

Fun in Foundation



Learning how to colour in and use scissors.



Having fun going down the pole.



Practising songs and actions during F-1 Music.



Making patterns during developmental play.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 14 February
House Swimming

Thursday 17 February
Primary District Swimming

Wednesday 23 February
Primary Division Swimming

Monday 14 March
Labour Day
Public Holiday

Monday 21 March
School Photos

Wednesday 23 March
Photo Catch up Day

Friday 25 March
Curriculum Day
Pupil Free

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.

OFFICE HOURS: 8am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday

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PHONE: 03 5771 1300

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College Council

College Council will meet next week and farewell members who have completed their term of office.

I would like to thank the commitment of Tiffany Goodman, Russell Chapman, Michelle Mussett and Anthony Watson who have been dedicated parent members of our College Council. Thank you also to Georgia Cannizzo who has been a community member and staff member, Racheal Broughton, as their terms also expire. Your assistance and support has been invaluable in this role. Once again, the dedication of you all has been significant to our College Council.

Our student member positions also expire, and we thank Kar Ting Chong and Jay Ridd for their service on College Council.

It is timely to remind you that the College Council elections are open on Thursday 17th February and I encourage you to speak with Jason Tarran, Bronwyn Arandt, Bronwyn Martin or Louis Bowden, or any of our retiring members and consider nomination for these vacant positions. It is a rewarding and meaningful experience.

There are eight meetings for the year, and they fall on Wednesdays and commence at 5:00 pm. Please consider your other commitments and your availability to attend prior to nomination.

College Council Elections

Our College Council elections are being held this month. Councils perform a vital and important role to provide support and governance to schools.

Nominations forms are available from the General Office and I encourage staff and parents to consider nominating for these roles.

Approximately half the Council term expires each year, and I would like to advise that the following positions are vacant:

Staff members: 1 position
Parent members: 4 positions
Student members: 2 positions
Community members: 1 position.

2022 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

- a) Notice of election and call for nominations – **Thursday 17th February** (forms available at the General Office)
- b) Closing date for nominations – **Thursday 24th February** (by 4:00 pm to the Principal's Executive Assistant's Office)
- c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted – **Friday 25th February (if applicable)**
- d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed – **Monday 28th February**
- e) Close of ballot – **Monday 7th March**
- f) Vote Count – **Tuesday 8th March**
- g) Declaration of poll – **Wednesday 9th March**
- h) Special AGM Council meeting to co-opt Community Members and to elect office bearers (the Principal will preside) – **Wednesday 16th March.**

Gail Hardman - Executive Principal



Instrumental Music Program

We are continuing to offer an Instrumental Music Program for our secondary school students in 2022. Lessons are offered for the following instruments: Brass, woodwind, percussion, keyboard, guitar and music theory. The lessons are given once a week and the timetable will be arranged so that the student does not miss the same school subject each week. [The school is providing the lessons as part of the teaching and learning program so there is no extra charge for the music lessons.](#)

Students can hire brass and woodwind instruments from the school if they do not have their own instrument.

Health Note: The most recent advice is that brass and woodwind instruments are allowed to be played at school, but we are advised that they must be played outside and with suitable social distancing between students.

If you are interested in having your child taught music at school, please contact the school or have your child ask their home group teacher to let me know. We will then give them an application form to bring home, be filled in and returned to school.

Roger Manderson - Instrumental Music Teacher.



AFL Clinic



This week we were lucky enough to have a visit from a group of AFL development coaches. These coaches are running two sessions over two weeks with each of the primary classes, to give them a taste of what Auskick and AFL is all about. The students had a great time this week participating in the skill/game session.



Masks

Face masks are required for students in Year 3 to Year 12 and Inclusive Education unless an exemption applies. Exemptions include students with a physical or mental disability where their disability means it would not be suitable. Parent/carers of a student/s who meet the criteria for an exemption must provide their approval in writing to the school nurse, for their child/ren to not wear a mask to the school.

Our school will follow the directions of the Victorian Chief Health Officer and aims to provide the safest environment possible for students and staff. I strongly encourage you to discuss wearing masks with your children to reduce COVID-19 transmission risk for their health and for other children's health as well. When we all work together as a community, we will have the best chance to keep children healthy and reduce the risk of them catching and spreading COVID-19, as well as keeping their teachers safe too.

For children who are able to wear a mask, they can and should wear a mask. For those children who cannot on some days or all days, that is okay. Almost all children will be able to and we will help them learn and support them to use masks well, when indoors, throughout the school day.



SEYMOUR COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



ABOVE: Four of our Foundation students in their new hats, kindly supplied by the Parents and Friends Association.

The Seymour College Parents & Friends Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed towards our 2021 Christmas Fundraiser. Your generous contributions are very much appreciated and valued in our efforts to raise funds for important projects which help our students college wide.

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS

Woolworths - Seymour
Coles - Seymour
Teagues Kustom Garage

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRIZE WINNERS

Abbey Lawrance
Ivy Watson
Hayden Phelan
L. McNally
Iesha Irwin-Piper

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students and \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you would like to apply, please contact the school office on 5771 1300 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.



School crossing attendants are located at two sites around the College. Those sites are Anglesey and Stewart Streets.

The bus bays are located in Stewart Street.

Please remember that the gates will be locked each school day between 9.00am and 3.00pm with entry and exit to and from the school via Reception in the main Administration Building

2022 PTV School Student ID and Student Pass application form

The application form is available to download now at ptv.vic.gov.au/students

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.



DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTOR NEWS

Defence School Mentor: **Maryanne Carroll-Keays**

My contact days are Monday and Tuesday. Please contact me via the following means

Email: maryanne.carroll-keays@education.vic.gov.au Phone: 5771 1300



Congratulations to **Liam O'Neill**

Our 2022 Defence Captain, Liam will assist with the support of our 56 Defence students, Commemoration Services, student activities and the promotion of the impact military service has on Defence families.

Please Note...This is a fabulous opportunity for your child if required.

The Defence Education Assistance Scheme...

is a government funded initiative. A Defence Force student who has had their education disrupted, due to posting from one location to another may be eligible to receive up to **14 weeks of tuition**. In order to qualify for this initiative an application must be submitted within the first 18 months of arriving in the new posting locality and the tutoring must be completed within this same time frame. For more information contact the ...

**Defence Member and Family Helpline on
1800 624 608.**

Please let me Know!

So I can support your children.

1. Is your family Posting?
2. Is the defence member deployed or deploying soon?
3. Is your family living MWDU?

Please respond via email.



*To all our returning and new defence families welcome.
All the best for a fantastic year.*

AIR FORCE CADETS

The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is a youth oriented organisation that is administered and actively supported by the Royal Australian Air Force.

The AAFC will teach you valuable life skills and will help you develop qualities including leadership, self-reliance, confidence, teamwork and communication. Some activities undertaken by the AAFC include flying, fieldcraft, adventure training, firearms safety training, drill and ceremonial, service knowledge, aeromodelling, navigation and gliding.

419SQN Shepparton is recruiting again for 2022 and will hold a virtual information session on Friday 18th February 2022. To register your interest or to receive more information please contact co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au or 0481 111 305

To be eligible to enrol you must be in high school and 12-15 (turning 13 in the calendar year).

Defence Memorial Garden



The construction of the Memorial Garden is now well under way.
St Hillier's defence contractors implemented the design our VCAL students created and started during 2021.

The garden awaits to be planted out, and also the addition of a picnic table, metal poppies and a sign post indicating notable battles.

Students are planning a handover/opening ceremony to be conducted later in Term 1, with guests from Defence, St Hilliers, VCAL and Defence students.



TERM DATES 2022

TERM 1	28th January - 8th April
TERM 2	26th April - 24th June
TERM 3	11th July - 16th September
TERM 4	3rd October - 20th December

BELL TIMES 2022

(Primary, Secondary & Inclusive Ed)

Period 1	9.00 - 10:15
Period 2	10:20 - 11:35
Break 1	11:35 - 12:15
Period 3	12:15 - 1:30
Break 2	1:30 - 2:00
Period 4	2:00 - 3:15

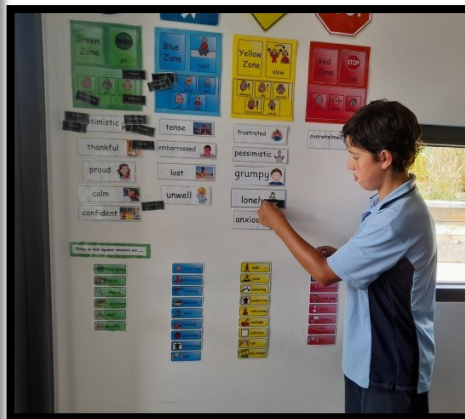
Inclusive Education News

It is so lovely to have our Inclusive Education students return after the break. All teachers share their appreciation to families for the work they have put into making a smooth transition back to school. This week and next week our teachers will be calling families to begin building positive school and home relationships. This year we aim to increase the communication with our families to ensure our Inclusive Education students have wrap around supports.

We welcome to the school our five Foundation students and their families. We also welcome Gabby and Joyce in joining our teaching team.

We have begun the year with TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) activities and explicitly teaching expectations and routines.

Racheal Broughton - Assistant Principal, Inclusive Education.



School **W**ide **P**ositive **B**ehaviour **S**upport

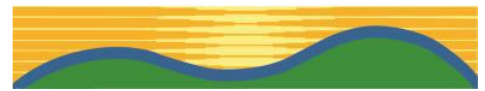
Current Focus

I wear my uniform with pride



Dignity and Respect

The Department of Education and Training is committed to providing safe and supportive environments where diversity is valued and everyone is treated with respect, fairness and dignity.



07 February 2022

Dear Parents,

RE: Grant Street, Seymour – Proposed Parking Restrictions Notification

Mitchell Shire Council has received representation requesting a review of the existing parking restrictions on Grant Street, Seymour, during the morning school peak period.

Mitchell Shire Council investigated the parking during the morning peak on Grant Street, between Tehan Street and Stewart Street and found that when vehicles were parked either side, the school bus cannot go through.

As a result, Council will be installing “No Stopping, 8am-9.30am, 2.30pm-4.00pm”, school days’, parking restrictions to avoid vehicles parking on the north west side of Grant Street. Please refer to the attached plan. This will improve safety and traffic flow during the pick up and drop off times.

Council also received representation from Seymour College requesting parking restrictions on the north west side of Grant Street, between Stewart Street and the school gate, due to the trucks manoeuvring difficulties when two vehicles were parking on both sides.

Council decided to restrict that section to improve traffic safety and manoeuvring of trucks on Grant Street, between Stewart Street and the school gate.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Council’s Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer, Mahmoud Salem on 5734 6457.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Salem', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mahmoud Salem

Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer



Free entry! – Basic Snacks for sale.



@ Seymour Uniting Church, 11-13 Crawford St.

Saturday 12th February!



**Enjoy our comfy chairs
Or BYO bean bag/cushions**

Doors open 6:30pm for 7pm start.

More info:

Facebook: Seymour Avenel/Nagambie Uniting Church

<https://fb.me/e/1f15nELnC>

Community Outreach Worker Michael: 0458 742 362



Seymour Uniting Church Serving our community.



Young Driver Program - it's all about attitude

A thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers.

Presented by Mitchell Proactive Policing Unit and local agencies

Safe driving for life – It's all about ATTITUDE!

Coolheads Wallan

WEDNESDAY 2 March, 2022

Wallan Secondary College, 100 Duke Street, Wallan

7pm | Free Entry Covid guidelines and mandates to venue will apply

Book your ticket through Eventbrite: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cool-heads-young-driver-program-wallan-tickets-243329022657>

Enquiries contact:

Leading Senior Constable
Brooke Malane & Kat Mills
(03) 5735 0267

Senior Constable
Ryan Coleman (03) 5783 0400



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**CLUB FIT SESSIONS
WITH NIGE 2022**



**Seymour Junior
Football Netball
Club**

SJFNC CLUB FIT

FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

FOOTBALL & NETBALL

4.30-5.30 @ BACK OVAL, KINGS PARK

JAN: 24 & 31

FEB: 7, 14, 21, 28

NO FOOTBALL BOOTS - RUNNERS ONLY

BYO WATER BOTTLES

ALL WELCOME!!!!

**#WORKOUT
#HEALTHY**

STAY FIT

STAY STRONG