



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SEYMOUR TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



A fantastic view on the King's Canyon walk during our Central Australia trip



Students entertaining themselves after finding the walk to the top of Uluru was closed due to strong winds



The "Harmony Day" excursion group gathered at Federation Square



Students viewing the impressive art work at Ian Potter Gallery

Year 9 & 10 students are not required at school on Friday 1st May unless they are competitors in the Round Robin

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 1 st May	GSSSA Interschool round robin
Monday 4 th to Friday 8 th May	10D Work Experience Week
Monday 4 th May	Year 7 & 8 visiting performance
Thursday 7 th May	Inter-house Cross Country
Tuesday 12 th to Thursday 14 th	NAPLAN testing - Years 7 & 9

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to all staff for term 2. The Parent Teacher nights were well attended last week and I thank all staff, students and parents for helping to improve our educational partnership.

Vale Christian Allum

On Monday I attended the funeral of an ex student, Christian Allum. Our school community was well represented among a large group and we extend our condolences to the family in this tragic time. It is again a reminder of the issues surrounding responsible driving that claims so many young lives. I thank the welfare, regional and other staff for the support provided to many of our students across the school last week.

Regeneration

Today the local television station reported from the school our next successful stage in the Regeneration program. We selected in the holidays ClarkeHopkinsClarke as our architects for the Regeneration Master Planning stage. Last night an extraordinary meeting of our school council passed a motion agreeing to the current Loco and Grant Street sites becoming the site of the Regeneration project. The master plan must be completed before the end of June.

Technical Trade Centre Application

We continue to work on this application and must have in place a final application by a joint consortium of schools in 5 weeks time. The areas of specialisation we will provide if we are successful are Automotive and Engineering.

School Pride Money – Building the Education Revolution (BER)

The federal Government has offered funding for a variety of school upgrades and one of those under this scheme is for a maximum of \$200,000. We have received this amount to upgrade areas I referred to in the last newsletter. Due to the nature of this grant, we need to spend this money very quickly.

Anzac Day

Anzac Day was again a great success with the Army supporting our service and our school Captains doing a great job at the service here and on Saturday morning.

Opening Performing Arts Centre

The Performing Arts Centre will have an official opening on 22nd May. Invitations will be sent to individuals soon. After being referred to as the Performing Arts Centre during its building stage, it will be officially opened as the Seymour Technical High School Community Arts Centre.

Information Evening

The Year 7 information evening will take place on 14th May at 7:00 pm in the Hall for prospective students for 2010. All parents and future students are warmly invited.

Tim McCartin – Principal

HARMONY DAY

The International Club (Library) together with the SOSE and Art Faculties organised an excursion to Melbourne to celebrate Harmony Day. This is celebrated every year in Melbourne's multicultural community. 27 students had a rare chance to see a new art collection of Aboriginal artists exhibited as a part of the exhibition "Multicultural Melbourne – Artists' vision" in Ian Potter Art Gallery located in the heart of Melbourne, at Federation Square.

Our Art teacher, Mrs Milburn, organised a very interesting workshop about Aboriginal Art. Special handouts with a variety of activities were produced and used during this workshop in Ian Potter Gallery. Students also had a chance to see another section of this exhibition comparing artwork of Aboriginal and European artists.

For many students this visit to the Art Gallery was their first experience to see paintings, sculptures, art objects in reality as opposed to photos or pictures from their SOSE textbooks. Their knowledge of Australian history gained in their SOSE classes, was very helpful in discussions about artwork and understanding the feeling and thoughts of Aboriginal artists and the ways they express them.

Galina Georgios – SOSE Coordinator

UNIFORM UPDATE

It is wonderful to see a large number of students from years 7 to 12 in the new winter uniforms. Students are reminded that ties (\$12) and navy scarves (\$5) are available for purchase at the General Office. The winter skirts are proving to be very popular and we would like to take this opportunity to let students know skirts should be worn no shorter than knee level.

Year 7 students should be in the new uniform while years 8 to 12 will be expected in the new uniform by the beginning of 2010.

The girls' winter trousers are still on back order and are due at the end of next week. To allow for these delays, all students will be expected to change from summer to winter uniform after 8th May, if not before.

New uniform items for all year levels are available at C & J Kerris Menswear in the Mall, Station Street, Seymour.

Sally Ann Venables – Assistant Principal

AUDITIONS FOR "Cindy"

These will be held at Seymour Technical High School on Monday 4th May from 12:45 to 1:45 pm. Contact Geradine O'Brien at Mitchell Shire on 57346248.

CHILD WISE – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM HARM

This session is for parents, carers and organisations. This is a free information session to learn about protecting children from harm and abuse when they're not in your care. It will be held on Friday 15th May at the Seymour Performing Arts Centre at 12:20 pm.



Taylor Suffredini, Yvette LeCerf, Melissa Jessiman, Abi Eastwood, Marcus Ure, Jacob Loraine, Josh Neels & Dylan Jaeger, our House Captains at the cenotaph in Anzac Avenue after laying the ANZAC Day wreaths

ANZAC DAY FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all our students and staff for supporting the recent sale of ANZAC Day merchandise. Our school raised \$140.00 which has been forwarded to the RSL.

Margaret Tuckwell - Fundraising Coordinator

RELAY FOR LIFE 2009

A small number of staff and students from Seymour Technical High School made up a team to participate in the Relay of Life 2009 in Seymour on the first weekend of the school holidays in April. The event is a reflective occasion for participants to acknowledge and remember others who have experienced cancer, as well as a fund raising event for the Cancer Council. With the assistance of general fund raising, an out-of-uniform day, and a sausage sizzle run by some of our Year 11 students. Our Relay Team raised approximately \$1400.00. While it is a 20 hour non-stop event many students and staff used the beginning of the holidays to recover. In a general context over 60 teams participated in the Relay in Seymour and raised \$76,000.00 at last count, which will greatly assist the fight against cancer.

Well done to all participants for their commitment to a great event.

Jennifer Leishman - Relay for Life Coordinator

THORNTON / EILDON JUNIOR FOOTBALL / NETBALL CLUB

The above club is seeking players for their under 14's and under 16's football teams. Please ring Russell or Carolyn on 57742627 or 0447344167 for further information. Assistance can be given with fuel costs.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA REPORT

This year's Central Australian trip for 44 Seymour Technical High School students involved many highlights. Some being:

- Cooper Pedy dugouts
- Glenelg tram
- Quad bike rides at King's Creek Station
- Canyon walk and climbs
- Bluey rock hole and Florence Falls
- Crocodile cruise and snake holding
- Darwin activities.

Due to high winds students were disappointed not to climb Uluru. Overall a great bunch of students. Thanks to the staff who contributed to the fun and organisation.

Roger Fuhrmeister - Tour Leader

"SOMEONE TIED OUR TENT!"

It was the day before April Fools day. We had to think of the perfect prank. Seeing a pair of suitcase locks Tim created a cunning plan. "How good would it be if we locked some one in their tent?" This then evolved into using string to tie everyone in their tents but locking Chappie in his tent after letting Milky out. After receiving some string from Furmy without questions we set to work. We stayed up until 1am cutting pieces of string with my shaver and discussing how we would carry out our plan.

After two hours sleep we woke to put our plan into action. Sneaking around commando style we tied zippers shut making as little noise possible. All went to plan apart from waking the ridiculously light sleeping Jemima.

The plan was, considering it was now 4am, for Tim, Huggy, and Milky to try and get some sleep.

After an hour and a bit of trying not to laugh too loudly we got up and asked Furmy to get out his video cam to record the events as people either tried determinedly to fix the "broken zipper" that just wouldn't move or "hatch" (crawl awkwardly) out of their tent through the small slit at the base only to be met with a crowd of people and video camera staring at them. It has to be seen!!!

Tim Rudd-Schmidt 11E & Zach Huggins 11E

RAISING REAL PEOPLE - with Andrew Fuller

Come and have a fun evening with well known Psychologist and Parenting expert, Andrew Fuller.

TOPICS COVERED WILL INCLUDE:

Child and adolescent development, bedrooms, what's going on in your child's brain, getting them out of bed, family arguments, sibling rivalry, the "click and go" generation and how parenting them is different, promoting self-esteem and building resilience.

More info about Andrew can be obtained from his website www.andrewfuller.com.au

FREE COMMUNITY FORUM - presented by Mitchell Community Health and Broadford Secondary College.

14th MAY - 7:00 pm at Broadford Secondary College.

See Annabel or Brooke for more information.

CAREERS NEWS**TIS Day at STHS**

The Tertiary Information Service (TIS) are coming to Seymour Technical High School on Thursday 21st May. They will be making a presentation to all of our Year 12 students about the process of making a University or TAFE application, scholarships, student accommodation, course selection, VTAC and the process tertiary institutions go through in selecting students for a course offer. The presentation will include representatives from all tertiary institutions and the Australian Defence Force.

10C Students and Work Experience

Several students in 10C will be on work experience next week (Monday 4th to Friday 8th May). Students in 10C who have not completed their arrangements and have not received the principal's permission to be on placement are expected to be in their regular classes.

Year 12 UMAT (Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test)

This test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Optometry or Physiotherapy at undergraduate level at the universities listed on the following website. <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au/>. You need to register for this test by 5th June and sit the test on 29th July. Several companies offer UMAT preparation programs (at a cost) including MedEntry www.medentry.edu.au/ and National Institute of Education <http://www.nie.edu.au/nie.html>.

The Construction Induction Card (Formally the Red Card)

Students intending to do work experience or paid work on a building site (or various other industrial sites) need to first complete their Construction Induction Card (previously referred to as the Red Card). Thanks to Geraldine Lewis from GOTAFE, it is available to our students at a reduced rate of \$60.00 per student. The course takes one day to complete. If you are interested in completing this qualification, you will need to register your name on the list on the door of the Careers office.

Deakin University Information Event for Year 10 Students and Parents

Deakin University is offering an event specifically for Year 10 students and their parents to 'help students land their dream job'. Information will be provided about prerequisite studies and the range of career options that are available. More information: Phone: 1300 DEGREE, 1300 334 733 or email: enquire@deakin.edu.au

Deakin Medical Career Information Evenings

These will be held at the Geelong Campus on Tuesday 5th May at 6.00 pm, or Melbourne Campus at Burwood on Wednesday 6th May at 6.30 pm.

More information Student and Academic Services is available on: Phone: 03 9251 7777 or email: hmnbs-support@deakin.edu.au.

SITUATION VACANT: Fulltime Multimedia Traineeship

This position would suit a 2008 Year 12 student who has a passion for multimedia and/or has completed Certificate in Multimedia. Mediart, a firm based in Shepparton, develops webpage's using the Joomla system. The current trainee is moving to Perth so they are keen for an immediate start.

Contact (WITH RESUME): Brenden Worley - Managing Director, 18-20 Ashenden Street, Shepparton. Phone 58314880 or 0412 853 795.

Defence Force Gap Year

Year 12 students note that Defence Force Gap Year 2010 Applications open 1st May and positions are taken up very quickly. For more information, go to www.defencejobs.com.au or call 13 19 01.

Keep in Perspective the Pursuit of Your Career

"Despite consuming most of our time, energy and identity, a career does not - and will never - meet our relationship needs or our creative and spiritual needs. It's also unlikely to connect us to our communities."

Kasey Edwards - The Age Melbourne, Tuesday 28th April 2009

Jeremy Linton - Careers Coordinator



Brodie Sherwood on work experience with Victorian Police—Seymour Branch



Jake Rozic on work experience at Pyalong Primary School in an administrative role