



Some of the students from Red Room redeemed their tokens for books



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 25 March

Curriculum Day

Pupil Free

Friday 1 April

Last day to order school photos online

Monday 4 April

Zoo Excursion

Year 9

Tuesday 5 April

Student Led Conferences

No scheduled classes

Friday 8 April

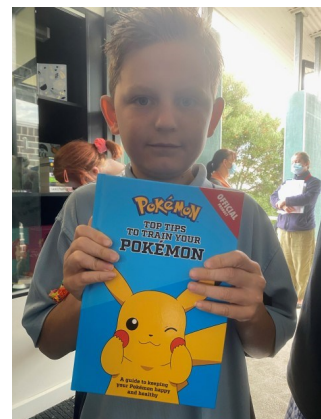
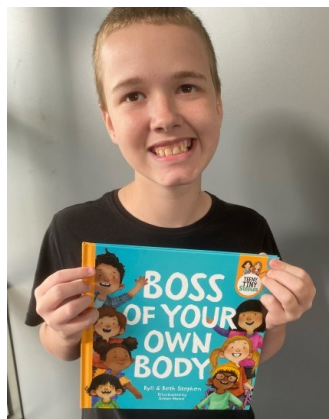
Easter Hat Parade

Years F - 6

Last Day Term 1

2.30pm finish

Inclusive Education



Student-Led Conferences Tuesday 5th April 2022

'On-Line' bookings are now open through the Compass Portal.

If you are unable to book please contact the General Office on 57711300 for assistance.

All students are required to attend a conference with their teacher/s on this day.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents, carers and students

We have had another exciting fortnight at the College, with our students continuing to participate in classroom routines and learning experiences, as well as a myriad of extra-curricula activities.

The Book Fair was a huge success, and our thanks to Mrs Cook for organising this. Many books were purchased and have found their way into our family's homes. There is nothing better than reading a book and taking a few minutes out of our hectic lives. The more students read, the better they write and are more able to participate in all curriculum areas on offer at the college.

Our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have been undertaking practice NAPLAN sessions so that they are familiar with the online nature of this years' tests in May. It is also a test of the computer software across the state so that there is confidence that all will work well in May for the real testing platform.

It was my pleasure to attend the opening of the new GoTafe building in Wallis Street last week. Many of our VET students were also in attendance and will benefit from the new facilities.

The College Council AGM was also held last week and it was wonderful to welcome returning councilors Racheal Broughton, Russell Chapman, Michelle Mussett, Anthony Watson and Tiffany Goodman, our new councilors Karyn Donnelly and Liz Tregenza and our new student councilors Nate Hackwill and Abbie Mitchell. Other members on council include Derek Rimes, Christy Rilen, Sue Watson, Bronwyn Arandt, Louis Bowden, Bronwyn Martin and Jason Tarran. We also thank Maryanne Carroll-Keays who has recently resigned from College Council for her service. Congratulations to Ms Tiffany Goodman who was elected president for 2022.

The College and the Family and Children's Centre celebrated Harmony Week last Friday afternoon with free activities for our community, including a BBQ, coffee and soft drink, a puppeteer, police and Jobs Victoria displays, sports activities, face painting and a screen printing workshop. It was wonderful to see many community members attend this event.

Thanks to those parents who have completed an online survey regarding participation at the College. It assists us in organising future events that would suit your needs.

School Photos were taken this week and we now await the photos to be uploaded to Compass, delivered to the school and transferred to the new Compass student cards for 2022. It was great to have class photos taken this year as well as individual shots.

Tomorrow is a curriculum day and staff will be completing the third day of professional learning about the Berry Street Educational Model. This model supports us to understand the impact of trauma on ourselves, others and our teaching practices. The last session will be held in May this year.

Our inclusive education students have completed swimming lessons at the Mitchell Shire Pool as well as our senior inclusive students completing Responsible Serving of Alcohol and Food Handlers certificates.

Student-led conferences will be held on Tuesday 5th April and I look forward to seeing you on this day. Bookings are open on Compass School Manager. If you need any assistance with making a booking, please call the office on 5771130.

All the best for the coming week.



ABOVE: Zara and Mrs Hardman enjoying Harmony Week celebrations

Gail Hardman - Executive Principal

Parking in Grant Street

New parking restrictions now apply in Grant Street. Please be aware that parking areas have changed and follow the signs as marked.

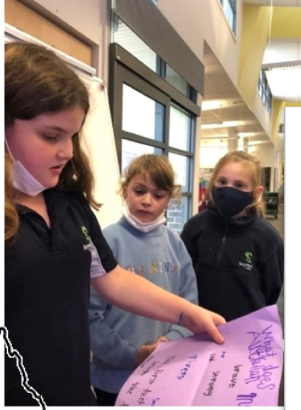
We are very fortunate to have many street frontages for parking. Please respect our neighbours during drop off and pick up time.

Rubbish dropped from cars is not the responsibility of our neighbours, or the school, to pick up and dispose of.

Thank-you for continuing to respect the school precinct, keeping it safe and clean.



3/4B News



This term students in 3/4B have been learning about what it means to be Australian. Students have researched significant events in Australian History, our customs, traditions and Australian values. This week all that hard work was put together in a presentation where students gave a speech about what they believe it means to be Australian, and what makes Australia a great country to live in. All students spoke confidently and showed respect listening to each others' speeches and applauding each speech when it was finished.

Rhiannon Wilson - 3/4B teacher

VCAL

On 10th March the VCAL students organised Clean Up Australia day at school as part of their project. The students put together a PowerPoint presentation for



the year 7 students explaining the importance of keeping our school clean, which included the classrooms, lockers, the yard and the toilets. They explained the impacts to the environment and animals. Each year 7 group was then provided with gloves and bags and allocated a section of the school to pick up rubbish. They all did such a great job and all participated in the event. The VCAL students rewarded the year 7's with an icy pole and a game.

Clean Up



Leanne Hayek - Year 11 VCAL Coordinator

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.

2022 Book Fair Wrap up

Congratulations to the following students who won this year's Book Fair competitions:

F-2 Colouring Competition

Armenah Janusauskas
Maddie Crabb
Sienna Edwards
Dylan Cooley
Sam Barnes

3-6 Scavenger Hunt

Tandah Davies
Keiren Potts
Thomas Harding
Aaron Bohlmann



Thank you to everyone who supported this years Book Fair.

We sold \$2990.00 in books and gained approximately \$900 worth in books for our classrooms.

A big 'Thank you' to the students, parents and staff who support children with the love of reading books.

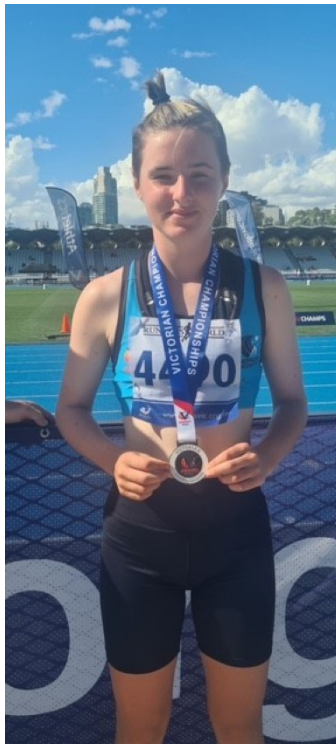
Katherine Cook - Teacher



Renee

RENEE FORD won a state silver medal in Long Jump and has qualified for the Australian Athletics Championships to be held in Sydney in April. She also qualified for the Australian Little Athletics team.

Renee will be competing against girls two years older than herself for the Australian title. She's just happy to be given the opportunity to compete against the fastest kids in the country.



Hume Swimming

Four students progressed through to Hume swimming finals in the secondary area. Jarred Meller, after winning age champion at the district level, competed in three events recording a personal best in the 50m butterfly. Darby O'Brien, swimming up an age group, was competitive in his two swims and

Ariella Head took an amazing 10 seconds off 200m Freestyle. She was also runner up for age champion at the district level. Oisín O'Sullivan placed first in the 50m breast stroke and second in the 50m freestyle. We just need a few more people swimming next year. It would good to get some relays through to this level.

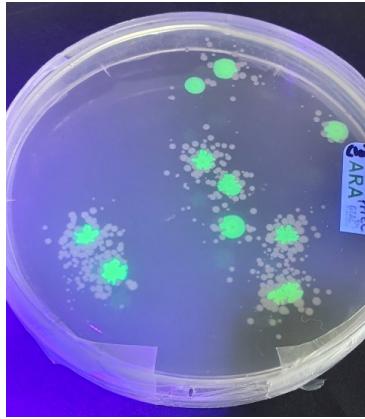


Stephen Garner - PE teacher

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.

Science

On Wednesday 9th March, the year 12 biology class spent their day in Melbourne at The Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC). We studied DNA manipulation, transforming bacteria to produce human insulin and learning about recombinant plasmids and how they are made. In short, we put a gene from a jellyfish and a gene that helps produce insulin into E. coli bacteria and made bacteria glow under UV light. We got to carry out an experiment and ask an array of questions to our personal group mentors. These mentors, who are Ph.D. students, walked us through the experiments and how to use



pipettes and digital microscopes. We were able to be hands on, and got to take our bacteria back to school so it could be incubated overnight to be seen in class the next day. GTAC was a great place to have the excursion as it provided the tools and opportunities we do not have at the school.

By Jade Collette.



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Current Focus

I take pride in my work.

Seymour College
Information Session
May 4th 2022
School tours by student leaders at 3:30
Information session with staff at 5:30
Entry through front office
Further information
contact 57711300



The poster features a dark blue background with stylized white and yellow waves at the bottom. Numerous colorful, concentric circular patterns, resembling Aboriginal dot art, are scattered across the design. A small photograph shows two students, a male and a female, standing in front of the Seymour College building.

Positive Start in 2022: FREE holiday camps

HOLIDAY CAMP INFORMATION

When are the holiday camps?

The holiday camps will run in the 2022 school holidays — Term 1 (April), Term 2 (June/July) and Term 3 (September) 2022.

How much does it cost?

These camps are completely free of charge to eligible families. It will not cost you anything for your child to attend the camp. Most of the camps can organise transport from central locations however, for some camps, parents may need to provide transport for their child. Specific information regarding transport will be supplied by the individual camp providers.

How old does my child need to be?

Students in years 3 to 12 from the start of 2022 school year can attend holiday camp programs.

Will my child get to go with their friends?

Your child may be able to go on camp with their friends if they book to go to the same camp and there are places available. However, please note that your child's friends may not be eligible for the Positive Start free holiday camp funding. Only eligible families may book through Positive Start. Remember, your child will also have the chance to make new friends and build relationships with students from other schools.

What types of camps are there?

There will be a list of camps from which that you can choose. Each camp will have a brief description including where it is, the length of the camp (number of days), the dates it is running, how to get there; as well as a list of activities to help you decide which camp would best suit your child.

What general safety measures are in place to ensure camps are safe for students?

Camp facilities and sites are reviewed each year and are accredited by an independent national accreditation scheme to ensure they meet best practice standards and that all students receive the best care. All camp activities are compliant with national safety standards. All staff members have working with children checks and undergo a thorough induction and checking process as part of working with the camp.

What COVIDSafe strategies are in place at camps?

All Positive Start in 2022 camps must put into place a CovidSafe plan that aligns with Department of Health and Department of Education and Training advice. This includes operating under up-to-date CovidSafe practices such as appropriate cleaning, activity design, food service and accommodation density and layouts.

How do I register my interest?

It's easy to register your interest. Simply go to the link below or scan the QR code on the right and complete the registration details. Once you have provided your email address, the Positive Start team will be in touch with more information.

<https://vacsdta.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/>

What happens next?

Within two weeks of registering your child's interest, you will be provided with more information including a list of available holiday camps and how to book.

If you need further information about the free holiday camps before you feel comfortable to register your interest please visit the www.vic.gov.au/positivestart

