

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen the completion of Year 11 exams and all staff have started to write the end of semester reports ready for parent/teacher interviews in the last week of the term. These interviews are scheduled for after school on Monday 20 June and Tuesday 21 June, 2022. Please book your appointment via Compass or contact the General Office for assistance.

A reminder that all staff are involved in our Professional Practice Day tomorrow, 10th June and there will not be any scheduled classes on this day.

On the last day of term, Friday 24th June, we have a Professional Learning session, completing the final module of the Berry Street Educational Model.

Victoria's senior secondary education is changing.

From 2023, the new VCE Vocational Major will replace Intermediate and Senior VCAL. This means the VCE will recognise different students equally.

The new Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) will replace Foundation VCAL. Students will have more education choices, a higher-quality curriculum and better workplace experiences – preparing them for further study, training at TAFE or work.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 10 June
Professional Practice Day
No Scheduled Classes

Monday 13 June
Queens Birthday
Public Holiday

Monday 20 June
Top Designs excursion

Wednesday 22 June
VET MCG Tour

Thursday 23 June
Chemistry Excursion
Year 12

Thursday 23 June
Last Day Term 2

Friday 24 June
Curriculum Day
Pupil Free



From 2023, more students will study the VCE. That is because the VCE will include the Vocational Major, a 2 year program that sits within the VCE. There will also be the Victorian Pathways Certificate for those who need flexibility in their learning. A new information and awareness campaign, Many Talents, One VCE will roll out explaining the changes.

Teachers and careers counsellors are available to answer questions and to support students as they make decisions about their final years at school. Now students will have greater access to high-quality, relevant vocational education and applied learning opportunities.

The winter weather has arrived, and I have been advised that our uniform supplier has plenty of stock if you need to purchase winter uniform items.

Keep warm and all the best for the last two weeks of Term 2.

Gail Hardman - Executive Principal

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Zoo Excursion

On Thursday last week F2A, F2B and Purple Room went to Melbourne Zoo to embed our learning about living things. We had to sit on a bus for such a long time before we arrived and then we had to line up to go in. We had some food and then FINALLY got to do some activities. Wow, we went looking for bugs and critters in tree stumps and leaves and there were puzzles about the growth of insects and animals. We went to feed the Aldabra Giant Tortoises, they were huge. We all threw our leaves in and they ate some of them. We don't think they were very hungry because they moved so slow.

After lunch our groups split, so some of us saw lions and others saw elephants. We all saw tigers, orangutans and lots of reptiles.

We all had a great day. We were really tired and some of us snoozed on the bus trip home. We are really excited to see what our teachers organise for our next excursion. All the teachers would like to say how amazing everyone was and what a great experience it was for all of us. Also, a big thank you to the parents who came to support us, we really appreciated your help.

Janet Hill– Teacher



Holocaust Museum

On 3rd June, a year 11 history class got to go to the Holocaust Museum and look at artifacts and talk to a survivor from the Holocaust. The artifacts were interesting to look at. Some of them were sad as the items were basically used to dehumanise the Jewish people. We got to speak to Guta Goldstein, who told us about her time in the Holocaust, how she lost her family members, how she survived and her schooling right before not being able to attend anymore. It was interesting to hear it from a survivor instead of the textbook as we got to hear more. It was also very upsetting from the pain and loss she and the others in the Holocaust had experienced.

Meckenzie Brown, 11A



Free flu vaccinations

Last week, the Victorian Government announced it is providing free influenza (flu) vaccinations to all Victorians aged 6 months and over.

The free flu vaccinations will be provided between 1 June and 30 June 2022 to boost vaccination coverage, to help keep Victorians well over winter.

With case numbers rising quickly, families are encouraged to get vaccinated against the flu to help stay well and avoid hospitalisation during the colder months.

Contact your GP clinic or pharmacy for more information.

VCAL

Road to Zero excursion

Year 12 VCAL students have been studying road safety which is a prevalent issue in our lives. On Monday 6th June, we went to the Road to Zero exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. Students interacted with the latest technology in this area and then made a commercial based on road safety issues. All VCAL excursions are aimed to introduce them to something new that is relevant to them and allow them to gain confidence in doing something foreign – including for many, the escalators at Parliament station.

Lisa Macheras - Year 12 VCAL Teacher



Cross Country

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Students across the primary and secondary areas set off to Yea with the hope of at least seeing the sun as they participated in the district round of the school's cross country. A wet track made for a hard slog as students competed in distances from 2km to 5km. I could not have been more proud of the students who stepped up to represent our school. We have had 15 students progress though to the Hume sports that will be held in Benalla on Friday 17th June. They include Cassie Wright, Mason Beattie, Sophie Fifield, Robert Fair, Sam Zotti, Jesse England-Chee, Luke Dreier, Jacob Stathopoulos, Jacinta Swan, Tahlia Butcher, Ella Zotti, Lana Carroll, Mandessah Wyatt and Harrison May. We wish them good weather, firm ground and that they stay healthy leading up to their race.

Stephen Garner - Sport Coordinator



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.

Echuca Excursion

We got to Echuca, and we walked over to the Port of Echuca and our class walked off with a guide and, she showed us all the engines. We also met a man that was looking after all the running engines and the boiler. The guide also told us about the history behind the red gum.

Next, we walked over to the wharf where we looked at where the founder of Echuca came from. We also walked below the wharf and looked at how high the water was back in the 1800s and up. We waited for the paddle steamer there.

When we got on the paddle steamer there were big hay bags to sit on, where we also ate our lunch. The teachers let us go upstairs where there were small, old rooms that people slept in back in the 1900s, and we also got to experience what their bathrooms looked like.

When we got off the wharf, we split up into groups, one went to the Penny Arcade and the other group went to the lolly shop. First, our group went to the Penny Arcade, and we got to watch an old, black and white movie with no talking. After that, we were shaken up by an electric shock machine where we got pennies to play old arcade games. Some of them you could see your strength and future, and some of the kids also brought some fudge.

After that, we headed to the lolly shop. There were tons of lollies, it felt like we were dreaming. The lollies looked so good, that we wished we could eat them all.

The bus ride back was great and overall, it was an awesome experience. It was so much fun, I think everyone enjoyed it a lot, especially us!!!

By Evie Tarran and Katie Sainsbury 5/6B



**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.

Reconciliation Day

On Monday primary students acknowledged Reconciliation Day with a short assembly. Grade 5/6 leaders Beth Alston and Isla Fawcett did a wonderful job of running the short presentation and educating the students about the focus of this year's Reconciliation Day 'Be Brave, Make Change'. A big thankyou to Brodie and Zac Whyte, Amber Williams and Takoda Montgomery for cooking the BBQ and also to Taj Wessels, Chloe Reed, Beth Alston and Isla Fawcett for serving and 'saucing' our snags. It was an excellent opportunity for Seymour College to collaborate with Our Place to acknowledge and celebrate such an important event in the Koori calendar.



EDUCATION WEEK

The Junior campus celebrated Education Week with many fun activities running throughout the day. In keeping with the theme celebrating 150 years of public education we played games like hopscotch, elastics and jump rope. We had yummy cooking experiences, fun art activities and the grade 5/6's stepped back in time and experienced school in the olden days with VERY strict rules, dictation and calligraphy. In the afternoon we were thrilled to welcome families back into our classrooms and have some more fun. In 3/4B we competed against each other in 'minute to win it' challenges that were very loud, but a lot of fun. It was a great day and we look forward to welcoming families into our classrooms for future events.



F2D News

On Wednesday F2D celebrated 150 years of education with a Vegemite and cheese scroll bake-off! Almost 70 students were able to follow the procedure to create their very own scroll. It was very impressive to see little foundation fingers spreading, sprinkling and rolling. Not to mention our experienced grade 1 and 2 chefs who showed their culinary skills. The students enjoyed cooking and eating as well as some party games to really celebrate the occasion. Thankyou to all of our lovely families for your involvement!

In F2D we are learning how to say the Taungurung word for body parts. Students used headphones to listen to pronunciation of the words on the language app. Some words we learnt are: Gawang (head), Bagarro (shoulders) and Barring (knee).



From the Health Centre



Headlice

The presence of head lice is a very common childhood occurrence in the community. The primary responsibility for the management and treatment of head lice in students belongs with parents.

At Seymour College, the management of head lice infestations is a recurring and challenging matter at times throughout the year. It requires commitment from the whole school community in a concerted effort to treat outbreaks and minimise transmission. Communication and support within the school community can be conducive to minimising future infestations.

Head lice are small, wingless insects that live in the hair on your head and can be challenging to eradicate. They can only survive in human hair, need to feed from the scalp several times a day and can only survive up to two days off the person's head. Though not dangerous, head lice are a common problem for children between the ages of 3 and 11 and have nothing to do with personal hygiene or cleanliness and do not carry disease.

Brooke Wessels EN - School Nurse

'Be Wise' Presentation

Empowering young people to handle conflict, look after their mates and make wise decisions.

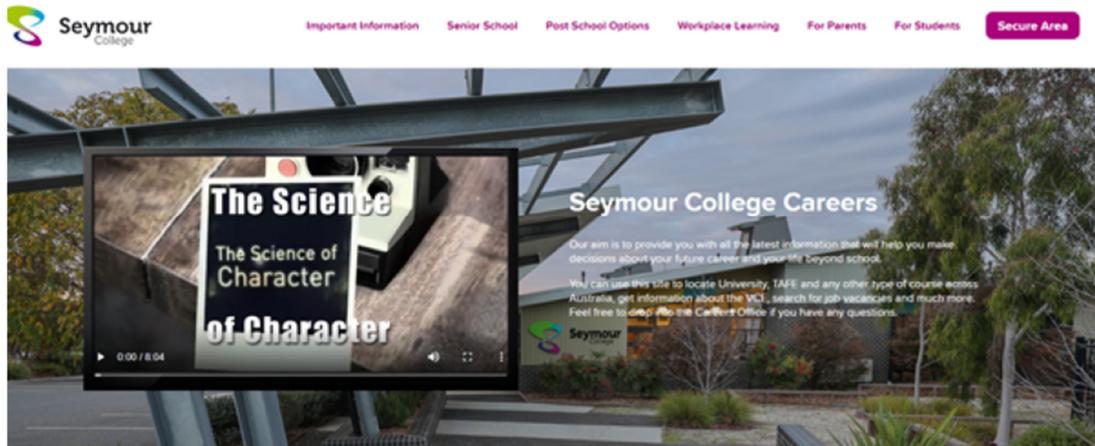
The presentation is funded by the Pat Cronin Foundation in honour of their son Pat to end the cowards punch.



Careers

Welcome to Career Tools

Seymour College has recently purchased access to the Career Tools software package. Year 7 – 12 students will now be able to do their Career Plans by accessing this site. The site also offers a large amount of careers related information to students and parents. While our Careers Tools account is still being developed, it is available now to look at by using this link: <https://seymourcollegecareers.com/>



Work Experience

Students who are over the age of 15 are now able to do work experience. There are no set weeks for doing work experience this year, but Year 10 students who have a placement opportunity available can collect forms from the General Office, check with the Careers Teacher and their Year Level Coordinator and then commence on the date that suits all parties.



Lachie O'Connor at Seymour Total Sports

RMIT Presentation

A representative from RMIT recently attended Seymour College to discuss the courses they offer, accommodation options and the university lifestyle. This follows recent career expo excursions where Year 10 and Year 11 students attended the Assumption College Careers Expo and Year 12 students toured La Trobe University's Bendigo campus followed by the Tomorrow Bound Careers Expo at the Bendigo Stadium.



FAMILY CHANGE OF DETAILS OR CIRCUMSTANCES

If you have recently moved house or have changed your contact details, phone etc. please let us know as soon as possible. This enables us to contact you quickly if your child is ill and may need to go home.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
Current Focus

I only use the toilets in
scheduled break times.



Break Times

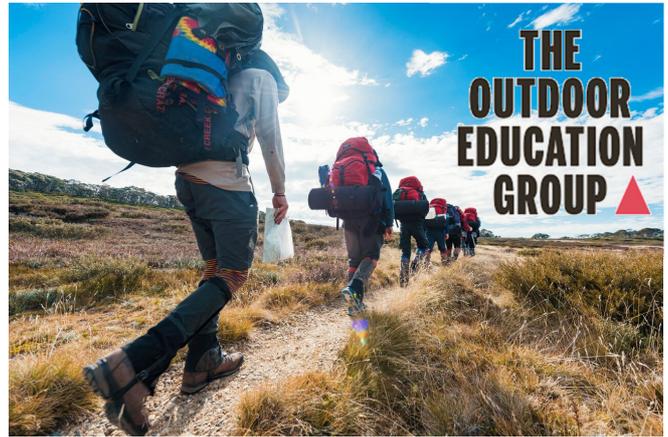
11:35 – 12:15

1:30 – 2:00

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUNDING (CSEF)

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parent card you may be eligible for the **CSEF**.

Contact the General Office for more information.



Eligible Victorian students can attend a free holiday camp with Australia's largest provider of outdoor education, The Outdoor Education Group, during the next school holidays! With cabin accommodation and lots of adventure activities to enjoy, campers will develop new skills, make new friends and enjoy active time outdoors.

Who Is Eligible?

Students in years 3 to 12, who meet one or more of the following criteria are eligible to attend a free holiday camp:

- attend a school that experienced closures of five days or more due to a positive COVID-19 case or close contact in 2021
- have an approved Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) application for 2022
- have a parent that holds a valid means-tested concession card (for example, a Health Care Card, Job Seeker, Newstart Allowance, Disability Support Pension)
- are in out of home care
- have a disability
- are from a refugee background
- are Koorie students
- are in the Navigator program
- are young carer

<https://www.oeg.edu.au/positive-start-holiday-camps/>

Semester 2 applications close
18th July.

If interested please contact Ms
McBean via email on
Seymour.co@education.vic.gov.au
See flyer attached

Emerging SCIENCES VICTORIA (ESV)

An opportunity for Year 9 and 10 students to engage in specialised STEM-based studies and careers through a virtual classroom.

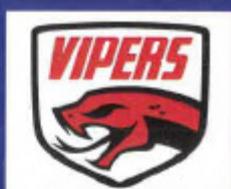
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ESV classes run for 50 minutes, twice a week, over 15-weeks and provide access to specialised subjects including: Alternative Energies, Astrophysics, Bioinformatics and Neuroscience through web-based teaching and learning platforms.

JOHN MONASH
SCIENCE SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT
WWW.EMSCI.VIC.EDU.AU

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.

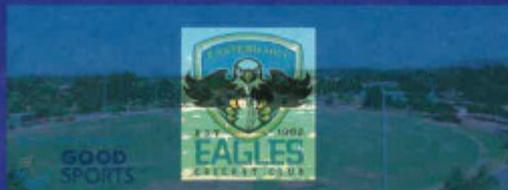


T20 CRICKET ARRIVES IN SEYMOUR

If you are under 17 years of age as at 1st September 2022, then you are eligible to play in a new cricket tournament created by the Eastern Hill Cricket Club. With no Under 16 competition being played in the district, we felt it necessary to provide some form of cricket to bridge the gap between junior and senior cricket.

There will be no cost to you, with the only requirement being that you need to wear white cricket clothing. Eastern Hill will provide all equipment if you don't have your own. The format will be T20, with 7 games being played between the Dragons and the Vipers. Each game will be played fortnightly over the cricket season, played under lights at Kings Park on a Saturday night. Best of 7 is the winner.

If this interests you, please get in touch with us on 0418 133 648 or email us at easternhillcricketclub@hotmail.com



VCE NEWS

9 ways to manage Year 12 stress

with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg



<https://www.jacaranda.com.au/blog/tips-and-ideas/nine-ways-to-manage-year-12-stress-with-dr-michael-carr-gregg/>

Family Friendly Circus show and FREE juggling lesson

Location:

Seymour College Arts Centre

When:

28th June 2022

Times:

12:00 PM – 12:45PM Free

Juggling Lessons

1:00pm – 2:00PM Trash test

Dummies – Circus how

2:00PM – 2:30PM Meet &

Greet the Performers



Everyone put your bins out, tonight's bin night and the Trash Test Dummies are on duty!

This award winning, sidesplitting, slapstick comedy, circus routine takes the household wheelie bin to new heights and delivers a dump-truck full of hilarity! "Delightfully intelligent, highly entertaining" Herald Sun.

Ever wanted to run away with the circus? Now is your chance!

From 12:00pm to 12:45pm there will be free juggling lessons for kids and adults.

Everyone is welcome to learn how to juggle, spin plates and other outstanding skills from our talented circus staff.

For Tickets go to

<https://linktr.ee/wanderingentertainment>

Any questions please contact

info@wanderingentertainment.com

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GOTAFE SEYMOUR FAMILY FUN DAY

35 Wallis Street, Seymour

Saturday 4th June, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Join us to celebrate our new and improved facilities, with plenty of fun and activities for the whole family!

Play with some reptiles, enjoy live music, coffee, delicious food, local market stalls, and more.

Take a tour through the new campus and explore the state-of-the-art health training equipment, technical workshops, collaborative learning spaces and the new internal courtyard.

If you're considering studying, this is your chance to see what GOTAFE is all about! 😊



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Offering a range of subjects developed in collaboration with Monash University, ESV classes run for 50 minutes, twice a week, over a 15-week semester. Classes are available during school hours - students are excused from existing classes at scheduled times to join and participate in the online classroom.

To participate students require their own laptop, an internet connection and a headset (with microphone).

Students can study as individuals, in groups, or as full classes, and will receive a mid-way progress report, full report and certificate upon successful completion.

Participation is arranged through a nominated liaison teacher on-staff at the students' school, and is open to all Victorian Year 9/10 students.

ESV SUBJECTS

ESV will be offering the following subjects to students in 2022:

- **Alternative Energies**
- **Astrophysics**
- **Bioinformatics**
- **Earth Saving Science**
- **Indigenous Science**
- **Nature & Beauty of Mathematics**
- **Neuroscience**
- **Medical Physics**



The Air Force Cadets
are now RECRUITING!

airforcecadets.gov.au

#airforcecadets

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. The AAFC has also recently begun a new STEM program involving the flying of drones.

Recruiting closes 13 July 22

Expressions of interest to join:

www.airforcecadets.gov.au/how-to-join

Or for more information contact

co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au or

0481 111 305

To be eligible to enrol you must be in high school and 12 (turning 13 in the calendar year) and not have turned 16.



COVID-19 vaccinations for children are available

Your local community has upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics at:

Kilmore Primary School

Where: 35 Lancefield Rd, Kilmore

When: 3.30pm – 7pm on Thursday 9 June 2022

Wandong Primary School

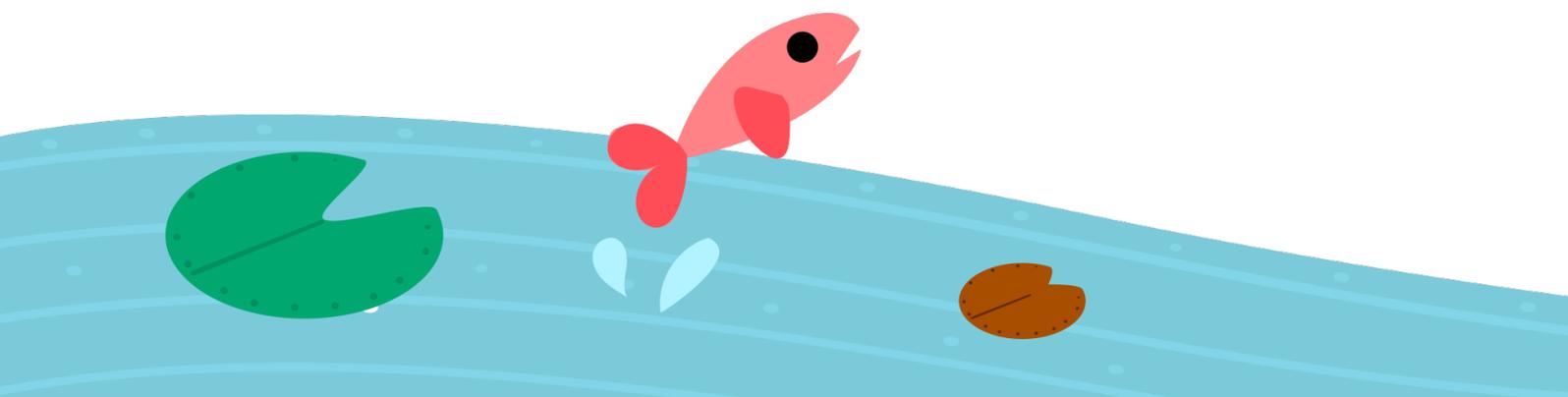
Where: Rail St, Wandong

When: 3.30pm – 7pm on Friday 10 June 2022

Free flu shots
now available
at all clinics!

Vaccinations are also available for adults at all clinics.

Just walk in, no booking required.



Amazing circus skills meets side-splitting laughs as three dexterous dummies take out the trash in their hilarious family friendly show.

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Best Kids show nomination, Melbourne Fringe Festival 2017

WINNERS
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WINNERS
Children's Choice Award Runners Up, Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2016

WINNERS
Best children's presentation (weekly) award Adelaide Fringe Festival 2019

TRASH TEST DUMMIES

★★★★★
Edinburgh Festival For Kids

★★★★★
The Times, UK

★★★★½
Herald Sun

FREE
Juggling Classes
from 12.00pm



DUMMIES
CORP.



Wandering Entertainment

Tuesday 28th June, 1.00pm
Seymour College Arts Centre
Book Now via QR Code

