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2023 College Theme

'THROUGH SERVICE WE RECEIVE'

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

Newsletter No.3

Term 1

10 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The College Opening Mass celebrated the new McAuley and Padua House Banners. College Captains Caleb Baumann & Bella Hargreaves welcomed Fr Ashkar and everyone with an introduction that highlighted what we as a College community embrace as a proud Catholic College in the Mercy tradition.

"Our College theme this year, "Through service we receive", invites us to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in return, receive the satisfaction and joy of helping others. We have also chosen the bible reference from the First Letter of Peter, which tells us to 'use whatever gifts you have received to serve others.' This reminds us to use our talents, given by God, to make these positive changes. As our College prayer says, we should be following Jesus' example on how to treat others with kindness, gentleness and compassion. In service we have the responsibility of listening with the ear of our heart, opening our arms to comfort those who are lost and showing them God's love in our eyes.

As a student body we would like to celebrate this theme throughout the rest of our school year. We know how important it is to live our faith and follow Jesus' example and teachings. Each of us can be Jesus' example! Whether you are a Foundation student or a senior Year 10 student, whether you are a teacher or a parent, each of us can make a difference by how we treat each other. When we reach out to others, using kind actions and words, the light of Jesus within us shines for others to see. No matter who we are, we can all work together to be Jesus' hands by helping, caring, loving and putting our faith into action!

We welcome everyone into our College community, especially our new families and teachers. Let us accept the challenge of the Gospel to love one another and fulfil our College Motto "Protect and Care For Us".

Through Service We Receive is a fitting theme leading into the return of Year 12. Congratulations to the 2023 Student Leaders and may they serve their peers in the spirit of Mercy values.

College Prayer

Lord God

Bless St Mary's College.

Let your life be our example to follow.
Through the gifts we receive from you,
we will love and serve one another
with gentleness and compassion.

Mary Our Mother, pray for us
Catherine McAuley and St Anthony of
Padua, pray for us.

Amen





Putting Faith into Action

Recently, Mrs Moore (Director Wellbeing) and I attended the Seymour St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting. The Society enjoys a close relationship with our local Catholic parish. The core work of the Society is carried out by members and volunteers. These services are funded through donations, fundraising activities and enterprises run by the Society.

Although the Society has a primarily Catholic membership and is based on Catholic spiritual principles, the Society 'provides assistance to whoever seeks it, without judgement or prejudice.' St Vincent de Paul Society is committed to serving people in need in our community. The Seymour St Vincent de Paul Conference send this message to our parent community.

St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) offers support

The Seymour Conference would like to remind the College community that we are here to give a hand up to those who need it. Some families may have been impacted by the October flood or some other family trauma. Our local SVDP Conference is well aware of the financial challenges facing families today. An unexpected change in financial circumstances can impact the whole family.

We are able to assist people with a range of short-term support, including food and some school expenses. Please call in to our assistance Centre at 76B Anzac Avenue on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings, or call us on 5792 4167 to arrange an appointment to discuss your needs. Our volunteers will respect your situation and your confidentiality.

If those days or times are unsuitable to you, or if you would prefer to meet with our volunteers at another time or place, please contact Allison Moore (Director Wellbeing) allison.moore@smseymour.catholic.edu.au to assist with making those alternative arrangements or call us on the above number.

I encourage parents in need of support to contact the Seymour St Vincent de Paul Society directly or Mrs Moore. Vinnies have funds to assist in a variety of ways and any conversations are confidential.

Ms Yardley

Ms Yardley has resigned her Art teaching position at St Mary's and is currently on leave. Alison went above and beyond in her teaching and her passion for Art is well known. We wish Alison all the best for the next stage of her teaching career and thank her for her service to St Mary's.

Stephanie Alexander Garden Scheme and Coles

With the launch of the Coles opening date (5th of April), Coles has nominated St Mary's to be the recipient of a \$3000 grant to support the College Kitchen Garden Program. Mrs Hard is promoting the garden program through our 'Grow and Make' units and include Stephanie Alexander philosophies. St Mary's has applied for a \$25000 grant to build an outdoor learning area near the Garden of Assisi so the garden can be used by classes across the College and where students are learning through an interactive connection from the classroom to the garden. The garden can have a strong wellbeing link attached for our students and staff.

The staff would welcome any green fingered retiree's (grandparents) who would like to assist our teachers with the maintenance and care of the garden. If you are interested, please email office@smseymour.catholic.edu.au or phone the College office to leave your details for contact.

P&F AGM

The P&F held the AGM on Monday evening and the Executive for 2023 has been elected. There was 12 in attendance. Covid has made the situation of P&F's very difficult but at St Mary's, we see it as a time of opportunity.

Congratulations to the 2023 Executive:

President: Megan Cox

Secretary: Elysia Ambrose

Treasurer: Amy O'Brien

Parent Liaison: Stephanie Liddell

Thank you to Brooke Curric the retiring P&F Treasurer for giving her time and service to the College community. The P&F will begin the year with an Easter Raffle to be drawn on Thursday.



Victorian Catholic Education

Kelda Gilmore the Vice Chair of the College Advisory Council has been selected as the Northern Region Representative on the Catholic School Parents Victoria Council (CSPVC). This is a significant achievement to have Kelda represent St Mary's and the region on a state-wide Catholic education body. This opportunity will benefit all families and through information that can be shared for the educational benefits of our students. The link is the latest CSPVC newsletter.

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MACS Acting Executive Director

Dr Edward Simons will have a two hour visit to the College on Friday 24 th March. Dr Simons is the Acting Director of Melbourne Archdiocese of Schools. He will meet the College leaders, be taken on a tour of the facilities and shown the Master Plan before its release.

Lent is a time that asks us all to reflect on how we treat each other and how we take some time for self. We all live in a busy world and our Australian society is known for working hard. Perhaps that is in our DNA, and it is something to be immensely proud of. Yet we all need balance to ensure we have time for self and family.

In recent weeks our **primary and secondary swimmers** have achieved great results in the pool. Our students are always up for the challenge, and we wish them well at every level of competition. Our swimmers commit, train and represent St Mary's with pride. They are excellent examples of what is special about St Mary's!

If you are travelling on country the roads this long weekend, go gently.

Best wishes



Wayne Smith

Principal, St Mary's College Seymour

DipEd (ACU) DipREd (ACU) BEd (ACU) GradCertEdAdmin (Edith Cowan) GradDipREd (ACU) MEdAdmin (Charles Sturt) MTheoStudies (BBITAITE)

Director of Wellbeing



Positive Behaviour for Learning

On our first student free day for the year all staff participated in a Professional Development Day to further enhance their knowledge and practice in Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)




This project involves using an evidence-based, whole-school framework, to promote positive behaviour across the College and foster safe and effective learning environments.

The College school wide positive behaviour for learning routines have been explicitly taught across all year levels in the College Pastoral Care program. A Matrix of expected Behaviours has also been developed and are also being focused on by staff and students.






St Mary's College
Seymour

PBL Matrix

Primary	At all times	In learning spaces	In outdoor spaces	Toilets	Digital	Wider Community
Respect  <i>'We must walk united with our differences'</i> (Pope Francis 2014)	Follow teacher instructions Manage my reactions Speak appropriately Be inclusive of others	Let teachers teach and students learn	Actively care for our environment	Act responsibly and take care of the facilities	Use websites as directed by teachers	Be considerate of people around us
Excellence  <i>'We strive to do ordinary things extraordinarily well'</i> (Catherine McAuley)	Wear correct uniform Be an upstander Move safely Be the best version of myself	Be punctual and ready for learning Challenge myself to continually improve	Follow the game rules and play fairly Attempt to solve problems yourself Socialise in a positive, healthy and safe manner	Use break time to go to the toilet Practice good hygiene	Follow the College ICT Smart Device policy	Promote and protect the reputation of the College
Integrity  <i>'To change the world we must be good to those that can not repay us'</i> (Pope Francis 2014)		Be proud of my own work	Be honest Accept the consequences of my choices	Report anything that makes me feel uncomfortable to the teacher Privacy of others is expected	Be accountable for my online behaviour	Represent the College with pride



Secondary	At all times	In learning spaces	In outdoor spaces	Toilets	Digital	Wider Community
Respect  <i>'We must walk united with our differences'</i> (Pope Francis 2014)	Follow teacher instructions Manage my reactions Speak appropriately Be inclusive of others	Enable everyone's right to learn Be punctual and ready for learning Strive to produce my best work Challenge myself to continually improve	Actively care for our environment Socialise in a positive, healthy and safe manner	Act responsibly and take care of the facilities Use break time to go to the toilet Practice good hygiene	Communicate in a positive manner Consider the content that is accessed and shared Follow the College ICT Smart Device policy	Be considerate of people around us Represent the College with pride
Excellence  <i>'We strive to do ordinary things extraordinarily well'</i> (Catherine McAuley)	Wear correct uniform Call out inappropriate behaviour Move safely	Produce work that is my own	Be honest Accept the consequences of my choices	Report anything that makes me feel uncomfortable to the teacher Privacy of others is expected	Be accountable for my online behaviour	Promote and protect the reputation of the College
Integrity  <i>'To change the world we must be good to those that can not repay us'</i> (Pope Francis 2014)	Be the best version of myself					

Communication

At St Mary's College we strongly value our partnership with parents and encourage clear, frequent and respectful communication.

Due to the duties of teachers both inside and outside of the classroom it is often difficult to directly contact a teacher by phone. Email is the preferred form of initial communication, as this enables staff to access and respond when they are not teaching or engaged in their other duties. Of course, for certain issues it is preferable to communicate more directly via phone: a request for a phone call is most easily made via email, clearly indicating the nature of your enquiry so that the staff member is best prepared to assist you.

College policy is that staff will respond to communication within two school days: we ask parents to please be patient in awaiting timely response.

We thank parents for your understanding and encourage you to contact your child's **Classroom Teacher** if in Primary and **House Mentor** Teacher if in Secondary, directly via email for feedback at any stage.



Parents and guardians can most **easily access a teacher's direct email via PAM**. Simply click on your child's profile picture and select the link 'Email Staff' to choose the relevant teacher of your child.

Mrs Allison Moore

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Director of Learning and Teaching



NAPLAN

You will now have received hard copy and online links to the NAPLAN Guidance for Parents. NAPLAN will start on Wednesday 15th March for our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students.

Our testing schedule will run as follows:

Wednesday 15th March:	Writing
Thursday 16th March:	Reading and Conventions of Language
Friday 17th March:	Numeracy

Catch up tests for any absent students will take place in the following week.

The way that NAPLAN is reported to schools and parents will change this year. The previous ten bands of achievement have now been replaced by the following four:

Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs Support.

These changes have been implemented by ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) to provide parents and schools with a better understanding of how students are achieving in literacy and numeracy. As the timing of the tests has now moved to earlier in the year, results from 2023 will not be directly comparable to results from 2022 and earlier.

The NAPLAN tests will take place online. It is therefore very important that students in Year 7 and 9 are charging their laptop every night in preparation for the following days' tests.

If you have any queries regarding the NAPLAN testing for 2023 please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

What's going on in Learning and Teaching?

Our primary and secondary teachers have been engaging in a variety of professional development experiences aimed at continuing to build teacher expertise. Professional development has been undertaken in Mathematics, Literacy, Science, the Arts, Developmental Learning and Career Development. This learning is being implemented across our classrooms on a daily basis, ensuring that our students are able to make connections to and across their learning. Our teams look forward to showcasing these learning activities as we move through 2023.

Parent Webinar

Elevate Education are offering the following webinar on Wednesday 15th March from 6.30 – 7.30pm 'Using Technology and Beating Distractions'.

Please use the following link to register for this session:

<https://get.elevatecoaching.info/au/schoolwebinar>

Mrs Julia Wood

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Director of Faith and Mission



LENT

Lent is the Christian practice of praying, fasting and almsgiving, as we prepare for Holy Week and the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. Lent also marks the start of Caritas' Project Compassion campaign, which aims to raise money to support the Catholic charity's work in marginalised communities around the world. As is custom at St Mary's we have a number of activities

planned for the rest of the term. We have already had pancake Tuesday, and this week Wacky Wednesday. We also have Meat Pie Monday coming up, so keep watch for the pie order forms coming out soon. All our funds go to Caritas, who are currently assisting and making a priority the people of Turkey and Ukraine.

Lent is also a time where we sacrifice something or try and do better. Our theme, 'through service we receive', encourages us to do something for others to help make change in our community. We should be trying to follow Jesus example of caring for others. In classroom the conversation with younger students is 'to give something up or take something up'.



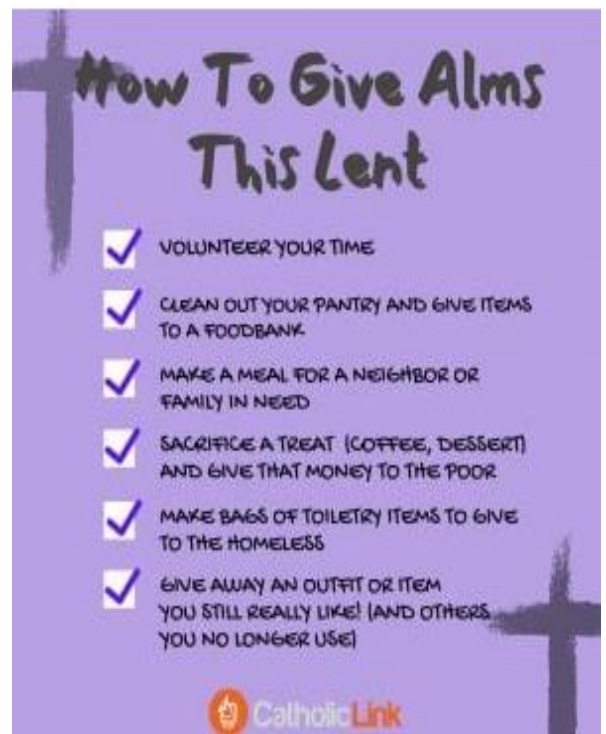
Sacraments - Reconciliation

Grade 3 students have begun to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will be celebrated very early Term 2, on **Wednesday 26th April**.

There will be a parent/student information night on Wednesday 29th March starting at 6:30pm, in the Library Resource Centre. It is important that all candidates attend with at least one parent or guardian.

Mrs Rochelle Gough

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From The Office : *Early Leave Procedure For Students*

Reminder to Parents/Carers: Announcements are made prior to recess at **10.50am** and before lunch at **1.20pm**. **To avoid disruption to classes announcements will not be made during class time.** If you need to pick up your child early from school please phone ahead of time so arrangements can be made to have your child waiting at the Office for you OR visit the College Office for an 'Early Leave Pass' prior to collecting your child from their classroom.

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College Accountant



Capital Levy

Catholic Schools are an important member of local and regional communities. Whilst Catholic education is grateful for the funding, we receive there is a shortfall that requires fees and levies to be paid by parents.



All families contribute to a capital levy, which is utilised to enhance the school's facilities and educational programs. Since the levy is typically used for long-term projects like constructing new buildings or refurbishing existing ones, its impact can be felt for several years. Even a small capital levy can make a significant difference to our College. As the College applies for future government building grants the capital levy program is an important levy for supporting the College Master Plan.

Reminder: Please review your monthly statement to keep track of all upcoming due dates.

Fee Due Dates

Tuition Levy	1 June
Family Fee	31 October
Excursion/Incursion/Camp Levy	31 October
Technology Fee - Secondary Laptops Instalments	Year 7 28 January Years 8, 9, 10 1 March Years 7, 8, 9 1 September
VET LEVY (Relevant Year 10 Students only)	1 March

If you would like assistance with a Direct Debit arrangement, please contact accounts@smseymour.catholic.edu.au

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Data Analyst



Update: Troubleshooting issues with email services not receiving school email content

This is a short update to let you know we have progressed a few steps in troubleshooting the issues with yahoo, hotmail and outlook accounts. We are aware that some parents do not receive emails from our school system or from teachers at our school.

We are investigating using a safe sender mailing list for use with outlook and hotmail accounts and will do some testing prior to providing these lists for parents to include in their own email account.

If you are interested in how this works you could use the link below that explains how to set a safe contact or safe mailing list for your [outlook.com](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/safe-senders-in-outlook-com-470d4ee6-e3b6-402b-8cd9-a6f00eda7339) email address

Safe Senders in Outlook.com <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/safe-senders-in-outlook-com-470d4ee6-e3b6-402b-8cd9-a6f00eda7339>

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Careers



Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience week is the last week of Term 2, 19th-23rd June.

Career interviews for Year 10 students have commenced this week to start them thinking about possible businesses and industries they may be interested in experiencing.



We are hoping that this may also create conversations at home to start the process of arranging a suitable placement for the week. More information will be mailed home regarding work experience in the coming weeks and I invite you to contact me should you have any questions.

Can You Help?

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from families and/or community members who own their own business and would be willing to take on a student for 5 days of Work Experience.



In 2023 our **Year 10 Work Experience** week is **19-23 June**. We are hopeful that this could become an opportunity to create an annual register of placements for future students.

Work experience is the short-term placement of secondary school students, generally in Year 10, with employers to provide insights into the industry and the workplace in which they are located. It provides students with the valuable opportunity to:

- develop employability skills;
- explore possible career options;
- understand employer expectations;
- increase their self-understanding, maturity, independence and self-confidence.

Students are placed with employers primarily to observe and learn – not to undertake activities which require extensive training or expertise.

If you or someone you know are able to accommodate a student for this week, or if you would like more information about the program, please contact Tanya Oakley, Career Practitioner tanya.oakley@smseymour.catholic.edu.au or by phoning the College office on 57922611.

We would be very appreciative of any support you can offer.

Mrs Tanya Oakley

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3-6 Pastoral Care Coordinator



Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) Years 5 and 6 Canberra Camp – 13th to 17th February 2023

Our Year 5 and 6 students have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and following all eligibility requirements.

We are grateful to receive this contribution from the Australian Government to put towards allowing our Year 5 and 6 students to attend the Canberra camp over the course of a week, allowing them to experience as many of the PACER program educational experiences as possible.

Our students, staff and accompanying adults experienced so many amazing things over the week in Canberra and made some wonderful memories.



Below are list of places they visited and activities the students took part in:

- Australian War Memorial
- Museum of Australian Democracy
- Parliament House – including a Parliamentary debate role play and a visit with Mr Sam Birrell MP, Member for Nicholls.
- National Electoral Commission - including a voting role play.
- International Flags Walk
- Drive of International Embassies
- Australian Institute of Sport
- National Capital Exhibition - an opportunity to build their own city.
- Questacon
- Mini Golf
- Royal Australian Mint
- High Court of Australia - Court was in session while visiting.
- Canberra Aqua Park - a fabulous way to finish the trip.

Photos and details from the time on camp are available in Marian Newsletter No. 2, 24 February 2023 and on the College Facebook page.

Mr Ed Harding

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Secondary Science

Year 7 students have spent the first weeks of term completing the Introduction to Science topic. They have built skills in risk management, scientific drawing, measurement, graphing and investigation design. These core science skills were put to good use this week investigating 'Which Bunsen burner flame will heat water more quickly'. Great work Year 7!



Rebecca Scollen
Domain Leader - Science

Secondary Pastoral Leaders



Students across secondary have been doing a fantastic job meeting uniform expectations this term. Year 7 and 8 students are standing out, with almost every singly student wearing the correct uniform. For parents' information, please see the below chart for when your children should be wearing PE uniform.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 10	Year 9	Day 3 Year 10	Year 7	Year 8
		Day 6 No year level		9-10 Sport Science*

This year, agriculture students must wear full College uniform, with leather, lace up shoes. This is for safety, as students will be using gardening tools.

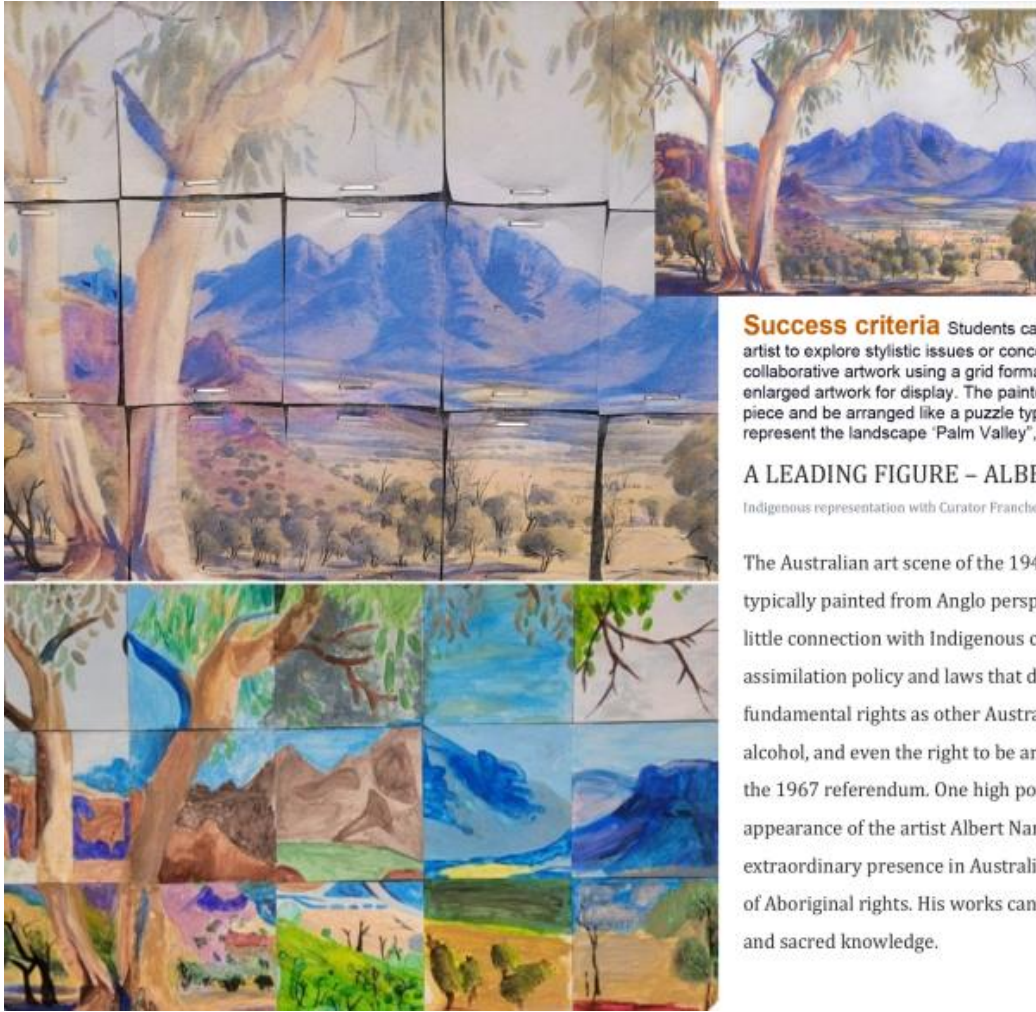
All secondary students have been provided with a College diary. This is an important tool for students to record assessment tasks, due dates and homework. Parents are encouraged to check your child's diary in the afternoon, and support them in completing the tasks that they need to do at home.

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Mrs Naomi McKeown – McAuley Leader
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Visual Arts / Technology

Year 9 and 10 students worked collaboratively to paint a grid enlargement based on the art of Indigenous Australian Landscape Painter, Albert Namatjira



Year 9 /10 Visual Art Miss Kelly

'Palm Valley' 1940's by Albert Namatjira.

Learning intention

You will learn about color mixing and color matching. You will develop skills in drawing and painting from observation to understand stylistic features of the Australian landscape painter – Albert Namatjira. You will mix acrylic paint and aim to replicate the landscape painting using a grid enlargement technique.

Success criteria Students can replicate and explain techniques used by the artist to explore stylistic issues or concepts in their work. Students will create a collaborative artwork using a grid format and match each individual piece to form an enlarged artwork for display. The painted squares will be matched to another student's piece and be arranged like a puzzle type format. The enlarged artwork will closely represent the landscape 'Palm Valley', 1940's by Australian artist Albert Namatjira.

A LEADING FIGURE – ALBERT NAMATJIRA. *Classroom forum on Indigenous representation with Curator Franchesca Cabillo and Northern Territory students, 2007.*

The Australian art scene of the 1940s and 50s was dominated by landscapes typically painted from Anglo perspectives. Often from people who had very little connection with Indigenous culture. This was a period of government assimilation policy and laws that did not allow Indigenous people the same fundamental rights as other Australians. The rights to vote, own land, drink alcohol, and even the right to be an Australian citizen, were not granted until the 1967 referendum. One high point during this period, was the sudden appearance of the artist Albert Namatjira (1902–59). Namatjira was an extraordinary presence in Australian art, a leading figure in the development of Aboriginal rights. His works can be seen as expressions of traditional sites and sacred knowledge.

Emma-Jane Kelly

Domain Leader, Visual Arts / Technology
Visual Communication & Design, Visual Arts Teacher

Music Program

Instrumental and Singing Lessons

Just a friendly reminder to return your signed Expression of Interest forms ASAP for band, keyboard and singing lessons. Applications close on Friday March 17. There are very limited places left for keyboard and singing lessons, and there are only 12 positions left for band. The band instruments that still have vacancies are Flute, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Percussion. The brand-new band instruments have recently been delivered to the school and are waiting to be placed in the hand of some budding young musicians.

Yours musically,

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Music Teacher

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Mr Matthew Dudfield
Music Teacher

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Defence School Mentor



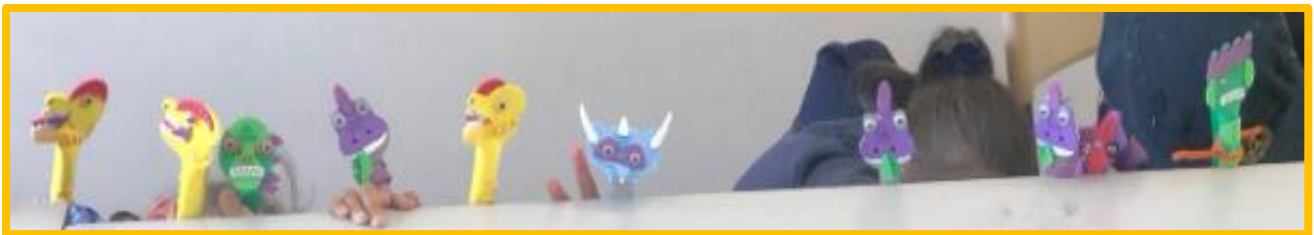
Defence Kids Club: Foundation – Year 4 activities held during Tuesday lunchtimes, have started the year with enthusiasm in Week 3.

Week 3 was a “Get to know you” Bingo. All students were given a “bingo” sheet which they then marked off the “bingo” calls...such as, “if you ride a bike”, “have a big sister”, “your favourite fruit is banana”, and so on. A good way to get to know each other.

Week 4 we made cardboard butterflies using tracings of our hands as the wings, before we decorated and laminated them. It’s always interesting to see the finished unique pieces of art.

Week 5 was fun, loud and busy. We had a great time playing boardgames, lego and play dough. A new game to our room was “Hungry Hippo” which was very popular. We played music as well which some of the students danced to and taught me some new dance moves.

Week 6 we made foam finger puppets. Small to work on but a lot of fun when they are finished.



Kids Club has been visited by quite a few Defence students and they always know they can bring a friend along to join in the fun. Everyone knows I love getting visitors. A special thankyou to two senior Defence students, Leane Toerien and Liesl Rayner and their friends, who come in and help with the younger students and put a big smile on their faces.

Defence Kids Hangout on Wednesday has had a good start to the year. It is somewhere where Year 5 – 10 Defence students can come along and play games, use their laptops, or just chat among themselves. Occasionally we have Zooper Doopers on the hot days and Hot Chocolate on the cooler days. This week the favourite activity was “name that song”. I was amazed at how quick students were, some only hearing a couple of chords before naming the song!

March On Walks

From 1st March Australians will hit the streets raising funds to support mental health to help our heroes. Soldier On’s March On Challenge is to walk 96km the length of the Kokoda Track.

Join Sandy and the team walking 3.2kms around the beautiful Princess Park every Thursday to help increase your km total to reach the 96km goal!

Date: Every THURS 2, 9, 16 & 23 MAR

Time: (10.30am - 11.30am)

Where: Princess Park Parkville

Meeting at Cnr Walker St & Royal Pde, Tram 19, Stop 16

Activities for Victoria 2023



SOLDIER ON MELBOURNE FACEBOOK GROUP

Keep up to date on all our activities, events and veteran information along with any last minute spots available on our Soldier On Melbourne FB Group.

To register or find out more please email activities@soldieron.org.
All of our support services are FREE to veterans and their families!

Janice Kerris

Defence School Mentor

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Dates To Remember

Term 1		
Week 7	Sun 12 th Mar	3 rd Sunday Lent
	Mon 13th Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Mar 13 th - Fri 17 th	Catholic Education Week
	Wed 15 th -Fri 17 th	NAPLAN Testing Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9
	Fri 17 th Mar	Hume Swimming Carnival - Reps Yrs. 7-10 Students
Week 8	Mon 20 th Mar	First Aid Training for new Staff & Others
	Tues 21 st Mar	Harmony Week

Before & After School Program



Last week we had Space Week.

The children had fun making movable astronauts, and playdough aliens, making space stations and rockets out of the big blocks, painting our solar system planets, and flying paper rockets. This week is Chemistry Week where we have been doing basic chemistry, popping popcorn, making jelly, slime, gloop, and more to come.

Next Week is Save the Turtle Week where we will brainstorm different ways to make a difference in the lives of the Eastern Longneck Turtle. We were inspired by a child last year who wanted to raise money to donate to Save the Turtles, so this year is about how we can donate something to Save the Turtles or to the Yea Wetlands project. Stay tuned for more updates on our Save the Turtle theme.

Seeing new children attending our After School Program having fun and making new friends is great. Don't forget we offer Karate on a Thursday from 4 pm to 5 pm.

Our Patch runs on Pupil Free days and runs a Holiday Program. Details in Community Notices.

Kind Regards,

Lynne Fulton (Patch Leader)

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St Mary's Parish Seymour ~ St Joseph's Tallarook

Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar
Telephone: (03) 9412 8406 / 0455 123 509
Mass Times: St Mary's - SAT 6:00pm, SUN 10:00am;
St Joseph's - SUN 8:30am

Community Notices



Rotary Southern Mitchell Proudly presents:
KILMORE REGIONAL BUSKING CHAMPIONSHIPS
 SYDNEY STREET, KILMORE

BUSKING KILMORE
SAT 22 APR 2023
 9.30 - 3PM

FREE
 FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN, STREET PERFORMANCE!
 MUSIC, MAGIC, MARVELLOUS PERFORMANCE AND MORE ...

NATIONAL FINALS COOMA NOV 2023

FREE FINALS CONCERT
 4pm - 6pm. John Kelly Pavilion, Kilmore Racing Club, East Street


OVER \$8,000 IN CASH PRIZES
 Primary (5-12), Secondary (13-18) and Open age categories.
 People's Choice Awards - Vote for your favourite buskers
 ENTRY FORMS available at buskingkilmore@gmail.com
 facebook.com/buskingkilmore or call Rose 0458 910 345

More info at rcsm.org.au/project-busking

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DISCOVERY
signs

Entry forms are available from the College Office



Riding for Disabled Seymour

Come and Ride with Us!

WHEN: Thursdays During School Terms
TIMES: 12.00 – 5.30pm
VENUE: Goulburn Valley Highway, Whiteheads Creek (6kms from Seymour)
Level 1 Coach: Coral Cole

RDA Seymour has been providing riding lessons to disabled adults and children in Seymour and the surrounding community for 43 years.

RDA Seymour comply with a high level of safety and risk management protocols set by RDA Victoria and RDA Australia. Our volunteers and Coaches are trained to meet these requirements. Coaches are assessed on a National Level.

Join a group lesson (3 riders) or book a private lesson – see prices below.

Come along and meet our ponies, Lacy, Molly, Tango and Hopscotch!

Ground Work lessons available. Grooming, leading etc.

Cost: \$20 per 30 minute lesson or \$80 for a 45 minute private lesson
 Boots and helmets provided

Annual Registration fee is \$215. (covers insurance and other costs)
 Registration and lesson cost can be covered by your NDIS plan or with the Kids Active Sports Voucher. (\$200)

Volunteers Welcome – no horse experience necessary – lots of non horsey jobs

Do you have a quiet horse we could free lease for lessons? Please contact us!!!

Enquiries: Sally Wilson (Secretary RDA Seymour): 0412 075 774
 Or email: rdaseymour@gmail.com



Every child is different. So is every foster carer.



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

Janene Ingram, Team Leader Foster Carer Recruitment Assessment and Training

Community Notices cont...



2023 SEASON

SEYMOUR JUNIOR NETBALL



SJNA play in the Kilmore Broadford Netball League (KBNA) which is a Saturday morning netball competition for boys* and girls for age groups:

9 & Under* 11 & Under* 13 & Under 15 & Under

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Fridays 3rd & 10th March 2023
Kings Park Netball Court, Seymour
4pm - 5pm
Bring hat, runners, drink bottle and your smile!



Cycle Dindi M

over the hills and not so far away

SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023

A charity bicycle event along the Great Victorian Rail Trail

Registrations open January 2023
E: cycledindi23@gmail.com

The event on the Great Victorian Rail Trail will be centred on the lovely townships of Yea and Alexandra. There will be a choice of 3 starting points, all converging on the banks of the Goulburn River at Cathkin for lunch. This event is a fund raiser for Rotary Youth Projects. *Cycle Dindi 23 is a COVIDSafe event, conducted in accordance with applicable Covid regulations.*



Rotary
Clubs of Alexandra and Yea and the Friends of the GVRT

What do I get for my money?

- Billy tea, damper and BBQ lunch at Cathkin
- Free admission to Nutfield a working farm, with free Devonshire Tea in the shearing shed, sheep dog demonstration and trailer ride.

Interested?
 contact Melinda (Alexandra) 0418 378 806
 Julie (Yea) 0447 762 557
 or Ross (Mansfield) 0439 046 199
www.rotaryalexandra.org.au
www.yearotary.org.au

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

DISTANCE	
Yea to Merton (return)	93 kms
Merton to Yea (return)	93 kms
Merton to Cathkin (return)	51 kms
Yea to Cathkin (return)	42 kms
Yea to Alexandra (return)	68 kms
Alexandra to Yea (return)	68 kms
Alexandra to Cathkin (return)	26 kms

How Much?

Adult	\$45
Senior	\$35
Student	\$10

<https://www.trybooking.com/CEHBV>

Interested?
 - Under school age free
 - SNR - relevant Seniors' card must be held
 - Group discount available on request

Cindy McLEISH MP
State Member for GILBON

Juvenilia Exhibition Launch

The Seymour Library is hosting an exciting children's author and illustrator exhibition called Juvenilia and we are having a launch evening on the 17th March with some authors and illustrators attending who will be signing books and doing author talks.

WHEN: Friday 17 March at 4:30pm - 5:30pm

WHERE: [Seymour Customer and Library Service Centre](#)

COST: Free

BOOKINGS: Required

JUVENILIA

Early Works of Children's Authors & Illustrators

Featuring work by:

Andy Griffiths Alison Lester
 Ursula DuboSarSKY GRAEME BASE
 Dianne Wolfer & Danny Katz

Oliver Phommavanh - Aimee Chan - Chris Kennett - Kylie Howarth
 Trent Roberts - Susanne Gervay - Tim Harris - Hazel Edwards
 Jeremy Lachlan - Craig Sheather - Mandy Foot - Dub Leffler

Seymour Library
 Friday 17 March 2023

Special Guest
 Illustrator
Chris Kennett

JUVENILIA

Early Works of Children's Authors & Illustrators



Featuring Star Wars
 Illustrator
Chris Kennett

Including guest
 appearance by
Aimee Chan

Seymour Library

Launch: Friday 17 March 2023 at 4:30pm

A Free Event! 125 Anzac Ave, Seymour
 (Exhibition closes Thu 27th April)

Sponsored by:
 Aimee Chan
 Andy Griffiths
 Jill Griffiths
 Asphyxia

scbwi
 Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators
scbwi.org.au

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In partnership with:
MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL
GORTALAN COLLEGE

Register: (03) 5734 6451 - Libraries@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

Juvenilia
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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Our Patch St Mary's College – Seymour
7.00am – 6.00pm

April School Holidays ✨

11th April – 21st April

How To Book

To book visit
www.ourpatch.education/holiday-programs

or call us on 1300 018 310

Costs

Fees start at \$14.44 per child per day
based on 85% Child Care Subsidy, assumes
parents meeting activity levels and 5%
withholding amount

**Patch Day
Fee
\$75.00** **There are extra fees for
incursion and excursion
days. Please check
program for specific prices.**

Please see our Booking Terms and Conditions for
our cancellation policy

What We Provide

- Healthy breakfast, morning and afternoon tea
- Opportunities for free play in our well-resourced room and grounds
- Incursions and excursions generally run between 8.30am to 3.30pm, please ensure your children arrive prior to this so they don't miss out on the core activities of the day

What to Bring

- Broad-brimmed hat, sun-smart clothing (no singlets) and enclosed shoes (no thongs, crocs, slip on shoes or roller shoes)
- Healthy lunch daily unless otherwise specified on day (staff are unable to heat or cook food for children)
- No nut products
- Large water bottle
- Check program for other special items that might be required for the day (e.g. bikes, helmets, costumes)

p. 1300 018 310

e. info@ourpatch.education

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Monday

10 April 2023

Closed
Public Holiday.

Tuesday

11 April 2023

FREE PLAY DAY

Come join us today as we
relax and catch up with
our friends for the first
day of the holidays.



Cooking
Toasties
LCM Bars

Art
Mindful Drawing
Painting



Active
Hall Play
Golden Child

Wednesday

12 April 2023

DISNEY Day

Today is all about Disney!
Who is your favourite
Disney character? Join us
for a fun filled Disney Day.



Cooking
Pancakes
Popcorn

Art
Snow Globes
Paper
Princesses



Active
Obstacle Course
Playground

Thursday

13 April 2023

Stuffed Toy Day

Let's give our favourite
stuffed toy a day out at
Our Patch!



Cooking
Dip & Biscuits
Honey Joys

Art
DIY Stuffed Creation
Teddy Drawing



Active
Stuffed Toy Challenge
Hall Play

Friday

14 April 2023

Sri Lanka Day



Join us today as we
discover and celebrate
the Sri Lankan culture.

Art
Sri Colourings
Lanterns



Active
Cricket
Badminton

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Monday

17 April 2023

Career Day

Come dressed as what you would like to be when you grow up. Do you want to be a police officer, a doctor, a lawyer, an astronaut, a zoo keeper, or athlete?

Cooking
Cupcake Challenge

Art
Career Drawing
Career Craft

Active
Sports Stars
AFL

Tuesday

18 April 2023

HIP HOP DAY

Wear your most colourful clothes and get ready to dance the day away!

Cooking
Banana Bread

Art
Artist Posters
Disco Ball

Active
Dancing
Bop Freeze

Dress up in bright colours

Wednesday

19 April 2023

MINECRAFT

Let's bring Minecraft to life at Our Patch.

Cooking
Biscuits

Art
Minecraft Characters
Minecraft Colouring

Active
Minecraft Tiggy
Obstacle Course



Thursday

20 April 2023

HISTORY DAY



Let's turn back the clock to a year before 2023!

Cooking
Scones

Art
Picture Frame
Vintage Drawing



Active
Marbles
Hula Hoops

Bring in something old

Friday

21 April 2023

Pirate Day

Today we are pirates! What will your pirate name be? Can you find the hidden treasure?

Cooking
Tacos

Art
Treasure Chest
Treasure Map



Active
Treasure Hunt
Walk The Plank



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