

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter is the last for Term three, and my thanks to all families for continuing to support the learning of our students.

Thank you to parents and students who participated in the Student-Led Conferences today.

Have a safe and enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing all students on the first day of Term four, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Gail Hardman - Executive Principal



## National Water Week 2022

Zander, Maddison, Ella (absent), Codey and Chloe were worthy winners of the 'Our water stories puzzle competition'.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 16 September**

Footy Pie Day

Last Day Term 3

2.30pm finish

**Mon 26 - Wed 28 Sept**

Year 12 practice exams

**Monday 3 October**

First Day Term 4

**Wednesday 12 October**

Year 7 Immunisations

**Monday 31 October**

Curriculum Day

Pupil Free



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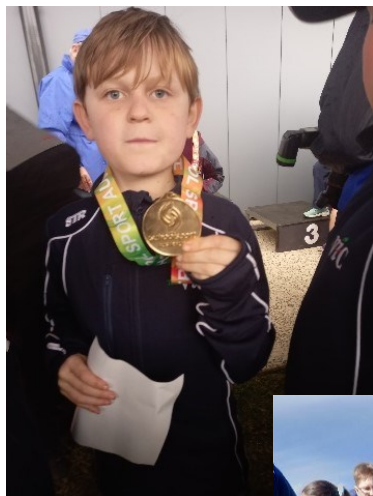
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# Mason wins gold at the Australian Cross Country Championships



**Jessie**



Mason Beattie with the gold medal he won at the Australian Cross Country Championships in Adelaide.

Mason also won a bronze medal.

Mason with his new friends Hugo and Sam, showing off their bronze medals



Grade 5 Student Jessie Sutherland was invited to attend the Goulburn Murray Junior League Presentation Day last weekend. Jessie was awarded the Under 11 Runner Up Best and Fairest in the League.

Jessie who plays for the Seymour Junior Football Netball Club, also received the Under 11 Runner Up Best and Fairest at the club awards.

Congratulations Jessie on your fantastic achievement.

**Elizabeth Tarran - Under 11 Coach**

## Wet Spring Forecast Ahead

Our primary oval is holding a lot of water at the moment, and there are a few muddy puddles around the school. For the next couple of weeks while it continues to rain, can we please ask you to pack a spare set of clothes in your child's bag?

This will help our teachers during class time.

**Brooke Wessels—School Nurse**



Jaxon, Cassie and Niall proudly show off their ribbons after the primary athletics on Tuesday.





# SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

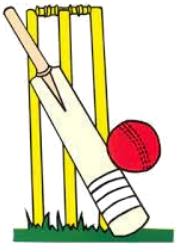
## End of year dates senior school

Units 3 and 4 practice exams – 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September (second week of the holidays)  
Unscored students confirmed – Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
Indicative exam grades due – 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Last day of classes for year 12 – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Year 12 exams commence – Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Last day of classes for year 11 – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Last day for Unit 2/4/VCAL/VET results – 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 11 exams – 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Last year 12 exam – Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 11 into 12 Head Start – 14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 10 exams – 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November (number of days to be confirmed)  
Year 10 into 11 Head Start – 28<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December (last day of year 10)  
Year 12 results available – 12<sup>th</sup> December

Seymour College is a Relationships School.

We model respectful relationships and gender equality practices across the entire school.

**RESILIENCE  
RIGHTS &  
RESPECTFUL  
RELATIONSHIPS**



## Cricket

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, the grade 3 & 4 students participated in a cricket clinic run by Cricket Victoria. It was fantastic to see the students so engaged in the activities and all trying their best. Students practiced their throwing, catching, bowling and batting as well as teamwork. The clinic was run with the aim encouraging students to be more active and develop skills they can use both at school and in the wider community. All students received a prize at the end of the session as well.

**Xavier Kitch – Primary School Manager**



## 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.**

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, present and emerging.

## 'R U OK' Year 12 Luncheon.

The Year 12 students, teachers and wellbeing staff were invited to a lunch at Seymour College. It is important that at this time of the year, as the Year 12's hit the September "blues" only weeks away from final assessments and exams, that we look after our students.

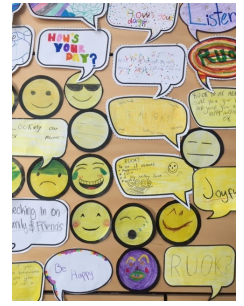
Many students need to "dig deep" at this time of the year, so a casual lunch where they could socialise and have "down time" with their friends and peers seemed to have hit the mark.

College Principal, Gail Hardman gave each of our Year 12 students a comfy cuddle rug which as you can see from the photo's was really appreciated. It is often cold studying, so having their own cuddle rug at school was "just perfect" – one student said.

The Year 12 coordinator, Deaglan Harney talked to the students about the importance of looking after your mates and asking the question – Are you OK? (R U OK?) This simple question could be a lifeline for a mate who is struggling.

Students gathered into groups of five and could talk more freely with their friends about how they are coping.

Trish Bulluss, Wellbeing Assistant Principal also addressed the group and amplified the importance of looking after each other, in particular, leading up to exams and final assessments.



## Reptile Encounters

As part of our inquiry unit on Australian reptiles, students in the F-2 cohort were lucky enough to get up close and personal with some scaly friends. Students were very keen to touch and hold the various animals which included an Olive Tree Python, Freshwater Crocodile, Long Necked Turtle and a Stumpy Tale Lizard. Teachers were extremely proud of the behaviour and turn taking skills that students demonstrated during the visit.





## VCE Health and Human Development - Kindergarten Visit

As part of the Unit 2 coursework for Health and Human Development the Year 11 students visited the Kids First Kindergarten here at Seymour College. The students have been looking at the human lifespan, with a particular focus on the Early Childhood stage. We have been learning about Physical, Social, Intellectual and Emotional development and the common changes that occur from ages 2 – 6 years. The students had the opportunity to interact with the kindergarten children, playing games, reading books, building blocks and drawing. They also observed the children in the outside environment, climbing, running, digging in the sandpit, using the slides and dancing. The VCE students then had to link their observations to their course work, here are some of the comments that were made during our discussion.



*"The kids were running, jumping on logs, climbing and showing me how fast they could run. This was a good example of gross motor skill development, using the larger muscle groups."*

*"The kids had really good imagination, they made up funny games, created role plays and pretended to make food and set up a shop. Imagination is a part of creative and pretend play and helps to improve intellectual development"*

*"One child was able to count to 20, could identify letters on the wall and knew her ABC song. This showed her intellectual development"*

*"Using the lego, painting, drawing and using scissors all use smaller muscle groups, so these are all examples of fine motor skill activities"*

*"I observed most children taking turns, sharing toys and they were keen to interact with us. These are the beginning of social skills and part of their social development"*

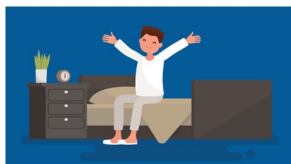
It was a great learning experience for our VCE students, particularly for our students who are thinking about a career in Early Childhood or Education. We would like to thank Tiffany and the Kids First team for allowing the visit to take place.

**Abby Misiti - VCE HHD Teacher**



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support  
Current Focus

I come to school rested  
and ready to learn



Dear Families,

Kelly club have some vacant spots for the school holiday program. On Wednesday the 21st and Wednesday 28th September there will be a jumping castle on site in the Junior Games Hall, a great fun and exciting day. Please contact Rosemarie Farrugia Kelly Club Seymour Co-ordinator on 0403473390 or 0411934329 to organise the possibility of your child/children enjoying the day.



Please name your children's jumpers and jackets so we can return them if they are lost. We have lots of items in our lost property box without names.

Spare time?  
Looking for  
casual work?

KADD Cleaning are seeking casual cleaners to assist with cleaning our school. Flexible hours and days can be negotiated to suit. Please call David Freeburn on 0491311000 or Linda Williams on 0357711305.



# Footy Day



This Friday is our Footy Pie Day and we are encouraging all students to wear their favourite footy colours. It can be their local footy teams colours, AFL, NRL or even come as an umpire!! Our judging team will be going around classrooms on Friday to seek out the best dressed!! There are prizes galore to win and students college wide are invited to participate!! There are even prizes for our teachers who come in their footy gear!! Winners from the Primary and Inclusive Education sections will be announced at Assembly on Friday afternoon. Secondary school winners will be notified during the day.



Let's get that footy gear out and have fun on Friday!!

## 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





# Defence School Mentor News

Kelly Quigg - Defence School Mentor

My contact hours are Tuesday & Thursday 08:30 -16:30 or contact me via the following: PH- 5771 1300

Email: Kelly.quigg@education.vic.gov.au

## Please respond via email posting order...

Please let me know if your family is leaving Seymour College.

I can support your children to prepare.



## SEYMOUR COLLEGE POPPY PROJECT 2022



Please support our **Poppy** project. The aim this year is to get 200 poppies for a display for Remembrance Day. If we can meet our goal, we would like to continue our **Poppy** Project next year, and as part of a wellbeing project create a blanket with the **poppies** and raffle it. Proceeds would go to our local RSL & Vietnam veterans. For more information, please email or call Kelly.

## FAREWELL.....

This week we farewell Koby & Skylar Leak who have been with the college for two years. We wish their family well on their posting and new adventures.

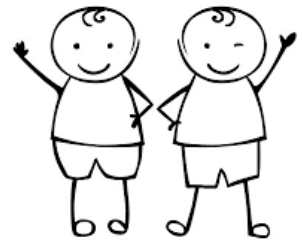


Another successful  
Parents and Friends  
fundraiser



Chase Woods & Alby Grayson are enjoying the newly installed "Buddy Seat" funded by Gadolphin.

The seat is near the playground in the primary yard so students can take a seat and wait for their buddy to arrive.



# Transition Day

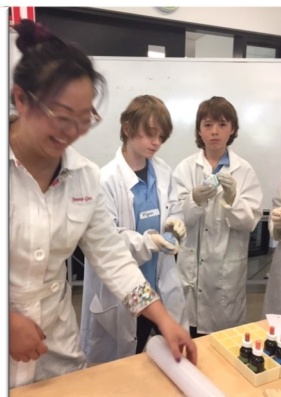
Our Seymour College Year 6 students have been enjoying a range of Transition activities in the Secondary Sector.

So far they have enjoyed woodwork with Mr Griffiths and Science with Ms Gao. Our new Wellbeing Officer Kirsty Roberts has also run sessions on wonders, worries and looking after your wellbeing when you start in Year 7.

What a great way to get used to their 2023 start in the Secondary area.



**Trish Bulluss - Assistant Principal**



## Farewell message from Mrs Bulluss

I would like to say farewell to the students, staff and families of Seymour College.

During term 4 I will be taking some Long Service Leave and then I will be retiring at the start of 2023.

I would like to extend my thanks and future best wishes to the Seymour College community.

Kind Regards,  
Trish Bulluss



# Careers

## Careers Quick Meet

On Tuesday this week, Seymour College hosted a Careers Quick Meet event. Based on a speed dating model and organised by the CRLLEN, students in Years 9 and 10 were placed into a small group and had a three to four minute meeting with one of 15 career industry exhibitors. When the bell rang, they moved to the next exhibit. The industries represented included emergency services, government departments (DELWP), local retailers, larger corporations such as Qantas and our industry partner, Ventia.



## Training Interviews

Last Tuesday in partnership with the CRLLEN and Seymour Rotary, our Year 10 students participated in training interviews. While the opportunity was designed to prepare students for future job interviews, it

was also an opportunity for them to meet local businesses and retailers to gain an understanding about how to enter part time and full time employment. In the afternoon, the training interviews were conducted by the Ventia Corporation with our VCAL students in a more formal context. The feedback from Ventia recruiters was very positive and potential employment opportunities for some students are being explored.



**Jeremy Linton - Careers Coordinator**



# Tokens

