

Seymour College School Wide Positive Behaviour  
At Seymour College, we strive to:  
“keep our school clean and use the  
rubbish bins”.



**Tues & Wed 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
June**

Parent Teacher Interviews

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Last Day Term 2

2:30pm finish

CSEF applications close

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Curriculum Day

**Pupil Free**



## Year 10 Work Experience

### Careers News

#### Year 12s: Scholarships for 2020

Attention Year 12s interested in going to University next year. There is a scholarship you could apply for called Youthrive. This scholarship could pay \$10,000 per year for three years for a rural student.

Applications close earlier than most – **9<sup>th</sup> August 2019**. The link is: [https://](https://www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/what-we-do/scholarships/uni-scholarships/)

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the last newsletter of the term. A term that has been filled with learning, at school, on excursions and work experience placements. Our students have had many extra-curricula opportunities such as training for Energy Breakthrough and rehearsing for the upcoming State Schools Spectacular.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for organising excursions for our students. This fortnight our students have been involved with Riding Develops Ability which assists with self-confidence, emotional control and self discipline (<https://www.rdav.asn.au/centre/seymour/>), the VCE TOP Arts exhibition showcasing what excellence looks like for our students, the Melbourne Museum and the use of public transport for our senior inclusive students and today sees the Broadpectrum Industry Tour at Puckapunyal and the Save our Species excursion to the Melbourne Zoo.

We have also had an incursion with the project manager from Infigen Energy presenting to our Year 12 Environmental Education students on the Cherry Tree Wind Farm, which is being built in Seymour. The class had completed a case study on the project and the presentation further embedded their understanding of this farm.

I was also honoured to attend the local Debutante Ball and view the presentation of the debutantes. The majority of the debutantes were from Seymour College and presented compelling overviews of their dreams for the future as well as technically executed dances. Thanks also to our College Councillor, Mr Russell Chapman, for assisting with the initiation of this wonderful evening for our families.

The new learning building and the new early learning centre buildings are still on schedule for completion prior to the end of the year and the principal class members had a tour of the learning building this week.

A reminder that the first day of Term 3, the 15<sup>th</sup> July, is a student free day as staff undertake professional learning on protective behaviours.

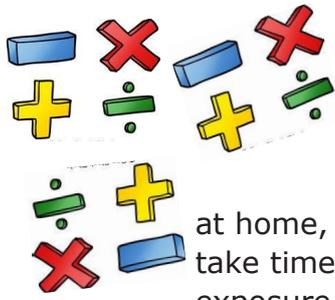
I look forward to meeting you at the parent-teacher interviews next Tuesday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and on Wednesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

**Gail Hardman - Executive Principal**

**Child Safety Standards** – we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This is our primary focus of our care and decision-making. Seymour College community has zero tolerance for child abuse.

## Students of the Week





# MATHS HINTS

## DOING MATHS TOGETHER AT HOME -

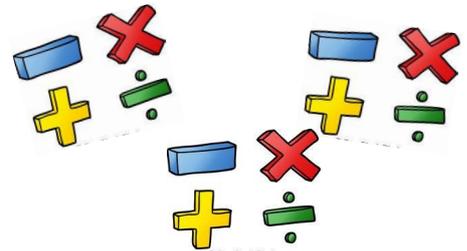
Talking about maths It is important for children to develop specific language skills related to maths. Visits to the playground, or helping at home, provide rich and meaningful contexts to develop these skills. It might take time for your child to use these terms and language effectively, but exposure to this mathematical talk is a strong support for future learning.

Some activities to develop mathematical language:

- Use specific terms when asking for items. For example, ask your child to get the 'one litre' milk bottle from the fridge, or the 'one kilo' bag of flour from the cupboard.
- When cooking, talk about different measurements used, such as teaspoons, millilitres, litres, and cups. Discuss ideas about empty and full.

Ref: Department of Education and Training document "LITERACY AND NUMERACY TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY"

**Noelene Whitfort - Numeracy Co-ordinator Primary**  
**Tracie Baker - Numeracy Leading Teaching**



## Year 6 to 7 Regional Primary School Transitions

Seymour College services the regional primary schools of Avenel, Nagambie, Puckapunyal, Pyalong, Tooborac and Tallarook. These learning communities have to travel from towns in the Seymour district for their secondary education. It is important that their transition experiences are progressively built up so that they feel adequately prepared for their next school. By the end of the transition process this year Seymour College will have hosted 145 year 5 and 6 students. The feedback from the staff and students has been overwhelmingly positive and we have received a large number of enrolment requests for 2020. This Friday will be our last internal transition day where we will host Avenel (28 students) and Tooborac (6 students) they will experience sheetmetal, woodwork, physical education, science and math classes. A big thank you to all our transition staff who have taken on extra classes to ensure that the next generation of secondary students have an enjoyable start to the next chapter of their lives.

**Christy Rilen - Acting Assistant Principal**



The 2019 Parent Opinion Survey will be available for parents to complete online from 22 July to 11 August 2019.

The survey seeks parent opinion on measures of school climate, student engagement, and effective teaching practice known to influence student engagement and student outcomes.

Please keep a lookout for your opportunity to assist Seymour College with school planning and improvement.

# Primary News

I hope you are all well.

As the term is winding down I firstly wanted to give a huge thank you to parents and carers with supporting the school with your children. We endeavour to provide the best social and academic learning possible to your children and without positive support from the school community this would not be possible.

I would also like to give a huge thankyou to the staff at Seymour College, their time and dedication to the students have made this a positive and enriching term for students.

I have a couple of things of note:

- Earn and Learn, keep those stickers coming!
- School uniform, please ensure that you contact the school if you have any concerns with school uniform.
- Communication, if you have any concerns regarding your children or other issues, please make sure that you contact the college to discuss this.
- Reports will be available online (Compass) on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**. Printed reports will be distributed to parents/guardians at the parent/teacher interviews on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. Those reports not distributed will be mailed out on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent teacher interviews will be occurring next week on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** and **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**.
- You will be able to make bookings from **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** by accessing Compass or contacting the office.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

**Dean Bush - Assistant Principal**

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

# SPECTACULAR



We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the *2019 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: Made of Stars*

The Spectacular brings together government school communities from across Victoria. Fittingly, this year's theme, *Made of Stars*, will feature a galaxy of out-of-this-world performances showing that these students are made of star stuff.

The three-hour live show – involving music, dance, skateboarding and circus arts – will be performed to an audience of around 12,000 people at Melbourne Arena on Saturday 14 September over two shows at 1pm and 6:30pm.

Talented Victorian students will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

The Spectacular is a creative vision of industry professionals including Creative Director Neill Gladwin, Musical Director Chong Lim AM, Dance Director Deon Nuku, (Scooby Doo, Happy Feet, Moulin Rouge) and Associate Dance Director Yvette Lee, (Dancing with the Stars, X-Factor Australia, Australia's Got Talent and So You Think You Can Dance).

For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure tickets when they go on sale at **9am Wednesday 12 June** via [www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular](http://www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular)

Adult: \$40  
Child Under 15: \$20  
Concession: \$30

Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (the 11th ticket is free) by calling Group Bookings on **1300 364 001**.



## **Child Safe**

***Seymour College is committed to child safety.***

**We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.**

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.

**We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.**

The school has in place a number of policies and procedures, shown below, that can be viewed or downloaded from our website:

<http://www.seymourcollege.vic.edu.au> or sourced by contacting the school on Ph: (03) 57 711 300.

Bullying Prevention

Discipline Policy

Child safety

College Statement of Values

Closed Circuit TV

DET Health Safety Wellbeing

Doctors in Secondary School Consent and Confidentiality

Duty of Care

Inclusion and Diversity

Mandatory Reporting

Internet usage

E Smart Policy

Facebook Policy

Restraint of Student

Code of Conduct

Student Wellbeing and Engagement

Working with Children Check

**Elyse Bain & Kristy Luckman - Child Safe Co-ordinators**

# Health Centre News



## Head lice in the Primary Sector

Headlice are not nice,  
They're back and we are under attack.  
Check your child's head tonight,  
So, we can win the head lice fight!

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

All students are required to wear full school in accordance with the Seymour College uniform policy.

Because it is vital to keep our database updated; we ask for your assistance in returning your **Student Family Information Update Form** asap

### **SIGNING OUT FROM SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

Students who are leaving school during school hours to attend a medical appointment or similar, must have a signed note from a parent.

Alternatively, a parent **must** come in to the Office and sign the student out on the Compass kiosk.

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

8am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday

### **EMAIL ADDRESS:**

[seymour.co@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:seymour.co@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### **WEBSITE:**

[www.seymourcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.seymourcollege.vic.edu.au)

### **STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL**

Students who become unwell at school are required to attend the Medical Centre located in the admin building and see the School Nurse, Kirsty, who will assess the student and contact a parent if the student needs to go home. Students are **NOT** to call home prior to attending the Medical Centre.

### **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUNDING**

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parent card and haven't filled out this year's **CSEF** form, contact the General Office ASAP before applications close on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

SCHOOL HOLIDAY EXCURSION

SKATING

AND

LASER TAG!

THURSDAY 4 JULY

COST: \$20

More details including bus times are on the permission forms.

Permission forms due Tuesday 2 July.

email [youth@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au) or phone 5734 6200

[www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au)





## Mitchell Youth Council.

*Applications Now Open*

*Are you 12-24 years old and care about the needs and issues affecting young people?*

We're looking for passionate young people to join Mitchell Youth Council. The advisory committee represents the voice of young people in Mitchell Shire and aims to make our community a better place.

Application forms are available at [www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/youthcouncil](http://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/youthcouncil) and at Mitchell Shire Council Customer and Library Service Centres in Broadford, Kilmore, Seymour and Wallan.

**Applications close 5pm, Thursday 4 July 2019.**

*Contact us:*

t: (03) 5734 6200

e: [youth@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au)

w: [www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au)



# VOICE TREATY TRUTH

Let's work together for a shared future.

# NAIDOC 2019

NAIDOC WEEK AT  
THE Y WATER  
DISCOVERY CENTRE  
7 - 14 JULY 2019

- Sun 7-Sun 14 9am - 5pm Celebrating Taungurung Culture - an exhibition curated by Taungurung woman, Angela ten Buuren.
- Wed 10 10 - 11.30am School Holiday Activity with Taungurung artist Cassie Leatham - Bundjil Waang yarn-up, create and decorate. \$10/\$25 family Adults Free
- Wed 10 7.30 - 9pm Medicinal and traditional uses of Aboriginal plants session with Cassie Leatham. Includes supper. \$20/\$15
- Sat 13 10 - 12 noon 'A Taste of Taungurung' : Walk and Talk in the wetlands. Learn about Indigenous plants and traditional uses, followed by 'A Taste of Taungurung' morning tea. \$15/\$10 U16 Free
- Sat 13 12 - 2pm BBQ. Enjoy kangaroo burgers and kangaroo sausages. \$5 burger \$3 snag
- Sat 13 1 - 2pm Story Time with Taungurung Elder Uncle Larry Walsh. \$8/\$20 family Adults Free
- Sat 13 2 - 4 pm 'A Taste of Taungurung' Walk and Talk in the wetlands. Learn about Indigenous plants and traditional uses, followed by 'A Taste of Taungurung' afternoon tea. \$15/\$10 U16 Free
- Sun 14 11.00am Taungurung Land & Waters Council CEO, Matthew Burns talks Treaty. What does Treaty mean? What does Treaty look like?

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