

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was great to see Education Week well supported here at Seymour College this week! The theme this year was 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', which celebrates physical activity, hands-on learning and student voice in education. There were many hands-on learning activities happening on Wednesday afternoon as our Inclusive and Primary students participated in origami, making slime, problem solving and making chocolate croissants.

Secondary students have had a busy fortnight with several events such as a Business Management excursion to a local business, Race Goulburn Agri-Tech Road Show, a visit to La Trobe University, and the VM students attended a team building camp in Torquay.

An excellent example of student voice was the presentation to school council by our junior college captains, Evie Tarran and Isla Fawcett, about the upcoming Dress Like a Pirate Day. This is an annual national day of dressing up to raise awareness for childhood brain cancer research. On Friday 19th May, primary students will be participating in this activity and students can make a gold coin donation.

The most important part of Education Week is that it celebrates and puts a spotlight on the central importance of schools and education in our community. Schools sit at the heart of communities and through educating our children we build and strengthen our communities.

I look forward to meeting parents and carers at a Meet and Greet session on Friday 26th May from 8:45am to 9:15am in the Family and Children's Centre.

Debbie Oliver - Principal



MEET AND GREET

DEBBIE OLIVER
Seymour College Principal

Come and meet our new Principal Debbie for a cuppa and a chat!

Friday 26th May 2023
8:45 to 9:15am

Our Place Family & Children's Centre
29 Stewart Street Seymour



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 22 May
Year 10 Immunisations

Thursday 1 June
Pupil Free Day

Monday 12 June
Kings Birthday
Public Holiday

Thursday 15 June
GAT

Monday 19 June
Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 18 August
Curriculum Day
Pupil Free

Thursday 14 September
Student Led Conferences

Monday 6 November
Assessment & Reporting
Pupil Free

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

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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

With the colder weather upon us we've got our Hot Chocolate program up and running. The kids can come in, have a hot chocolate and biscuit and pick from many board games and books available.

It's a great way to make connections with other students.



AUSTRALIAN VETERANS'
CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

AVCAT SCHOLARSHIPS

Tertiary scholarships for children and grandchildren of
Australian ex-serving veterans

\$4000–\$6000 a year, for 3 years

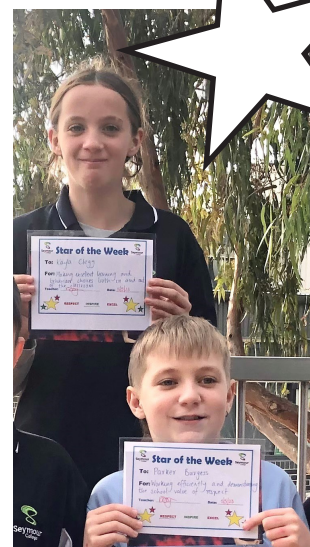
Eligibility includes Australian residency, child or grandchild of an Australian ex-serving veteran, full-time tertiary student in 2024 enrolled in a minimum one-year course at uni, TAFE or RTO and in receipt of, or eligible to receive, a means-tested Commonwealth educational benefit - Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY, or Veterans' Children Education Scheme (VCES)

Applications open Vietnam Veterans' Day
18 August 2023

And close midnight 31 October 2023

Apply online at
avcat.org.au

Stars of the Week



Bike Shed

If your child brings a bike/scooter to school it is recommended that they also bring a lock to lockup their bike/scooter as the school cannot be responsible for bikes/scooters left in the bike shed after it is unlocked at the end of the day.



Grade 3/4 News

3/4C Shenanigans

It has been a very busy couple of weeks in 3/4C. We participated in AFL clinics, learning and developing footy skills; I won't be surprised if we have some future AFL stars amongst our class!

We have been practicing our persuasive writing with some very good arguments being made for and against issues that concern the students.

We also participated in the Cross Country with some students heading off to the District finals, thankfully the rain held off and a great day was had by all.

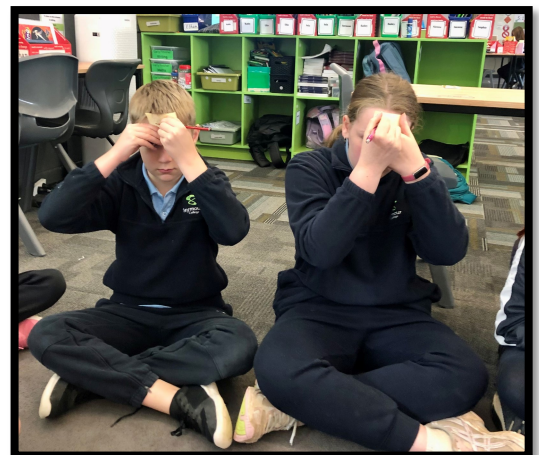
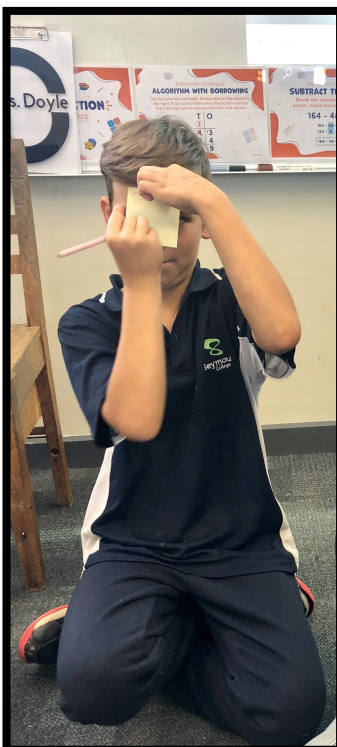
Mrs Wilson - Grade 3-4 Teacher



Grade 5/6 News

Students in grade 5/6B engaged in a brain break between the reading and writing session today. The brief was to place a sticky note on your forehead and write your name and favourite animal on it without looking. The students got a laugh out of seeing each others attempts which set up a positive learning environment and mindset.

Mrs. Doyle - 5/6B Teacher



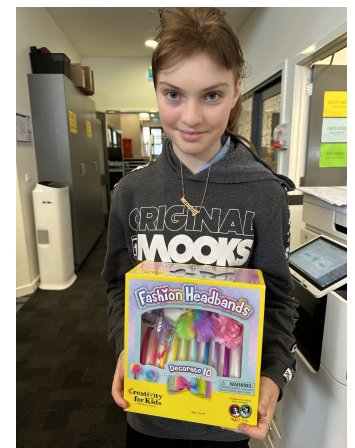
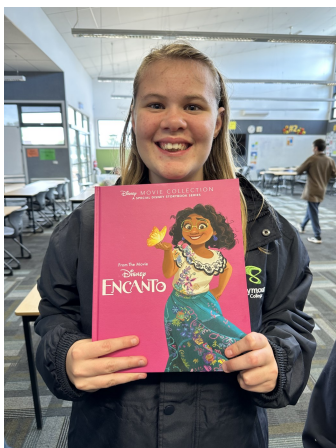
AFL Footy Training Day



Round Robin & Cross Country



Tokens



PIRATE DAY

on **Friday 19th May.**

Pirate Day is an annual national day of dressing up to raise awareness for childhood brain cancer research.

A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

Suggestions for dressing up: eye patch, black and white striped top, bandana, white top and black pants, hats.

Please keep pirate weapons at home.

If your child chooses to not wear a pirate costume, they must come in full uniform.



Careers

Last week students in year 11 VCE were given the opportunity to attend the Careers Day Out at DECA in Shepparton. This event is now in its 25th year and is the largest education, training, and employment expo in Northern Victoria. This excursion was an opportunity for students to engage and interact with representatives from a range of industries while attending a workshops, demos and talks. Exhibitors included representatives from Hospitality, Health, Arts and Creative fields, Fitness and Wellness, Hair & Beauty, Building and Construction, Emergency Services, TAFEs and Universities and much more.

To get the most out of the event, students were encouraged to adopt a curious and flexible approach to their career journey. The careers expo engagement was designed to give students the opportunity to consider the main occupational pathways or industries which most interested them, what skills and strengths they could bring to jobs in these fields and what skills and knowledge they will need to develop.

Felicity Wilmot - Careers Officer



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>

Reduced public transport fares for regional Victoria

On Friday 31 March 2023, the Department of Transport and Planning introduced lower regional public transport fares across Victoria, including on V/Line, local trains, buses and trams.

This means that weekday travel is capped at a daily fare of \$9.20 or \$4.60 for concession. For shorter regional trips, fares cost less. The daily fare to travel on Victoria's regional network on weekends and public holidays is now capped at \$6.70 or \$3.35 for concession. For more information, refer to the Public Transport Victoria website.

Careers Continued



Pictured above – Cameron Daykin with Maintenance Planner Chris

Mandalay Resources is a mining organisation located at Costerfield, some ten kilometres from Heathcote where Gold and Antimony is extracted. Cameron Daykin is a Year 10 student who lives nearby and whose career passion is to work and repair big heavy equipment and machinery. He visited the workplace late 2022 and arranged to do some work placement but had to wait until he turned 16 years of age in late January 2023. After extremely positive feedback from his week's work, he was asked to sit a formal interview with the employer to secure a possible position as a school based apprentice. Nothing was every too difficult or a barrier for Cameron as he simply knew what he wanted to do. He approached each task with enthusiasm and a smile. From his work placement and subsequent interview he was offered a school based apprenticeship in Cert III Mobile Plant Technology. Cameron will work each Wednesday & Thursday at Mandalay and attend at Bendigo TAFE to complete his trade school requirements.

Rick Hager - Head Start Co-Ordinator

Sarah Ribaux has commenced a school based Cert III in Early Childhood Education & Care traineeship at Guthrie Street in Shepparton. This is a fantastic outcome.

An employer had committed to employing Sarah as a school based at the start of 2023 but then reneged on their promise at the last minute. Sarah simply brushed off this devastating news and immediately secured work at Guthrie Street Childcare in Shepparton where her sister is employed and where she had completed some work placement previously as part of her VET Childcare studies.

A conversation developed with Centre Manager, Libby Owers and soon thereafter a commitment was given by Guthrie St, to employ Sarah as a school based trainee.

Sarah will continue to work at Guthrie St two (2) days a week and continue to hopefully complete her Cert III studies by the end of 2023

Rick Hager - Head Start Co-Ordinator



Pictured above – Sarah Ribaux with Centre Manager Libby Owers

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

BELL TIMES 2023

(Primary, Secondary & Inclusive Ed)

Period 1	9.00 - 10:00
Period 2	10:03 - 11:03
Break 1 - Recess	11:03 - 11.33
Period 3	11:33 - 12:33
Period 4	12:36 - 1:36
Break 2 - Lunch	1:36 - 2:10
Period 5	2:10 - 3:10

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.

CALEB'S FAMILY FUN DAY

PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT AND HELP CALEB AND HIS FAMILY RAISE THE MONEY TO BUY A DISABILITY FRIENDLY CAR.



SUNDAY 28TH MAY 2023
11AM - 3PM
 @ LONGWOOD FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB,
 DOWN ST LONGWOOD.

TICKETS ONLY \$10
 ADULTS & \$5 FOR
 KIDS!



SCAN HERE TO FIND OUT MORE.
 T'S & C'S APPLY

NEED HELP GETTING YOUR P's?

Log your minimum 120 hours of driving experience with the help of a volunteer supervising driver.

The TAC L2P program helps young learner drivers with no access to a supervising driver or vehicle to attain 120 hours of experience on the road plus up to seven FREE lessons with a professional driving instructor.

The program is open to young people who:

- are aged 16 to 20 years
- hold a current learner permit
- have no or limited access to a car or a supervising driver

live in the City of Greater Shepparton and Shires of Strathbogie, Moira and Mitchell

To apply, email the Berry Street – TAC L2P Program at L2PHume@berrystreet.org.au



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: humefostercare@berrystreet.org.au

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.



Active Inclusion Sport Days Come and Try Sessions

Every Monday from 15 May to Monday 26 June 2023

**Seymour Sports and Aquatic Centre
Pollard St, Seymour VIC 3660**

Come along to Seymour Sports and Aquatic Centre to try lots of different sports and find out what you like! This is a FREE inclusive sporting event.

For people with disabilities – Maximum 25 people per session – please register

Monday 15 May	WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL	<u>Under 18</u> 2pm – 3pm	<u>All Ages</u> 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Monday 22 May	WHEELCHAIR RUGBY	<u>Under 18</u> 2pm – 3pm	<u>All Ages</u> 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Monday 29 May	AFL	<u>Under 18</u> 2pm – 3pm	<u>All Ages</u> 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Monday 5 June	SOCCER	<u>Under 18</u> 2pm – 3pm	<u>All Ages</u> 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Monday 19 June	SOCCER	<u>Under 18</u> 2pm – 3pm	<u>All Ages</u> 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Monday 26 June	SKATEBOARDING	<u>Under 18</u> 2pm – 3pm	<u>All Ages</u> 3:30pm – 4:30pm
<i>*Green Shed Kings Park Seymour</i>			



This is a COVID-safe, all-ages, alcohol-free event. We aim to make this event accessible and inclusive to all of the community. If you would like to attend this event and have specific access needs, please contact Wendy Kelly (details below).

wendyk@nexusprimaryhealth.org.au

0488 541 439

Scan the QR code to register



Give life. Give blood in Seymour.

Woolworths Seymour Car Park
29 May to 2 June



Monday 29 May
Tuesday 30 May
Wednesday 31 May
Thursday 1 June
Friday 2 June

2.45 pm – 6 pm
12.30 pm – 7.30 pm
1 pm – 7.30 pm
9.30 am – 4.30 pm
7.45 am – 11.30 am