



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SEYMOUR TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



**Tim McCartin, Madelaine Richards, The Hon Bronwyn Pike MP, Rhys Macreadie and Ben Hardman MP at the opening of the Seymour Technical High School's Community Arts Centre**



**Tony Scicluna, CFA Wildfire Instructor, addresses our Year 12 boys, male staff and community members at our men's luncheon**

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 8D Cake Stall in Station Street</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 11 Exam Week</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>GSSSA Zone Cross Country Event</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 12 External Exams</b>

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Arts Centre Opens Officially

After a long wait for funding and many barriers to completing the building, the Seymour Community Arts Centre (formally the PACC) was finally finished in July 2008 and officially opened last Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> by the Hon Bronwyn Pike, Minister for Education. Minister Pike arrived at 11.30 am to be met and greeted by our two school captains, Madelaine Richards and Rhys Macreadie, School Council President Val Pinder and myself.

Following a tour of the facility she was shown to a seat in the auditorium and joined by all of the Year 7 students, our school captains and many invited members of the community. On stage as well were several members of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB), who several years ago donated the proceeds of the sale of their hall in Anzac Avenue to support our Arts Centre project.

I had the privilege of outlining the background of the building, including the first concepts of such a building in the early nineties. I thanked a huge cast of people who had made so many contributions to the building and in particular former Principal Bill Brearley, Ian Fraser, Colin Skidmore and Andy Hall for their hard work, dedication and vision.

The building was certainly built at times with enormous hope that more money and grants would become available and after 2004 I was fortunate to see the completion of the building. Nearly 2.6 million has been spent on the construction and it has drawn funds from many sources.

Minister Pike spoke next, drawing in particular the Year 7 students' attention to the tremendous opportunities available to the school to expand our music, productions and cultural enrichment of all types.

It was then time to formally have the Minister, accompanied by local MLA Mr Ben Hardman, draw back the curtain and formally open the building.

The next speaker was the Grand Primo of RAOB, Mr Alan Gibson, who asked past Grand Primo, Mr Noel Dunstan to speak on the history of the RAOB, how the opportunity had come to help the school and community and finally open a Plaque that named the auditorium to acknowledge the \$150,000 donated to the building.

Ben Hardman concluded the ceremony and he again thanked Bill Brearley and the many who had assisted in the building.

At the close of the ceremony a small luncheon was held for invited guests and the Minister.

Those who had helped in the donation of seats were also recognised by the hanging of three framed images of the building with a left hand border with a list of names of all who donated a chair etched in the glass frame.

My final thanks to my administration team, particularly Keren Fletcher, for all her tireless work in the last weeks leading up to the successful opening day.



Alan Gibson and Noel Dunstan unveiling the plaque at the CAC opening on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

### Science Centre Application

I submitted at the weekend the third of three applications for a science centre. This will be built immediately if we are successful, possibly on the basketball courts. The cost estimate from our architect is 3-4 million.

### Information Evening – Regeneration

On Monday night a public meeting was held and about 50 parents and community members attended to see a presentation of the possible templates of the building. All principals attended as well as Regional Representatives and representatives of the architects. Following a presentation a question time was held to address many issues. All points raised at the meeting will be referred back for further consideration to the Principals and Schools working group.

Tim McCartin – Principal

### MEN'S LUNCHEON

Last week, our Year 12 boys, our male staff and a wide range of community figures from local organizations and businesses attended a 'men's luncheon' in our school Library. Our senior boys had the opportunity to mix with 30 community representatives, to gain some insight into how those men had worked their way into positions of leadership and responsibility. The gathering was addressed by a senior officer of the CFA and by a local indigenous elder, about how they had both found their pathways in life.

Many thanks are due to Mrs Jenny Leishman, who organized the day and arranged such a diverse range of visitors for our students to talk to, and thanks also to Mrs Lawson and Mrs Willis for catering, as well as the Library staff who made the Library available as a venue.

Jurgen Frank – Assistant Principal

### TASMANIA TOUR 2009

Four positions are still available on the Year 9 Tasmanian Tour. For a chance to be part of this great experience, contact the General Office for a tour booklet.

<p><b><u>CAKE STALL</u></b></p> <p>Just a reminder that 8D's \$1040 Challenge cake stall will be held this Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May outside the Commonwealth Bank in Seymour from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We have also produced a cookbook from the form's delicious home recipes. They will be sold on the day or at the General Office for \$5.00. All proceeds go the \$1040 Challenge.</p> <p>Thank you, in advance, for your support. We look forward to seeing you there.</p> <p>Jamie Pryor &amp; Cody Dare - on behalf of Year 8D</p>		Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Replacement Exam Time For Any Clashes	Practice GAT
<p><b><u>ABSENTEEISM NOTIFICATIONS</u></b></p> <p>Parents / guardians are reminded that when students are absent from school, a note must be provided to cover the absence detailing the correct dates away and student's <u>full</u> name for easy identification.</p> <p>Janet McKenzie - Administration</p>		Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	History	Biology Literature
<p><b><u>GOLD PHONE</u></b></p> <p>Due to changes in technology, the Gold phone (coin operated public phone) at the General Office will not function after 30<sup>th</sup> May. If a student is unwell our staff who are trained in First Aid will make contact with parents or emergency contacts. Students will NOT be given access to office phones or calls made on their behalf.</p> <p>Keren Fletcher - Business Manager</p>		Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Business Management Psychology VCD	Chemistry DTM DTW Studio Arts
<p><b><u>YEAR 11 EXAMS</u></b></p> <p>All exams will be sat in the hall. All exams except English are 90 minutes duration, with a 10 minute reading time. Student must wear full school uniform. Please let me know immediately if you are unable to attend an exam. There are no formal Year 11 VCE classes this week but normal VCAL classes run. Students doing a Year 12 subject will attend classes as normal unless sitting an exam. Timetable as printed opposite.</p> <p>Christine Cram - Year 11 Coordinator</p>		Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	English	Outdoor Education
<p><b><u>PARENT PERMISSION NEEDED FOR "SAFE AT HEART" PROGRAM</u></b></p> <p>Have you signed your daughter's permission form? Recently girls in Years 9 and 10 received an invitation to participate in RMIT University's "Safe at Heart" program to be run by an expert facilitator at the school later this year. Safe at Heart is a girls-only, day-long, group-training program. Questions can be sent to <a href="mailto:safe-relationships@rmit.edu.au">safe-relationships@rmit.edu.au</a>; alternatively, call the phone number listed on the information sheet attached to the permission form. Signed forms need to be returned to the office ASAP to ensure a place in the program.</p> <p>Annabel Ayers - School Nurse</p>		Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Maths Methods	IT LOTE
Time	9:00 am - 10:40 am	Recess	9:00 am - 12:15 pm	1:30 am - 3:15 pm
Time	11:00 am - 12:40 pm	General Maths		

**CAREERS NEWS****TIS Day Report**

In an attempt to assist our Year 12s with the process of preparing for life after Year 12, our students attended the Tertiary Information Service (TIS) presentation in the Community Arts Centre on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. The information that was provided included; details about applying for TAFE and University courses, scholarships, financial assistance and accommodation options.

**Seymour Jobs and Careers Expo: Attention all Year 10 Students**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, all of our Year 10 students will be attending the Seymour Jobs and Careers Expo at the Sports and Aquatic Centre. The purpose of the excursion is to provide our students with information about the range of career opportunities that exist and the pathways involved with entering various careers. Please ensure permission forms are returned promptly to assist us with preparations for this event. If you would like more information about this event, contact Carmen Fifield, Goulburn Local Community Partnership (LCP) Tel: 03 5799 0338 (Tues, Wed, Thurs) 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.

**Work Experience Arrangements**

Students in 10E are scheduled to complete their work experience placements on the week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Arrangement forms need to be returned to me for processing, one week prior to the date a student commences their placement.

**Tax File Number Applications**

If you are over 13 Years of age, and would like to receive your TFN, please submit your completed application form by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

**School Based Apprenticeship Opportunity: Business Trainee**

The Apprenticeship Factory is looking for a School Based Business Trainee to commence one day a week in their Shepparton office. Please see me if you wish to apply.

**Sounds a bit Fishy...**

Melbourne Aquarium offer the Marine Science Careers Days (22/6 & 17/9 & 30/11) @\$35. Aquarist for a Day - @\$70 - during school holidays. Call Melbourne Aquarium's Education Liaison Officer on 99235911 for more details.

**Cultural Care Au Pair: Attention Year 12 Students**

Thinking about a Gap Year looking after children in another country? Cultural Care Au Pair matches students to families in the USA. Check out the details at [www.culturalcare.com.au](http://www.culturalcare.com.au) or call 1800677373.

**Experience LaTrobe: Attention Years 10 – 12 Students**

Experience LaTrobe is a full-day event for students in Years 10-12 to participate in a range of hands-on

workshops. Download the brochure and register at [www.latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience)

**Open Day 2009**

Swinburne will open their Prahran, Hawthorn and Lilydale campuses on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2009. Speak to current students and lecturers, walk through the facilities and attend information sessions. All campuses will host a range of entertainment, bbq's and more! Regional students are encouraged to visit the website, [www.swinburne.edu.au/openday](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/openday), and apply for a Swinburne Experience grant that may entitle them to have their travel costs reimbursed.

Jeremy Linton – Careers Coordinator



Matthew Gibson attends to a Wombat at Wise Trust (Pet Haven) while on his work experience placement



Haylee Cornthwaite attending to a customer on her work experience placement at The Hair Do.

Both students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities availed to them while learning new skills last week.