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2021 College Theme

***“Let our words and actions
be shining lights for others”***



St Mary's College Seymour is a Child Safe School. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

Newsletter No.14

Term 2

10 June 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

College Nurse Announcement

After interviews on Wednesday 11th June I am pleased to announce on behalf of the interview panel (Karen Richards Registered Nurse: Clinical and Management; Kelda Gilmore: Deputy Chairperson College Advisory Board & GoTAFE Education Manager; Genevieve Gordon: Deputy Principal Operations and Wayne Smith; Principal & Chair) that **Mrs Brooke Wessels** has accepted the Health Clinician (College Nurse) position at St Mary's College.

Brooke is currently the Local Area Coordinator for Intereach Partners Seymour and has nursing experience in Theatre; Anaesthetics; Emergency and Outpatients; Acute and Aged Care; Personal Care; Childcare Education and has a Diploma of Nursing (Advanced Skills) qualification and is currently studying a Diploma of Community Service.

The College Nurse is a new position at St Mary's College providing the delivery of quality care for first aid, chronic illness management and related administrative practices. The role will continue positive relationships with students, colleagues, parents and community members through contributing to the health care and wellbeing of our students.

Brooke will join the College Wellbeing team and link with the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Nurses Network. I congratulate Brooke and welcome her to our College staff. Brooke will begin her new position at the beginning of Term Three.

Mr Keating

Mr Keating is now on leave to prepare for surgery. Post-surgery he will require up to four months of recovery before returning to St Mary's. Typical of Mr Keating's dedication to the teaching profession and to his students is that he feels he is letting his students down. Mr Keating has been reassured that measures will be put in place for his classes and the most important matter at present is his medical care and recovery. Parents and students of Mr Keating's classes will be updates on changes to classes.

Covid -19 Restrictions Update

Catholic Education Victoria has released updated guidelines for all Victorian Catholic schools. Please phone or email the College Office office@smseymour.catholic.edu.au if you have any queries.

Key Actions	All Victorian Catholic schools
Face masks	Secondary students and all staff wear a mask indoors. Teachers and Learning Support Officers are not required to wear a mask when teaching and supporting students. Face Masks are mandatory for school staff and students (12 years and older) when travelling to and from school.
Non-essential visitors	Essential Visits Only Including: Health and wellbeing inclusion visits. Report directly to the Office on arrival and wear a mask if social distancing is not possible.
Assemblies	Staff and students only.
Excursions Incursions Tours	None

Rosie was out and about with Beau and friends



If you are travelling over the Queen's Birthday Weekend no matter how far or wide go gently on the roads.

May our actions and words be shining lights for others.

Wayne Smith

Principal, St Mary's College Seymour

DipEd (ACU) DipREd (ACU) BEd (ACU) GradCertEdAdmin (Edith Cowan)

GradDipREd (ACU) MEdAdmin (Charles Sturt) MTheoSudies (BBITAITE)



Literacy & Numeracy Assistance



At St Mary's College we are passionate about our students being partners with their teachers in their learning journeys. This is why we offer Numeracy and Literacy Assistance every Thursday afternoon during Term time.

If your child finds that their Maths, English, Humanities or Science homework takes them longer than it should or if they are experiencing specific challenges in numeracy or literacy, we encourage you to take advantage of the generous (and free) offer of our secondary teachers' time and expertise to assist your child to be more confident and self-directed in their own learning.

While we are aware that there are transport and pick-up difficulties that can present a challenge for many working parents, we hope that you can resolve these in order to enable your child to benefit from this opportunity that the College offers.

The College Library is also open during most lunchtimes for students who would like help to complete outstanding work.

We welcome any questions you may have about the Numeracy and Literacy Assistance for students in Secondary (Years 7-10) on Thursdays 3.30-4.30.

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Business Manager



Fees and Levies

Curriculum Levies (Primary and Secondary) are now overdue. These levies were due on 1 June. Please arrange for payments to be made as soon as possible using our updated bank details. Further reminders will be sent to families over the coming weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Stacia Read, Business Assistant at the College if you need to discuss any fee related matters.

If you have not been receiving your statement or require another copy, please contact the College. Fee statements are issued following the end of each calendar month.

The balance of 2020 CSEF payments (where not applied last year due to COVID-19), 2021 CSEF payments and Conveyance Allowance payments will be applied to fee accounts during June. These deductions will show on applicable June fee statements that will be issued and emailed in early July.

College Bank Details - Important Update

As previously advised, the College's bank account details have changed. Please ensure you check any saved bank details you have set-up for College payments and update where required.

The College bank details are now:

Account Name: St Mary's College General Account
BSB: 083 347
Account No: 839 989 790

These details are also provided on the fee statements, as well as in the College Fee Information package which is located on the College website. The College Fee Information package for 2021 was emailed to families in November 2020.

Please ensure you quote your family account number, identified on the fee statement, and your surname as the reference when making any payments.

The previous bank account (NAB) is no longer active. You may incur charges from your bank if you attempt to make payments to our old bank account.

Those with direct debit in place, set up via the College, do not need to take any action.

Mrs Felicity Melville

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Office Manager



Attendance - It is important to advise the College Office if your child will be absent from school, late to school or leaving early. Parents are able to add a Parent Notified Absence, with the following being options; All Day, Leaving Early, Arriving Late and Partial. The notification is then available for both teaching and office staff and will save parents time in particular when picking up to go to appointments.

Note: Students **must** still sign in/out at the office when arriving late or leaving early.

Verification Reports

Last week we sent out correspondence in relation to Verification Reports. The Reports were sent home with students this week. It is important for the College to maintain correct information. If there is information to be updated, medical information and contact details can be updated via Operoo, All other details can be noted on the form and returned to the College with your child. If you don't have an Operoo account set up please contact the office for assistance.

Contacting the Office

We will be trialling changes to our telephone menu to include the following selections; Absentees, Enrolments, Accounts, Primary and Secondary Pastoral Coordinators and the Deputy Principal Operations. Please continue to contact your classroom teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns regarding your child.

Mrs Gail Strahan

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Careers and Pathways

Year 10 Work Experience is fast approaching - **21-25 June 2021**

During this term, I have been meeting with Year 10 students individually to discuss and plan how to secure a Work Experience placement. Most students now have a placement secured and others are finding it very difficult to make initial contact with employers/businesses to request a placement.

If your child still hasn't discussed Work Experience with you, please bring it up and check to see if they require any extra support to find a suitable employer or with making contact etc. [Click here for more Work Experience information](#)

All documents are now overdue, so please encourage your child if they are having difficulty making contact with an employer or securing a suitable workplace, to make a time to meet with me **ASAP**

Bookings can be made via this link <https://careers.smseymour.catholic.edu.au/appointment-booking>

I'm always here to help in any way I can, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



Mrs Tanya Oakley

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Defence School Mentor



Defence Community Hub Defence Community Hub is an online resource for ADF members and their families to find information on their posting location. It is a Defence Housing Authority, Defence Community Organisation and Defence Families Australia collaboration supporting ADF families throughout their Defence life.

Browse locations throughout Australia at www.defencecommunityhub.org.au



Defence Community Organisation On July 1st Defence Community Organisation (DCO) will have a name change to Defence Member and Family Support (DMFS). The new name reflects their vision but there will be no changes to programs offered to ADF members and their families.

DCO Defence Family Helpline Support, local community information and advice is available for ADF families through the Defence Family Helpline. It operates 24-7 and is staffed by qualified human services professionals including social workers and psychologists. This is the best way to access DCO programs and services offered to help Defence families manage the military way of life.

Phone-1800 624 608 or Email defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au

Mrs Emma Marrinan

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Dates to Remember

Bell Times 2021

Supervision of students begins at 8:30am

Homeroom	8:45 – 8:55
Period 1	8:55 – 9:55
Period 2	9:55 – 10:55
Recess	10:55 – 11:20
Period 3	11:25 – 12:25
Period 4	12:25 – 1:25
Lunch	1:25 – 2:10
Period 5	2:15 – 3:15

Term Dates 2021

Term 2: 19/04 – 25/06

Term 3: 12/07 – 17/09

Term 4: 04/10 – 17/12

Term 2

Week 9 **Mon 14 Jun** **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**

Tue 15-Fri 18 Year 10 Exam Week

Week 10 **Mon 21-Fri 25** **Year 10 Work Experience Week**

Fri Jun 25 **Last Day Term 2**

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Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar

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Mass Times: St Mary's - SAT 6:00pm, SUN 10:00am;
St Joseph's - SUN 8:30am