regeneration building programs start. The briefings I have attended stress the need to start construction soon. As soon as our architects are confirmed, we should be able to go to tender, as the building is a fixed template design so little further design work will be needed.

Co-operative Meeting

The School Co-operative Annual General meeting has been set for 12th August. Invitations will be sent out soon for this meeting. If you are a member of the Cooperative I strongly urge you to attend.

Tim McCartin,
Principal

YEAR 11 STUDENTS - TASMANIA TOUR 2009

An opportunity exists for a small number of year 11 students to attend this year's 'Tassie Tour'. If you missed out in 2007 or had such a great time you want to go again, please see Mr Simpson or the General Office to collect a tour booklet.

John Simpson
Camps Coordinator

FESTIVAL OF SPIRIT WRISTBANDS

Yes, it's that time again!
In keeping with our successes from the last 3 years we are again offering the same format for this year's Festival of Spirit. The Festival will run on Friday 11th September, the second last Friday of this term. The format is for a normal school day to lunchtime. Immediately after, the festival activities will begin from early afternoon (about 1:30 pm) through to dusk (about 6:30 pm) when we will be hosting a fireworks spectacular. For the afternoon activities, amongst other free entertainment, we have booked a company that will provide a range of rides / activities including:

- 1 CHA CHA
- 2 CYCLONE
- 3 GIANT SLIDE
- 4 G.I.JANE ELIMINATOR
- 5 JUMPING CASTLE
- 6 CHAIR-O-PLANE

It should be noted that we have changed these from previous years to be more in keeping with the demands of our students.

In order to secure this company's services we have to give an undertaking to pre-sell a certain number of wrist bands prior to the event. These wrist bands will entitle the wearer to an all day pass to all of the rides. The cost of the band is \$28.00, and as each ride is normally \$4.00; it is easy to calculate that this is extremely good value. If the wrist band is not pre-purchased and is bought on the day, the cost will be \$32.00, or simply \$4.00 per ride.

Last year we received an overwhelming positive response to the agenda. We are again hoping for your support in our quest to run a successful Festival of Spirit especially since this may be our last festival prior to the start of our regeneration which will see the amalgamation of the schools in this area.

You may wish to take advantage of the \$28.00 pre-purchase special for siblings or friends who do not attend Seymour Technical High School. This can be done by collecting a reply slip from the General Office and return it with your deposit by Friday 28th August 2009.

Mark Hardisty
Festival of Spirit Coordinator

FESTIVAL OF SPIRIT – HELP REQUIRED

The Festival of Spirit committee are looking for helpers to run stalls during our Festival of Spirit on Friday 11th September between 1.30 pm and 6.30 pm. We are also seeking donations for our food produce stall. We are looking for fresh produce (fruit & vegies) or baked produce (cakes, biscuits etc). Please attach a list of ingredients to your items.

If you are a parent / guardian or student (who hasn't already signed up) please fill in the reply slip below and return to the General office ASAP. Any enquiries, please contact Mark Hardisty at school on 5771 1300.

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I, am willing to help at the Festival of Spirit on Friday 11th September.

My preferred times are and I can be contacted on (phone).....

Iam prepared to supply (description of item) for the Festival of Spirit on Friday 11th September.

I can be contacted on (Phone)

PARENT/GUARDIAN OF YEAR 7 AND 8 STUDENTS

As you know the Community Arts Centre has been completed and officially opened this year. As a result we have been able to gain some Regional funds to support Instrumental Music Programs in 2009. We are starting lessons with the piano, flute and clarinet. Learning to play an instrument is an experience that is not to be missed but can also lead to very successful support to other academic studies! It can provide hours of enjoyment and satisfaction and it is a valuable skill to have. As such, we are offering instrumental music lessons for all interested students from years 7 and 8.

Lessons will be of half hour duration once a week and will be held at the Seymour Technical High School Community Arts Centre. The lessons will be run during normal school hours by a withdrawal system. The cost of lessons will be covered by the school apart from the hire of some musical equipment. If you have any queries or if you would like to register your child's expression of interest, please collect an expression of interest form and return it to the General Office ASAP. Alternatively, contact Mr Skidmore or Mr McCartin on 5771 1300.

SCHOOL NURSE

Annabel Ayers, our school nurse is available to speak with students Monday and Tuesday each week.

YEAR 9 GUEST SPEAKER

In an effort to continuously support and educate our students to make responsible, informed lifestyle choices, Seymour Technical High School is offering a guest speaker presentation on the use/abuse of drugs and alcohol. The session will run in period 5 and 6 on Friday 14th August for all year 9 students, in the library.

The facilitator for the session is Ashley Gurney, Drug and Alcohol Youth Outreach worker and educator with Mitchell Community Health Services. Ash's informative and interactive style is sure to engage and inform. Topics he will cover include, information on standard drinks, general drug and alcohol information, safe partying, where and when to get help and how to help a mate. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. Ash is happy to talk with students and parents anytime. Please don't hesitate to contact Annabel - School Nurse or Rob Adam - yr 9 coordinator, if you would like more information.

Annabel Ayers
School Health Nurse

VCE/VCAL COURSE INFORMATION EVENING FOR 2010

Parents of students currently in Year 10 are reminded that the school will be running a course selection information evening to assist parents and students in making those crucial decisions about senior courses:

VCE or VCAL? What is done in a VCAL course?

What subjects and pathways are available in VCE?

Date: Wednesday 19th August

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: STHS Community Arts Centre

Senior co-ordinators will present information about courses available, the Careers Advisor will be there to assist in planning pathways, and teachers from all learning areas will be available to answer questions about the content of subjects available in 2010.

Students currently in Year 11, and their parents, are also welcome to attend to seek assistance in planning next year's Year 12 course.

SPORTS NEWS

On the 22nd July the Intermediate Boys' Football team travelled to Wangaratta to play in the Eastern Zone Final in a round robin competition against Wangaratta High School, Tallangatta and Mooroopna Secondary Colleges. In the first game against eventual winners Wangaratta High, it was pretty much one-way traffic against a bigger and faster side. Despite the defensive efforts of Jarrod Hall and Brandon Miller, the final score was a loss of 60 points. A bit deflated, the team took on Tallangatta and played great football in the first half to have a handy lead of three goals. Blake Coyle led the way out of the middle and was well supported with a solid team effort. Perhaps they had too many oranges at half time, as the second half saw Tallangatta hit the front and take the game away in a convincing win. With a final game to play against Mooroopna the boys were looking for a much needed win, which again eluded them in a well fought out contest. Best players for the day were Blake Coyle and Jake Sutherland. Thanks to Mrs Dimech and Mrs Reid for helping on the day.

Derek Rimes



Emily Flavel on work experience, lending a helping hand at Seymour Central Vets.

CAREERS NEWS

What time does the Tertiary Information Night commence?
In the last edition of the Seymour Technical High School newsletter, I announced that the Tertiary Information Night date and time had changed to enable Shioban Downing from LaTrobe University to attend. Unfortunately, however, I was incorrect in stating that the event would commence at 7:30. The presentation will start at 6:30pm on Tuesday 18th August. 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.

Time to Apply for University and TAFE

As of Monday of this week, VTAC opened their website for University and TAFE applications. Last Tuesday, our first Year 12 student for 2009 completed and submitted his application. Year 12 students need to be aware that timely applications close at 5:00pm on Wednesday 30th September. The process of applying is reasonably straight forward, but students will need to be aware of their VTAC (also called 'candidate' or 'VCE') number. To apply, students need to go to the VTAC website: www.vtac.edu.au register and then apply for courses. While some TAFE courses will not require a VTAC application, the only way to apply for a university course is via an on-line VTAC application. Refer to the careers office if you require assistance with this task.

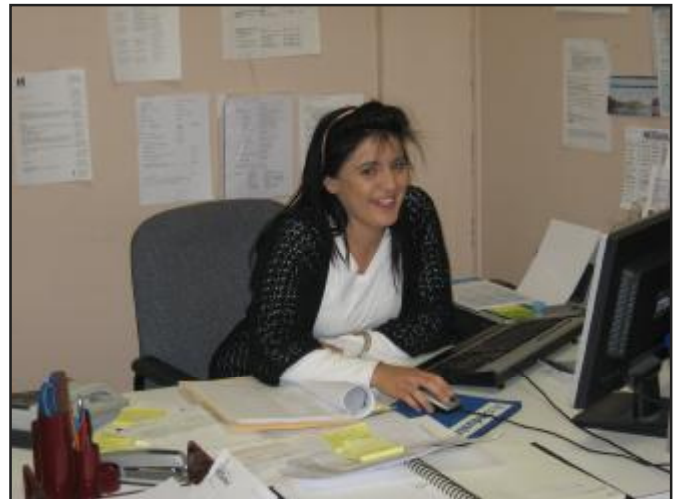
Career Opportunities

SP Ausnet is currently seeking Apprentice Linesmen and Technical Trainees. Potential recruits could still complete their VCE as they will commence work early in 2010. These positions are well worth investigating, but Linesmen applicants need to be aware they will need to be capable of working at heights (not prone to vertigo) and capable of some heavy work. For more information, refer to the advertisements in local papers or refer to their website: www.sp-ausnet.com.au. The Apprenticeship Factory is currently seeking a Trainee in Conservation and Land Management. This position will include operating machinery, maintaining fences and working with animals. Driver's licence and transport to work is essential. For more information, contact The Apprenticeship Factory on 57990338.

Open Day Reminder

A number of our VCE students have been attending University Open Days (Monash's Open Day commenced last Sunday). For more information about dates and times of Open Days, refer to the Careers room notice board or go to the VTAC website: www.vtac.edu.au.

What does a Coastal Engineer do? They design structures on the coast such as breakwaters, harbours, marinas and new beaches. Does that appeal to you? If so you can research more at www.engineersaustralia.org.au/nccoe/
Considering a career in Art & Design?... Want to know what to study or where to study? Or where to study what?? The Art & Design Education Resource Guide 2009 may be able to help you out with these questions and is now online www.dgdesignnetwork.com.au/aderg.



Maddison Grey doing work experience with Netgain Employment Services in Station Street Seymour.



Geoffrey O'Donnell looks the part at Travelworld in Tallarook Street Seymour

TERTIARY APPLICATION INFORMATION EVENING

Parents of students in Year 12 who are this year considering applying for university and TAFE places are reminded that the school's information evening to assist students and parents with decision-making and application procedures will take place on:

Tuesday 18th August

6.30 pm

School Library

Parents and students in Year 11 who are planning university applications next year are also welcome; start making plans early!

During the evening, a guest speaker from LaTrobe University will present information and be available to answer questions. There will also be information and assistance provided by the Senior School Manager, Derek Rimes and the school's Careers Advisor, Jeremy Linton.

An important evening for students and their families, who need to find out about application procedures and deadlines, tertiary courses available, fees, accommodation.....

Jeremy Linton—Careers Coordinator