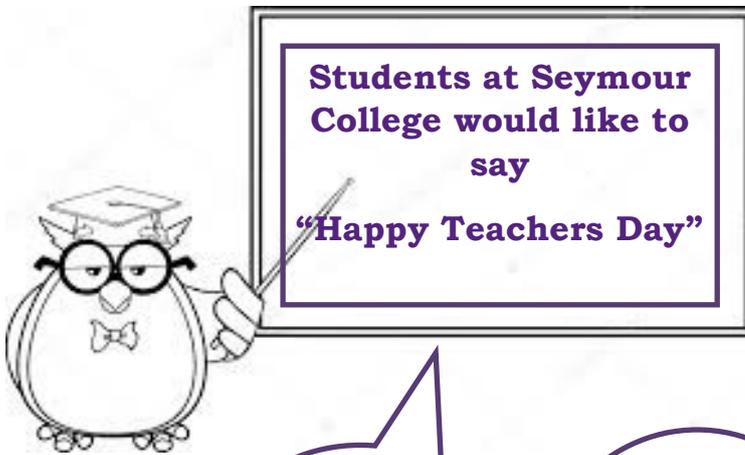




World Teachers' Day

We're celebrating World Teachers' Day in Australia on 30 October! With this year's theme "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future", it's a great opportunity to say thank you to our teachers for their work and support for students during this challenging year.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 2nd Nov.
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 3rd Nov.
Melbourne Cup Day
Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th Nov.
Exams begin

Friday 4th Dec.
Booklist Orders Due

Friday 18th Dec.
Last Day Term 4

"her sense of humour is matched to our learning in class, because of this we are always the first to class"

"our teacher always has a positive outlook and makes our class something to look forward to"

"in your classes there are always laughs and you really connect with us and find a cool way to engage us"

"Thanks for putting in all the hard work to help us succeed and giving us opportunities to do some pretty cool things"

"our teacher helps us at playtime and helps us when we are stuck. She talks to us everyday"

"our teacher makes sure you understand your tasks and what you are learning"

"my teacher helps me with my reading"

"We appreciate you heaps, and we couldn't thank you enough for everything you do for us - we wouldn't be here without you"

Seymour College acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land and acknowledges and pays respect to their elders, past and present.

The Seymour College School Council are very pleased to announce that we have received official notification that Mrs Gail Hardman will continue to lead the College as Executive Principal for a contracted period of a further five years.

This is wonderful and very welcome news that we are excited to share with the College community.

The past five years has seen Seymour College continue to grow and become a school we are all very proud of. Seymour College has much to celebrate in educational outcomes, such as achieving the highest VCE study scores within our school region, and in the further development of the physical environment, with our new Senior Learning Centre, giving our students the learning environments they deserve and making Seymour College the best place to be for Education.

The School Council wishes to thank Mrs Hardman for her passion for education, her dedication, leadership, and for her vision for Seymour College.

We thank her for her ongoing commitment and we look forward to an exciting five years ahead.

Tiffany Goodman – College Council President

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank-you to Tiffany Goodman, College Council President, for announcing the extension of my contract. I am looking forward to continuing in my position and continuing to achieve the best outcomes for our students, families and the wider community.

I can report that the return of all students to on-site learning has been successful and during this week, the fourth week of the term, teachers are reporting that classroom routines and expectations have been reestablished and that they are now confident to undertake formal assessments so that all learning activities are tailored to the needs of each student.

Next Monday, the 2nd November, is a pupil free day and teachers will continue to plan in teams and prepare lessons for the rest of this term and for the first term of next year. Due to the many disruptions that we have all had to endure this year, the provision of the curriculum has been altered to reflect remote learning requirements during the past six months. Monday's work will ensure that the curriculum is tailored to the essential learnings required for a smooth transition for all students to the next level of learning in 2021.

Yesterday, I received confirmation that we can celebrate the graduation of our Year 6 and 12 students this term, however, in a very different format to what we are used to. This is wonderful news as these students will have an opportunity to celebrate these important milestones.

The advice states:

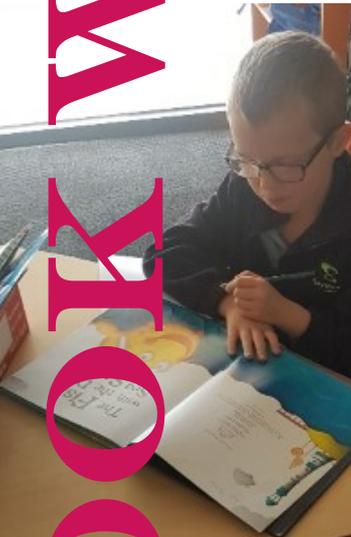
Year 6 and Year 12 graduations are permitted face-to-face in Victorian schools. Students from the graduating year level and staff can attend in person. Parents/carers and other family members or friends cannot attend in person but could engage via an online broadcasting of the event.

I will advise our community on the date and time of our events so that you are able to watch these important celebrations live from your home.

It is also a timely for me to request that you remind your child/ren that the mobile phone policy requires all phones to be switched off and locked in lockers from the first bell to the last bell of the school day. On a positive note, it has been wonderful to observe students happy to be back at school and enjoying the time with their friends. Please support them to be at school each day so that they have every opportunity to learn, especially after the many changes that have occurred this year.

Thank-you to all students, parents and teachers for your diligence around the hygiene and social distancing requirements that have helped to keep our community a safe place to live and learn. It is greatly appreciated.

Gail Hardman - Executive Principal



Primary & Inclusive Education Book Week Curious Creatures, Wild Minds



Last we celebrated book week. Children read many of the short listed books and created art work to express their creativity and joy in reading. We didn't have a book parade because of the Covid pandemic, but we are looking forward to having one in 2021!



BOOK WEEK

Dear Parents and Carers

The 2021 Campion Secondary Booklists are now live and ready to be completed.

Due to COVID no hardcopies will be available.

All orders must be completed online via the following link:-

www.campion.com.au

using "V6ZY" as your code
by Friday 4th December 2020.



The payment screen will have the option to pay now by credit card or pay on the collection day being:

Friday 22nd January 2021 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

PDF copies are also available on our website:- <https://www.seymourcollege.vic.edu.au>

Please contact the General Office if you need any assistance.



DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTOR NEWS



Defence School Mentor: My contact hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 0830 to 1530.

Please feel free to make contact via the following means

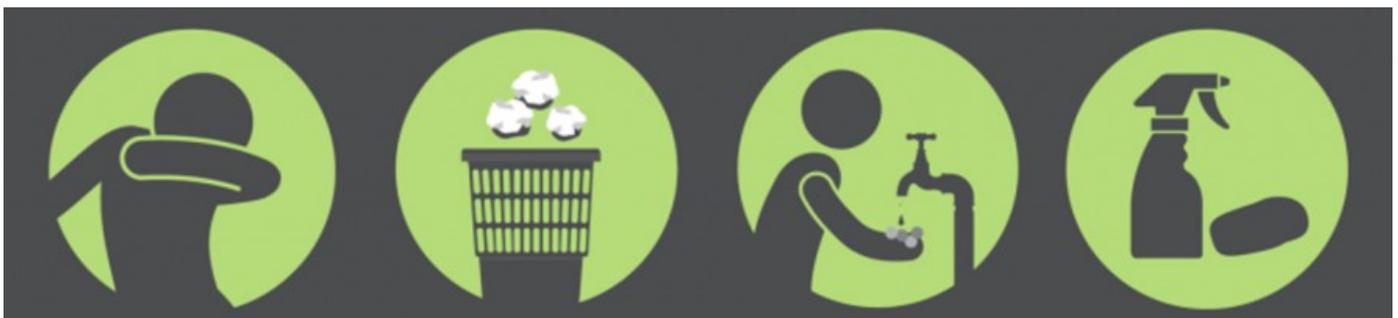
Email: Maryanne.Carroll-keays@education.vic.gov.au

Phone: 5771 1300 (School Reception)

Is your family being posted?

Please let us know.

Students will be selling commemorative poppies on Monday 9th November.
Poppies are also available for purchase from the front office.



Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and you enjoyed the long weekend! We are back at it in the classrooms and the students are enjoying being back to normal. There are still some things that are a little different that the students miss, like whole school assemblies. But we are trying to make the best of the situation and have completed some WebEx assemblies that the students seemed to enjoy. Hopefully in the coming weeks we may see some changes that will allow us to complete some of the things we used to be able to, fingers crossed!

Please remember students require hats and if you require one they are available at the office.

Next Monday 2nd November is a curriculum day, so students are not required at school. This is followed by the Melbourne Cup Public holiday on Tuesday 3rd November, so we will see you back at school on Wednesday.

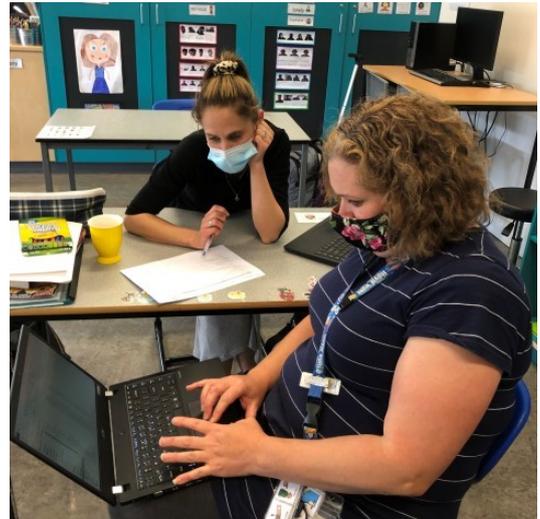
Kind regards,

Dean Bush - Assistant Principal, Primary

Inclusive Education News



Our Inclusive Education Junior Captains Jessie England Chee and Dylan Connolly would like to thank to the Commonwealth Bank in Seymour for providing drink bottles for our students who require, them as we cannot use the drink taps at school due to COVID regulations. Thanks also to Georgia from Our Place for contacting the staff at the Commonwealth bank for us.



Our Inclusive Education teachers work together to audit each other's planning to ensure all students are provided with high quality learning tasks.

RIGHT: Kristie Luckman, our leading teacher and Caitlin Winther, our Purple Room teacher.



Grade 5/6 D News

A big thank you to students Rylen Joyce and Taylor Godwill for hosting footy games on the oval. 5/6 D were very grateful for their time, fun and expertise.



Health Centre News

Thank you to Goulburn Valley water for the donation of drink bottles to the Health centre. A greatly appreciated item as our weather warms up.



MANAGING YOUR HEALTH

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Record weight once a week
- Exercise 30mins per day
- Cook at home
- Make dinner smallest meal
- No technology before bed

Wellbeing News

Starting Secondary School Post COVID: A webinar offer by Michael Carr-Gregg and Sharon Witt

An online Webinar for Year 6 Parents and teachers is being offered free of charge. Registration includes a complimentary book as well.

School Focussed Youth Service and Berry Street will sponsor anyone who wishes to register.

Starting Secondary School can be worrying at any time, but our transition has been limited to virtual experiences in 2020.

Some of the topics covered are:

- Understanding teenagers
- Making new friends
- Managing health and exercise for teens

If you would like to register, ring Seymour College and leave your name and email address. Phone (03) 5771 1300.

Buy and Sell

Second-hand **Textbooks**

Second-hand **Uniforms**



Simply

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- An annual subscription to this service has been kindly provided by Seymour College

Second-hand textbook & uniform trading systems

- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's book and uniform lists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
 - Exactly the right items to buy
 - Who has the most items you need
 - The cheapest items
- Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
- Excellent email and telephone helplines are provided:
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Also Buy & Sell

- Calculators
- Sporting items
- Musical items
- Electronics & DVD's
- Stationery
- And lots more

Pricing Guide

- Like New 70%
- Excellent 60%
- Very Good 50%
- Good 40%

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Helpful tips

- Be patient items transact all year round
- Peak trading times: Textbooks: Nov-Mar Uniforms: Change of season; end of year and year start
- Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
- Our unique Ad Matching Service shows you who to transact with, and will save you lots of time
- Be realistic when pricing items
- Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
- Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don't make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities