



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SEYMOUR TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



Our Year 9 students at a NAPLAN session in the school hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

### NAPLAN

Our Year 7 and 9 classes have been participating in the Naplan (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) testing this week. The content of each test is informed by the National Statements of Learning in English and Mathematics, which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Test questions cover aspects of Literacy (Reading, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and Numeracy. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a narrative or story.

A NAPLAN report will be issued by our school later in the year to the parents of each child who sat the test. These results are important to our school's constant checking of data and we use them for continuous improvement to our pedagogy.

Sally Ann Venables - Assistant Principal

Year 7 2010 information evening  
- Tonight in the hall at 7:00 pm

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7 2010 Information Evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Out of uniform day - footy theme
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	GSSSA Inter-school Athletics
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Literacy Group Excursion
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	10D Work Experience Week

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT****Regeneration**

Today we are briefing staff on the first model of a master plan, called a concept plan, in the Community Arts Centre. The concept plan is complicated because we are eligible to apply for Federal Funding in the Building Education Revolution to fund a science centre through the high school, and new sports stadiums through Seymour Primary, Seymour East and the Special School for our new school. The Technical Trade Centre, through funding provided by a consortium of other secondary schools, will fill in another spot on the plan.

If you think of the school site as a jigsaw puzzle, we may be successful in gaining funds to do some of the buildings, thus completing some of the puzzle in 2009. If we are successful in our applications, work needs to begin on these projects straight away and hopefully we will receive funding for the rest of the project in the 2010 and future budgets. Our whole school community needs to understand we are at the application stage – funds are not guaranteed nor are we guaranteed the maximum amounts available.

Last week I addressed Seymour Rotary Club to put them in the picture and next week a bus will be manned in the Safeway car park to advertise the project. David Aisbett will be in the bus, he is a past principal from Kilmore Primary School and appointed by Region to assist with the project. Please say hello and have a look at the possible options. There will also be a community briefing on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the Arts Centre by the architects appointed to complete the master plan. The time has not been set yet.

**Science Centre Application**

I submitted today our application for a science centre. This will be built immediately if we are successful, possibly on the basketball courts. The estimated cost is 3-4 million.

**Men's Lunch**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May a Men's Lunch for our year 12 boys will occur, with a guest speaker. A number of members from our community will get to mix with our students to encourage our young men about their future options.

**Opening of the Community Arts Centre**

I am delighted that the Minister for Education, Bronwyn Pike will open the building next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. A significant number of our community have been invited to attend and at a later date a thank-you function will be held for people who donated seating.

**Information Evening – Tonight**

The Year 7 information evening will take place tonight and we hope to see there as many parents as possible of our prospective students for 2010. All parents and future students are warmly invited.

Tim McCartin – Principal

**ANZAC DAY BISCUITS**

A group of our girls were very busy baking biscuits prior to ANZAC Day. A total of 10 kilograms of ANZAC biscuits were sent to Afghanistan to our soldiers who are serving there.

We received a very grateful letter from Chaplain Galloway. This is an extract of that letter:

*“Your biscuits are wonderful. Thank you for taking time out of your busy high school schedule to make them for us. It is sometimes very dangerous here but the soldiers, both men and women, are doing a great job. It is great to know that people back home are thinking of us.”*

We applaud these efforts of the girls involved – very well done!

**HERALD SUN COUNTRY CUP**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 24 keen footballers in years 10 - 12 made the trip to Euroa for two night matches, representing our school in the prestigious Herald Sun Country Cup. The team's first match was against Broadford Secondary College with the boys playing some scintillating team football to record a huge win by a touch over 14 goals. Blake Coyle kicked 4 nice goals and was well supported by Jake Loraine, Marcus Ure, Nick Dundon and Daniel King.

The team's second match was a much tougher affair with the boys taking an early lead only for Euroa to hit back and provide a very nervous last few minutes. However we were able to hold on for a 1 point victory. Better players were Marcus Ure, Nick Dundon, Jake Loraine and Josh Neels.

The team was well supported and would like to thank Erin Engel and Jordan McLellan for giving up their time to assist with training duties.

A medal was provided to the team's best and fairest player on the night and this award was won by Marcus Ure. Marcus was well supported by a number of players in a good team effort. Well done, Marcus!!

Winning both matches means that the team has now progressed to the next stage which is a fantastic effort. These matches will be played sometime in June against Kyabram and a Shepparton team, with the eventual goal being to make the Grand Final, played on the famous MCG.

Good job, boys, and good luck for the future games!

Luke Treacy – Coach

**TASMANIA TOUR 2009**

A small number of positions on this Year 9 Tasmanian Tour have become available. It is a 5 day historical and environmental tour which will depart on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December and return on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December (the last week of term 4.) For a chance to be part of this great experience, contact the General Office or myself for a tour booklet.

John Simpson – Camps Coordinator



### INTERMEDIATE GIRLS NETBALL REPORT

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May we travelled to Alexandra to compete in the round robin. The team consisted of Emma Frost, Lauren Cole, Maddie Grey, Shannen Tempest, Nicole Fulco, Grace Rutherford, Emma Loraine, Kate Hanley, Andrea McKenzie and Carly Eden. Our team played four games and easily won all games with great levels of skill. They now go through to the next round to be held at Wodonga. Well done, girls – the day was a great success with this team of girls representing their school to the best of their ability!

Janet McKenzie – Intermediate Girls Netball Coach

### 8D'S \$1040 CHALLENGE UPDATE

Tomorrow will be an out of uniform day for the whole school. The theme is football so come in any footy related clothing. The cost is a gold coin donation which will go towards 8D's \$1040 challenge to help send 40 Zimbabwean orphans to school for a year.

We're also cooking up a storm for the cake stall coming up on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. We will be selling cakes and other mouth-watering goodies from 9:00 am right up until 2:00 pm outside the Commonwealth Bank in Station Street, Seymour. Please come and help support our cause. If you can't be there, donations can be made now at the General Office. Thank you for supporting our project.

Lachlan Itter – Year 8D

### WINNERS IN THE AUTUMN ROUND ROBIN

There was great participation in our recent round robin involving students spread all over our GSSSA region from Mansfield to Kilmore to Euroa. The teams that were successful and will compete in the eastern zone region during June and July were: Year 7 Boys & Girls Soccer, Year 8 Boys Badminton, Intermediate Girls Netball, Intermediate Boys Football and the Senior Boys Netball team also accepted a bye into the next round. Well done to all these teams.

Christy Rilen – Sports Coordinator



### HARD ROCK CLIMBING EXCURSION

Unit 1 Outdoor & Environmental Studies student Matthew Voisey hangs around during a recent climbing trip. Most of the climbs were 18m high and very challenging. The group used public transport (train & tram) to keep costs and carbon emissions down.

Christy Rilen – Sports Coordinator

### SCRATCHING FOR ANSWERS?

It has been reported to the school that a number of students have had concerns with head lice. Anyone can get head lice and, given the chance, head lice move from head to head without discrimination. They only survive on humans and if isolated from the head they die very quickly, usually within 24 hours.

Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

There are many treatments available at supermarkets, hairdressers and pharmacies. Concentrate on the head as there is no evidence to suggest that you need to specifically clean the house or classroom. Only pillowcases require laundering in hot water or drying in the clothes dryer on the warm or hot setting.

### CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Our Cross Country event was held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Light Horse Park which provides our students with an undulating and challenging run. The school is very fortunate to have the use of such a venue. Many students signed up for the run and in all there were 103 students that travelled by bus to the track. This year's cross country winners were:

13 Years – Corey Rowlands & Keely Goggin  
 14 Years – Jacob Rowlands & Ashleigh Paholek  
 15 Years – Sam Fuhrmeister & Zoe Roberts  
 16 Years – Mitchell Grey & Emily Flavel  
 17 Years – Corey Barnard & Kate Steele  
 18 Years & Open – Josh Neels & Yvette LeCerf  
 Christy Rilen – Sports Coordinator

## **CAREERS NEWS**

### **10D Work Experience**

Students in 10D are currently preparing for their week of work experience (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May). While assistance is available for those who encounter difficulties, students are encouraged to make their own arrangements as the experience of requesting employment is an important life skill.

### **Work Experience with the ADF at Puckapunyal**

Students in Years 10 or 11 who are interested in applying for the opportunity to do work experience with the Australian Defence Force at Puckapunyal, need to register their interest by writing their names on the list on the door of the Careers office before Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

### **Get Your Tax File Number through the School**

Anyone who has applied for a Tax File Number will appreciate that it can be a complicated process. Many school leavers find it difficult to prove their identity to the standard needed to get their tax file number. The Australian Taxation Office, however, makes the application process a whole lot easier by allowing schools to verify the details of currently enrolled students. There are, however, some restrictions placed on schools. The school's records must include the student's lawful name and the application form will require the student's Birth Certificate number. Over the next two weeks, Tax File Number (TFN) application forms will be distributed to all Year 9 and 10 students who have not already applied. Students from other year levels will also receive an application form on request. Year 12 students considering going to university would be well advised to have their tax file number arranged before they leave school. If they can present their TFN to the university on enrolment day, they can then defer their HELP fees. Please return completed TFN application forms before Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### **The Construction Induction Card**

Students interested in working on building sites need to remember that they are now required to have their Construction Induction Card (previously known of as The Red Card). This course will be delivered by GOTAFE at our school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. While the cost is still to be determined, it will not exceed \$60.00. Anyone who is interested needs to register by writing their name on the list on the door of the Careers office.

### **ADF – Gap Year Change**

GAP Year details for the Defence Forces has changed. Instead of calling 13 19 01, the only way to apply for the ADF Gap Year is to complete an online application. The opportunity to apply opened on 1<sup>st</sup> May and will close on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009. This year, the application process will move away from the previous model of 'first in – first served', to assessing all candidates for suitability.

Candidates are encouraged to apply early and not wait until the last minute. For further information, visit [www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear)

### **ABSA – Motorcycle Mechanic**

A position is available in Shepparton for a School Based motorcycle mechanic apprentice. The employer is looking for "a good kid with a passion for the industry." It may possibly lead to a full time apprenticeship. Contact: Lindsay Jennings at The Apprenticeship Factory, 7 Telford Drive, Shepparton 3632. Phone 58224555 or 0417359680. [ljennings@theapprenticeshipfactory.com.au](mailto:ljennings@theapprenticeshipfactory.com.au) .

### **Pre-apprenticeship Course**

Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE are running the Certificate II in Building & Construction (Bricklaying, Carpentry, Painting and Decorating). This Pre-apprenticeship course will be commencing on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Interested students or past students should contact TAFE on 1300 GO TAFE.

Jeremy Linton – Careers Coordinator



Liana Whitling on work experience placement at Edge Hair & Beauty in Seymour



Samantha Eaton at the Seymour Pre-School Centre (Victoria Street) on her work experience placement