



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SEYMOUR TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

1 week to go FESTIVAL OF SPIRIT



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FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Friday 11th September (1:30 pm — 6:30 pm)

RACV ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH NEWS

RACV Energy Breakthrough at Maryborough 19th – 22nd November

The selection process began mid June and is nearly complete. Students and teachers gave up lunchtimes to attend meetings, compete in a 1.6km run trial, a 20m shuttle test, a vehicle 3 lap speed trial, and a speech to a panel of judges.

Most teams were selected after this, but the Junior Girls and Intermediate Boys teams were very close, so the selection process is still continuing for them. On three Wednesday evenings (26th August, 2nd September and 16th September) the teams are going to the Seymour Go Kart Track from 4.00pm to 9.00pm to practise vehicle handling in the daytime and at night. This is because the competition is both day and night.

Lunchtime training and team building sessions are starting on a Tuesdays and soon we will start a Thursday session after school. Students are also meeting at lunchtimes to write speeches which are to be presented to a panel of judges at Maryborough.

Looks like a great crew this year, with some very fit and fast members, some enthusiastic parents and of course the great staff.

Louise Paholek

RACV Energy Breakthrough Assistant



Students training at the Go-Kart track.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 10th September	Year 7 Gardasil / Hep B immunizations
Friday 11th September	Festival of Spirit
Saturday 10th October	Enhanced / Accelerated Testing for 2010

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Regeneration

Last week the Local member of the Legislative Council Mr Ben Hardman contacted me and my fellow Principals in the Regeneration program to let us know that we were to receive just over \$10 million for the building of a large part of the Regeneration project. While the \$1.97 million for the Science wing had been announced, the extra for the other building was unexpected. We are still waiting for the go-ahead for the building of the science wing, however, it looks like happening within the next 6 weeks.

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 suppliers.

Scholarship

On Wednesday I attended a ceremony where myself and the School Council President, Val Pinder, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with representatives of the Army from the Puckapunyal Tobruk Officers Mess. This will provide two scholarship places to a student in year 10 for \$500 dollars each year over year 11 and 12. We are very grateful to the Officers Mess for their generous support of our students. The award is open to any year 10 student who may need support to finish their secondary education.

Shrine Visit

A number of students attended the service at the Shrine of Remembrance yesterday for a commemoration to honour the courage, sacrifice and service of Australians and their Allies who repulsed Japanese attacks on Australia, on the Kokoda Track, at Milne Bay, on the Coral Sea, and in other fiercely fought actions during the perilous days of the Pacific War. I thank the staff who organised the visit and the students who attended the 67th anniversary of this conflict which claimed at least 50 million lives.

Tim McCartin, Principal.



Seymour Technical High School students pictured at the Shrine of Remembrance. A full report in the next newsletter issue.

DAFFODIL DAY

The annual cancer fundraiser Daffodil Day was held last week. Students and staff who purchased Daffodil Day merchandise raised \$300.00 during the week leading up to Friday 28th August.

Thank you to the Year 10 student volunteers who were Larissa Voogt, Tamsin Coetzee, Shannon Reed, Sarah Hibbert, Emily Flavel, Clair Campbell, Madelyn McQueen and Sarah Beaumont. Also, thank you to Year 7 student volunteers Ben Tarran and Reece Goodwin.

An out of uniform day contributed an additional \$504.05 to the total. All these funds are used for cancer research, education and prevention programs and patient support services.

Many of our local families benefit from these services and the Seymour Unit of the Cancer Council Victoria would like to thank the whole school community.

Margaret Tuckwell – Fundraising Coordinator



Mr McCartin, Mrs Tuckwell and student volunteers hand over the donation cheque to Cancer Council representatives, Deb Carol and Carol Smith.

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)

DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Defence Technical scholarship is now open. This is a fantastic opportunity for students going into years 11 & 12 for 2010. You need to be enrolled in a curriculum approved Maths and a vocational subject. The successful applicants will receive \$2000 for year 11 and \$3000 for year 12. For more information please see Mr Linton or Carolyn Bell or visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS. Closing date is the 23rd September 2009.

Carolyn Bell

Defence Liaison Mentor

WORK EXPERIENCE

Madelyn McQueen helps out at Karringal Hostel in Seymour.

**SUBWAY — NOW HIRING**

Looking for up to 6 staff for after school hours and weekend work. Resumes to be handed in at Subway Seymour.

Jeremy Linton

Careers Coordinator

FESTIVAL OF SPIRIT – COUNTDOWN

1 week to go!! Thanks to all those who have pre-purchased your wristband deal. This ensures the go ahead for our festival.

Those still wishing to take advantage of the wristband deal can still do so by returning your green form to the office prior to 12.30 on our festival day. Spare green forms can be picked up from the general office. Remember younger and older brothers and sisters not in the school may also participate in this deal.

Mark Hardisty Festival Coordinator

VICTORIA STREET KINDERGARTEN VISIT

Last Wednesday Mrs Brearley's Year 10 Child Health class went for a visit to the kinder as part of their course to observe child behaviour and the children's development skills when they were playing. We all enjoyed the visit and had great fun playing with the little children.

Nicole Fulco, Adrienne Halsall, Shannen Tempest

IMMUNIZATIONS

Parents are reminded that the Mitchell Shire Health Department will be attending the school on Thursday 10th September for this year's final immunization day.

Y Third and final round of Gardasil vaccinations, for girls in year 7.

Y Second and final round of Hepatitis B vaccinations for Year 7 boys and girls.

If students are absent from school on that day, parents will need to contact the Mitchell Shire Health Department to make alternative arrangements.

Jurgen Frank – Assistant Principal

The Monty Python Report

Monty Python continues to grow. Measuring him is difficult – he doesn't want to stay still or straight! Next week we will measure him and compare his growth to his food intake, which is now being weighted. Hardly a day passes that he is not taken out of his tank by his friends. Students in Year 7 Indonesian have given him a sign 'Ular Sanca' which translates to snake python.

Keren Fletcher



Above: Monty and friends

SEMESTER 2 EMA CHEQUES.

Most Semester 2 EMA cheques have been posted to the school. These are now available at the General Office for those who did not sign their cheques over to the school. Please collect your cheque prior to the end of Term 3.

Keren Fletcher

Business Manager

Below: Emily McAlpin on work experience at the Mitchell Library.



CAREERS NEWS

Work Experience At The Zoo In 2010

Any students in Years 9 – 11 who are interested in completing a work experience placement at the Melbourne Zoo (or Healesville Sanctuary or Werribee Zoo) will need to apply this year. While preparation for this placement should be completed at home, applications need to be sent on-line from the Careers office. Closing time/date is 4:00pm on Friday 9th October, 2009. For more information, refer to: www.zoo.org.au/hr/careers/work_experience/secondary

Salt, Seas And VTAC Applications

Year 12 students who are intending to go to University should be completing their VTAC applications (timely applications close on Wednesday 30th September). All University aspiring Seymour Technical High School students should also be completing a SEAS application and possibly a SALT application. More information about these is available from the Careers office.

Box Hill Institute Parent Information Evening

When: Wednesday 16th September at 6pm
Where: Box Hill Institute, Elgar Campus
To RSVP please contact Sofie Ham on 9286 9491 or email parents@bhtafe.edu.au

Events for Students and Parents who missed Swinburne's Open Day

If you missed the Swinburne Open Day and still want information about courses they are offering in 2010, they are providing a series of events throughout September. For more information, contact Alexandra Sims, Ph: (03) 9214 4427 Mobile: 0410 569 358 email: ALSims@groupwise.swin.edu.au .

Equine and Animal Care programs for secondary school students in Years 10 - 12

VET programs in Equine and Animal Studies (which include School Based Apprenticeships) are available through the National Centre for Equine Education. Interested students may wish to attend an information session on the Monday 21st September, 6pm at Christensen Lane Campus, Wangaratta or Friday 20th November, 5pm at the same venue. For more information: Telephone: 1300 00 6233 Email: enquiry@ncee.edu.au Web: www.ncee.edu.au

Ask-A-Grad

Swinburne Institute of Technology has set up a system where you can ASK-A-GRAD anything you want to know about what the institute offers. If you've got a question about Swinburne, why not ask someone who's been there, done that? www.swinburne.edu.au/askagrad

Engineering Summer School for Indigenous Australians

Venue: The University of New South Wales When: January 2010. Details from www.eng.unsw.edu.au/iaess

Vic Uni TAFE career expos:

Creative Industries – City Campus (13/9), Animal, Community & Tourism, Werribee Campus (13/9), Beauty Therapy, Make-up, Modelling & Hairdressing (City King Campus), Engineering, Electro-technology, Industrial Skills, Plumbing, Sign writing, Sunshine Campus (24/10), Construction Industries, Newport Campus (7/11) For full details on all events visit www.vu.edu.au/visitvu

Holmesglen Course Information

Holmesglen is running a series of free course information sessions. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity to gain specific course information and are open to future students, parents and career advisors. At the conclusion of each session visitors will have the opportunity to ask questions and talk with course coordinators.

The sessions will be held throughout September 2009.

Each week will feature one of our campuses, with sessions being held on the following dates:-

Moorabbin Campus- Monday 7th September –

Wednesday 9th September Waverley Campus- Monday 14th September – Wednesday 16th September

All sessions will begin at 6pm and run for approximately one hour. For session details visit

www.holmesglen.edu.au. To book your place email events@holmesglen.edu.au or call 9564 2072.

Monash Engineering Information Evening: Thursday 10th September in Clayton.

For more information, go to www.eng.monash.edu.au/prospective .

Jeremy Linton—Careers Coordinator



Brent Layton on work experience at Avenue Retravision. Brent is now employed as a Part time trainee with Retravision.