



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SEYMOUR TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



Lauren Reece, Sharnee Butcher, Briana Chapman, Jane Halsall and Sophie Baker at the recent Year 8D's cake stall. The girls worked tirelessly to provide fabulous service and sold all the produce to many happy customers.

Other members of the team who were absent from this photo are Emily Hossack, Ashleigh Paholek and Sarah Fleming.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 12th June	Report Writing Day - Pupil Free
Monday 15th June to Friday 19th June	Year 10E Work Experience Week
Tuesday 16th June	Eastern Zone Cross Country
Friday 26th June	Last Day of Term 2
Friday 26th June	Semester 1 Reports Issued to Students
Monday 13th July	Term 3 Begins
Tuesday 14th July	Year 11 & 12 and VCAL Parent Teacher Interviews

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**Regeneration**

Last week our Regional Director for Hume, Mr Stephen Brown, requested a recommendation from the Principals and Governance Board by Friday 12th June on the preferred model. All schools have been busy discussing options to finalise this process. We have also had our staff make a recommendation on a model here and record their current commitment to the Regeneration proposal. Many staff have listed concerns with the Regeneration current model as the trade wing, stadium and a large senior library are still in discussion.

Five models were put to staff and the fourth model was preferred by 15 with a slightly smaller number preferring model one. Our staff's most popular model was of K-4, 5-8, and 9-12 however all principals will meet on Friday to finalise a model.

I attended a meeting last Wednesday with Seymour Coaches and members of the Department of Transport present. The Governance Board accepted that the bus pickup area cannot return to Loco Street, so an adjustment will need to be made to the site concept plan. The feedback from the community and teacher meetings has been adapted into the models and will be incorporated into site plans.

Science Centre Application

The science centre application has gone past stage one and is now submitted to Canberra. This will be built immediately if we are successful, possibly on the basketball courts. Our architect advised the estimated cost is \$3-4 million.

School Pride Money

We are spending this money as quickly as we can. The first purchase for the freshwater studies centre was "Monty" the Murray Darling python who briefly went missing. I was delighted to see so many of our young people helping to set up the new display case and so at ease with handling the baby python.

TTC Application

Our TTC application was successfully submitted today to Canberra and we will be notified at the end of the year if we are to be successful. About \$140 million in submissions is chasing \$90 million available in the budget, so we are by no means guaranteed to receive funding. If funded, our centre will be worth about \$6 million, but will belong to a consortium of schools.

Year 11/12 Exams

All year 11 students sat exams last week and this week the first formal assessments are being held for our current year 12 students. Today the last test takes place, the General Achievement Test. We wish all students the best of luck in their VCE outcomes.

Tim McCartin – Principal



Mat Gibson measuring Monty on his arrival to his new enclosure

"MONTY PYTHON" AND THE FRESHWATER STUDIES

The first step towards the establishment of Freshwater Studies as part of Science was the acquisition of a Murray Darling python. On his arrival he was checked and measured by a very enthusiastic group of students. At just 46 cm, he is still a baby, but expected to grow to approximately 1 metre by this time next year.

Monty has a club of interested students who will be setting up a blog to follow his progress and he will be part of a number of student studies and activities. A Year 9 student is making a documentary about him, which we hope we will be able to share with everyone when it is completed.

Mat Gibson and Nial McCarthy did a fantastic job of setting up the reptile tank, which is located in the Business Manager's office until the Science area is set up for the project. Quite a number of students have already visited Monty, just to say hullo.



After attending the National Careers and Employment Expo as well as the AGE VCE & Careers Expo in Melbourne over the last couple of months, we have experienced an increased interest

from students wanting to live and study overseas during their high school years.

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Students can choose from over 20 countries to live and study with the support of a loving host family, school and community.

Requesting your information pack is easy!

Contact WEP's office for the cost of a local call 1300 884 733, email info@wep.org.au or visit www.wep.org.au.

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments.



'LET THEM EAT CAKE!'

On Saturday 30th May, Seymour Technical High School's 8D English class ran a cake stall. A team of eight girls; Lauren Reece, Briana Chapman, Jane Halsall, Sharnee Butcher, Emily Hossack, Sarah Fleming, Ashleigh Paholek and Sophie Baker were the organisers. We raised over \$1,500 which was a fantastic effort. We would like to thank our class mates and the teachers and parents who made donations of money, cakes and time. We would also like to thank everyone who bought our delicious food from the stall. It was a fantastic day and the class is very happy that we have already reached our goal and beyond. We're now inspired to try to raise as much as we can in order to help as many orphans as possible to get an education.

Winners of the \$1040 Challenge raffle were Mrs Keren Fletcher from our school and Ms G. Smith of Mooroopna. Congratulations to you both!

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Taylor who was our guide and inspired us through this process. You have taught us more than English!

Ashleigh Paholek and Sophie Baker
- on behalf of Year 8D

FIREARM SAFETY & TRAINING DAY

This event is hosted by the Seymour Branch of Field and Game Australia and is being held on Saturday 18th July commencing at 9:00 am SHARP, at Lambing Gully Road Shooting Complex, Avenel.

The program will include:

- Firearm Safety Course
- Coaching in Clay Target shooting
- Gun dog retrieving demonstration
- Clay Target Shooting Competition

The cost is \$25.00 which includes cartridges, clays and lunch.

For further information contact Colin Tingay on 0428 522 671 or 57962 455 AH.



THE KILMORE ART GROUP

Two of our students were successful at the Kilmore Youth Art Show which was conducted on 5th and 6th June. This collection of work was for students under the age of 18. There were more than 30 entries and the exhibition was very popular with a lot of people visiting the Old Kilmore Gaol where the Art Show was held.

Laura Thompson won a 1st Place and the Judge's Choice and Amber Harvie won the Encouragement Award. Congratulations to these budding artists.

Margaret Milburn - Art Teacher

H1N1 INFLUENZA

As parents would be aware there are currently a number of confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in Victoria. Appropriate measures are being taken in relation to these cases. Specific concerns from parents about Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) can be referred to any of the following:

- The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007,
- Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024 - for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days), or
- Your doctor (GP) - if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and may have had contact with other flu sufferers.

Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing.

If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

Victorian Association of Secondary Schools Principals

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES

There are still a number of EMA cheques awaiting collection from the General Office.

CAREERS NEWS**10E Work Experience**

Students in 10E who have already submitted their work experience agreement forms will be commencing their placements on Monday 15th June.

Discover Deakin

Discover Deakin will take place at all campuses during the school holidays from 10:30 am on these dates: 7th and 17th July and 22nd and 28th September. At Discover Deakin you can participate in Campus tours, find out about the range of courses and flexible study options, speak with faculty staff and current students, view accommodation facilities and learn more about the transition from secondary school to university. Further details are available at www.deakin.edu.au/discover .

Bond University – Seminar 16th June

Bond University Investing in your Future – Scholarship Information Seminar gives Year 12 students and their families the chance to learn more about fast-tracking your success at Bond, fees and costs, FEE-HELP loan, ANZ Bond University Student Loan Scheme and Bond University Scholarships. This will take place on Tuesday 16th June at 7:00 pm for a 7:15 pm start @ Novotel Melbourne on Collins, 270 Collins Street, Melbourne. Check www.novotelmelbourne.com.au/interactive_map.html for further details. Tea, coffee and juice will be served during this event. Register online. For further information contact the Project Marketing & Scholarship Coordinator, Kristy Manyweathers, on (07) 5595 1067 or email scholarships@bond.edu.au .

University of Melbourne “Focus On” Series 23rd June – Science, 22nd July – Biomedicine and 29th July – Environments. For further details and to register online go to www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne .

Shepparton Technical TAFE Tasters

Shepparton Technical Education Centre (a division of GO TAFE) is once again running the Trade Tasters in Term 3. Commencing on Thursday 16th July, TEC TASTERS will be delivered one day per week (Thursdays) for all of Term 3 (10 weeks). You can even try one Trade for 5 weeks, then another for the other 5 weeks. Sample your future with one (or more) of the following TEC Taster programs: Agriculture, Automotive Light Vehicle, Automotive Heavy Vehicle, Building & Construction, Cookery, Electrical, Engineering Fabrication, Furnishing and Carpentry, Graphic Arts, Hairdressing, Horticulture, Plumbing & Surveying.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please see your careers advisor immediately.

Swinburne Open Day

The Hawthorn, Lilydale and Prahran campuses will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday 16th August.

Deakin Parent Information Event: University – your questions answered

This event will take place on Thursday 2nd July at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Melbourne Campus at Burwood and the Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre.

Applying for university is an exciting, but often confusing, time in your son's or daughter's life. Deakin's parent information event is your chance to have your questions answered.

- » Find out about the VTAC application process, course selection, preferences and key dates.
- » Hear from Deakin representatives about courses, graduate outcomes, scholarships, pathways and support services.

» Speak with current Deakin students and gain an insight into life at university.

Parents and VCE students are welcome.

Light refreshments will be served and online registrations are essential.

For more information and to register for this free event please visit www.deakin.edu.au/parent .

Jeremy Linton – Careers Coordinator



Casey Gray at Ooh La La Factory Outlet in Kilmore



Daniel Rogerson at Kilmore Ford on his work experience placement