



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the last issue of the newsletter for Term 1, 2023. My thanks to staff and students for their contributions to our newsletters – they have been a great source of information and celebration of learning across the college and within our wider community.

Student-led conferences were held this week and it was wonderful to observe the interactions of students, parents and staff around student learning and future goals.

We take great pride in the number of extra-curricula activities that we offer for our students. This is a snapshot of what occurred in the past fortnight: Barista Course, Responsible Dog Ownership presentation, Anglesea Surf Camp, Leaders in the Making, Formula One Grand Prix, Alexander McQueen exhibition, Wacky Splash Play, Legacy 91, senior study nights and our very colourful Easter Bonnet Parade.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated casual relief teachers who have supported our students during the past term. Their work has been greatly appreciated and we are fortunate to retain some of these relief teachers into next term.

Term 2 will start on April 26th for students, with staff returning on April 24 to undertake a curriculum planning day.

I wish all families a happy and safe holiday period.

Gail Hardman - Executive Principal

Easter Bonnet Winners



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 6 April

Last Day Term 1
2.30pm Finish

Monday 24 April

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 25 April

Anzac Day
Public Holiday

Wednesday 26 April

First Day Term 2

Tuesday 2 May

Seymour College
Open Day

Thursday 1 June

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 15 June

GAT

Monday 19 June

Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 18 August

Curriculum Day

Thursday 14 September

Student Led Conferences

Monday 6 November

Assessment & Reporting

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Funrun 2023



Mia sets her sights on the State Championships

Mia Shortt will be representing Seymour College over the school holidays from 14th to 19th April in the 2023 PETstock Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships .

Mia has been able to progress through a number of levels to attain her place to represent the school at the state championships, and along with Quinta "Cavalli Park Quintabell", they will be competing in the Novice Dressage, 105cm Combined Training and the 100cm Show jumping.

Although this is not Mia's first state championships, it will be Quinta's first and the first time competing together at this level . The competition will be held over five days in Werribee where the top two competitors will be selected to move onto the Nationals.

We wish Mia and Quinta all the best in the competition and thank her for representing our school in this event!! Additionally, the school would like to show it's appreciation to Outback Workwear Seymour for providing Mia with the school logos.



Senior School

The GAT will be held on Thursday 15th June 2023 for all students in year 12 and those students undertaking a 3-4 sequence.

For more information please see the link below.

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/vce-assessment/general-achievement-test/Pages/GATOverview.aspx>

MasterChef Challenge

On Friday 24th March 9A participated in a MasterChef cooking challenge. The students decided on their own menus, budgeted and purchased their own ingredients, prepared and cooked their meals and even cleaned up after themselves (mostly). Everyone who participated was able to produce a meal to be judged and also for themselves to eat. They came up with some amazingly tasty dishes and presented them magnificently! These students successfully completed the challenge and enjoyed something a little different than their regular classroom activities, they all had lots of fun and learnt some great skills for the future! Many thanks to John Leary for his ongoing support of these students, and Well Done 9A!

Bethany Scott - Secondary Teacher

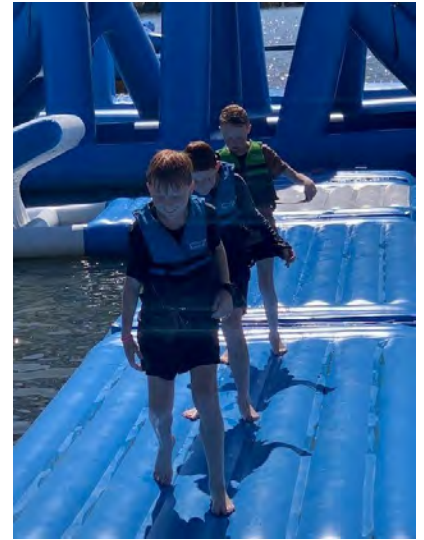


TERM DATES 2023

TERM 1	30th January - 6th April
TERM 2	24th April - 23rd June
TERM 3	10th July - 15th September
TERM 4	2nd October - 20th December

VM and Year 7 'Wacky Water Park' excursion

Throughout the term the VM students have worked with the Year 7s to help with their transition to secondary school. On Monday 3rd March we combined and went to the Wacky Water Park in Nagambie to continue to develop their leadership skills as well as team bonding. The students got to know each other and had fun together. The VM students helped the Year 7s on the Water Park and the park staff were so impressed with how we interacted and respected each other and they that the park extended our time. We had some very exhausted but happy students on the way back to school, and are looking forward to more activities together next term.



Barista Course

The Year 12 VM students are working towards opening a coffee delivery business in Term 2 for staff, so will be practicing the skills it takes to run a successful business. On Friday 24th March, the students travelled to the city to complete their Barista course. The students learnt about the coffee machines, how to make a variety of coffees, the do's and don'ts of coffee making and attempted coffee art. They did a fantastic job - much better than the staff - and all passed with flying colours.



Grand Prix



On Friday 31st March, all the VM students attended the Grand Prix along with 130,000 other people so they definitely experienced the crowds. The students studying road safety were able to decipher the differences between F1 and normal road users. They were also able to see the intricacies of putting on such an event and got some tips for when they do their own, as well as different career options available to them.

Lisa Macheras & Leanne Hayek – VM Teachers

Grade 5/6 News



Grade 5/6 students used 'Easter Craft' as our excuse to lead and teach some grade 1/2 students how to make paper towel bunnies. Bailey, Sienna, Kayla A. and Phoebe demonstrated how to roll and tie the bunnies using an elastic band and add detail using a variety of materials including pink paint, red texta and black fine liner. It was an excellent showcase of patience and persistence, and we thank Mrs Collins for trusting us with her very capable students.



Mrs Doyle - 5/6 Teacher



BELL TIMES 2023 (Primary, Secondary & Inclusive Ed)

Period 1	9.00 - 10:00
Period 2	10:00 - 11:00
Break 1 - Recess	11:00 - 11.30
Period 3	11:30 - 12:30
Period 4	12:30 - 1:30
Break 2 - Lunch	1:30 - 2:10
Period 5	2:10 - 3:10

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2023

Monday 24th April	Curriculum Day
Thursday 1st June	Pupil Free Day
Friday 18th August	Curriculum Day
Monday 6th November	Assessment and Reporting

Please name your children's jumpers and jackets so we can return them if they are lost.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Monday 19th June	3:30 - 4:50
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STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Tuesday 4th April	11:00 - 6:00
Thursday 14th September	11:00 - 6:00

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.



Defence School Mentor News

Kelly Quigg- Defence School Mentor

Kelly.quigg@education.vic.gov.au

PH: 035771 1300

Mon & Thu 8:30 – 16:30 – Tue 8:30- 12:00

Today we were lucky enough to be amongst 4,000 school students from all over Victoria for Legacy's 91st Anzac commemoration.



Careers

Matthew Short commenced work placement with Anthony Tennant Plumbing at the start of the 2023 school year. He sourced this opportunity off his own accord. Matthew's wish is to become a plumber and by displaying a sound work ethic and a strong interest in the industry, Matt has now been able to transition this work placement into a school based apprenticeship. Matthew will continue to work one day per week, with the possibility of this increasing to two days in the short term. He will continue to attend Seymour College on the remaining three days of the week and attend GOTAFE in Shepparton for trade school in week block's when required.

Great job Matt, good luck.

Below - Matthew Short with employer Anthony Tennant



Every child is different.
So is every foster carer.



BERRY STREET

A little of your time can change an entire life.

In Victoria, the number of children who cannot live safely at home has risen every year over the last 10 years. Children in care have experienced trauma — they need a safe, nurturing home environment to help them recover.

If you are over 21 and have a spare bedroom, we would love to hear from you. As a foster carer, you could make a huge difference to a child or young person in need.

For more information please contact Janene
T: (03) 5822 8100 or E: hume fostercare@berrystreet.org.au

Health Centre

COVID-19 update from the latest Operational Guidelines.

Rapid antigen testing

It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students and staff:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild.
- If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19.
- If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.



The Department of Health recommends that all Victorians should report their positive RAT result to the Department of Health [online](#), or by calling 1800 675 398.

Management of confirmed cases at school

- Students and staff who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved.

Household contacts are required to test negative using a rapid antigen test if they are attending or working at our school.

Do not visit hospitals or care facilities.

- Please report any positive test result to our school nurses.
Also report any positive test result through the Department of Health system ([Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](#)) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398.

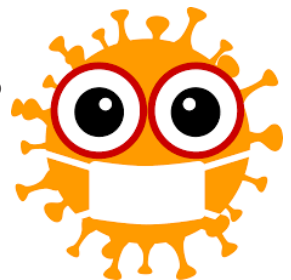
Face masks

Seymour College has a large range of mask options. Students have access to these masks via the General Office, Health Centre, or their classroom teacher.

[Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask will be supported to do so, and Seymour College will continue to make face masks available for staff, students, and visitors.](#)

Additionally, the Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19 for at least 7 days after a positive test when they need to leave home.

Current advice from the Victorian government is available at [Face masks](#).



Vaccinations

Staff and students are strongly recommended to ensure they keep up-to-date with all recommended and available COVID-19 vaccinations as vaccinations are the best way to protect individuals, families, and school communities from the severe effects of COVID-19 and reduce the spread of the virus. <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine>

Please call the school nurses if you have any queries or concerns.

More information can be found by following this link: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/im-a-covid-case-contact>

Online Parenting Course



[Online program, research-backed | Positive parenting strategies | Triple P](#)

Be a positive parent and make the most of each moment with proven strategies – Triple P Online

www.triplep-parenting.net.au

Triple P provides families with the opportunity to build stronger relationships with their children by providing online courses relevant to parenting children and young people.

Triple P now provides an online parenting course that can be accessed by your mobile phone and other devices, and can be done when you have the time.

Here is a little more information about the differences Triple P can make:

[Why Triple P Online can make all the difference](#)

Stay calm under pressure. Strengthen your relationship, fix issues before they become real problems, and positively influence your child's skills and development. This full toolkit of tips and ideas really works!

- 17 effective strategies – the world's first proven-to-work online parenting program
- You choose what works for you - adapt to suit your family, your values
- Be confident about handling each new age, stage and situation (and support your child now and in the years to come)
- Do it on your phone, computer, or tablet
- Videos and fun interactive learning
- Earn badges, track your progress and print your certificate

Having trouble with the internet or your phone - Our Place, located with Seymour College has two computers connected to the internet that families are able to access during business hours.

If you would like any further information, check out the Triple P website <https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/vic-en/free-parenting-courses/triple-p-online-under-12/> or contact the Wellbeing Team at Seymour College.

Kirsty Roberts - Student Wellbeing

**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.

Kelly Club Seymour, Easter Holiday Program 2023.
OPEN TO SEYMOUR COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY
To book a place call Rose on 0411 934 329.

Monday 10th April	Tuesday 11th April	Wednesday 12th April	Thursday 13th April	Friday 14th April
EASTER MONDAY.	Breakfast upon arrival.	Please arrive at 8am sharp	Breakfast upon arrival.	Breakfast upon arrival.
No Service	Disco and Pizza 	Movie day!  Super Mario	Face painting and PJ Day 	Pedal Karts 
No Service	Pizza Lunch supplied and outdoor play Remember a drink bottle	McDonalds For Lunch.	BYO Lunch and outdoor play Remember a drink bottle	BYO Lunch outdoor play Remember a drink bottle
Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th	Wednesday 19th	Thursday 20th	Friday 21st
Puppeteer - Jason Triggs	Soccer Clinic with Duncan	Kerrisdale Railway Museum	Wacky Dress Day	Dazzling Dan the Magic Man
 BYO Lunch Onsite fun	 Lunch Supplied Onsite fun	 Lunch Supplied Sausage sizzle	 BYO Lunch	 BYO lunch
Remember a drink bottle	Remember a drink bottle	Remember a drink bottle	Remember a drink bottle	Remember a drink bottle



Seymour
College

OPEN DAY

2ND MAY 2023

Tours: Every 15 minutes from 4 to 5pm

Information Session 5:30 to 6pm

In Person @ Seymour College Library

Online at @ tinyurl.com/seyinfontight

Welcome from Student Leaders

Acknowledgement of Country

A student's journey - Prep to Year 12

Principal's Welcome

Foundation / Year 7 / Inclusive Ed / Pathways Info Sessions



LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

APRIL 2023

School Holiday Events April

Children and families welcome!

- **Clay Creations, Tuesday 11 April, 2pm - 3.30pm**
Wallan Library
- **Giant Bubble Party, Wednesday 12 April, 2pm - 3.30pm**
Seymour Library
- **Rock Painting, Thursday 13 April, 2pm - 3.30pm**
Beveridge Micro Library, Greater Beveridge Community Centre
- **Lego Masters, Friday 14 April, 2pm - 3.30pm**
Broadford Library
- **Food and Fairies Gardening Workshop, Monday 17 April, 10.30am - 11.30am**
Kilmore Library
- **Lego Masters, Friday 21 April, 2pm - 3.30pm**
Wallan Library

All events as part of Love Your Library Month

Scan QR code for all April Love Your Library events, including school holiday events listed above

For more event info visit mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/events



Register now and don't miss out!





JOIN THE FUN!

SEYMOUR Auskick SEASON LAUNCH

Friday the 14th of April 2023

4pm-5pm

Contact - Bailey Bell

Email address: bailey.bell@afl.com.au

Register below scanning the QR code
or through the link:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/b6e6dd>





Young Carers Support Program

A peer support program
for young people with
caring hearts.

Over 3 x 1.5 hour sessions, come to
Horses for Hope and learn how to work
with horses who need a little extra care,
whilst connecting and sharing with
other young people in caring roles on a
25 acre farm in Mooroopna North.
Funded places available.



DATES: APRIL 13, 18 & 20
TIME: 3:15 - 4:45PM

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER
CONTACT MOLLY STEPHENS
0477 741 926
MSTEPHENS@FAMILYCARE.NET.AU

WWW.HORSESFORHOPE.ORG.AU





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12-17years old?**

**Looking for
something
to do?**

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and meet others from the
area**



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(03) 5831 2390
0408 507 887

Wednesdays weekly 3.45pm – 5.45pm

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