



**Term 4 - Issue 3**  
**17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019**



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to term 4. Already we have hit the ground running with students working hard to finish their VET work and complete their outcomes towards achieving their VCAL.

Just a couple of reminders for the term. Although there is no school uniform, students need to wear closed in shoes due to OHS reasons. Students are not permitted to be drug or alcohol affected at school, and will be sent home due to not being ready to learn if they are. Should your child be unwell and unable to attend school, please contact your mentor or the office and leave a voice message or a text message on the morning of the absence.

The School has just completed a School review on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to the students and Carers who came in and spoke with the reviewers. Feedback I have received so far from the review team has been positive. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October I am in Wodonga with the review team to receive the feedback in more detail. I am looking forward to hearing what they have to say, so as I can pass on to all involved.

The Seymour FLC actively promotes the safety of all students and all staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm in the school environment in accordance with their legal obligations including Child Safe Standards.

Enjoy the rest of the term

Shane Elliott  
*Site Principal.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Congratulations to Alick who has been selected to train with the St Kilda football club. We wish you all the best.*



*Important Dates:*

#### OCTOBER

14<sup>th</sup> – Vaccinations

#### NOVEMBER

6<sup>th</sup> - Staff Network Day – School will be shut

18<sup>th</sup> – RSA and Food Handling Courses

20<sup>th</sup> – Barista Course

21<sup>st</sup> – Party Safe

28<sup>th</sup> – Billy Cart Incursion

#### DECEMBER

11<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Interviews

20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term 4

## REMINDER

There is a washing machine and dryer available for student use. See a teacher privately if this is something you may be interested in.

## PROJECT READY – GRADUATION

Project Ready students celebrated their graduation on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. A varied and interesting year of Project Ready sessions were expertly facilitated by Kerry McGahy. Not only did students learn about different types of occupations and job settings, they also learned more about their own aptitudes and attitudes to the workforce.

Trent McCarthy, CEO of the Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network (CRLLEN) was on hand to congratulate students for their Project Ready achievements and present their graduation certificates. Congratulations Andy, Locky and Seth for participating enthusiastically and contributing in Project Ready classes. Special thanks go to Kerry and to the CRLLEN for providing Project Ready to Seymour Flexi. (Absent: Emma, Angela and Dimitra)

Jenni ☺



## SUCCULENT SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

At the end of last term the VCAL PDS groups worked hard to meet their self-determined deadline of creating and donating 80 beautiful succulent plants to Goulburn Options by the end of Term 3. In fact, the students succeeded in exceeding their goal, donating 93 succulents in a range of vases, decorated cans and quaint mugs. Over the course of the project, the students learned about their rights and responsibilities as members of a diverse community, utilised teamwork and leadership skills, and developed a range of 'hard and soft' interpersonal skills. Goulburn Options will use the donated plants as part of their revamped Go Floral program, which aims to develop in its clients a range a variety of skills as they look after the plants and deliver them to local businesses. The VCAL students who participated in the project should be very proud of their efforts as individuals and as a team.



## STREET ART PROGRAM

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October a group of 7 students began the Street Art Program. The program is run by Doyle and George from The Blender Studios Melbourne. In the first session students were introduced to the work of the presenters and George gave a spray painting demonstration. Students were then given the opportunity to use stencils to spray paint a canvas. Each student created their own individual piece. Students then worked on creating a collage. Next week students will be creating their own stencils to use in their artwork. A big thank you to Jana for organising the program.



## BLUE THE BLUE TOUNGE LIZARD

Welcome to Seymour Flexible Learning Centre's newest resident. We were lucky enough to find this little guy, last week, after he was mistaken for a snake. The Snake Catcher, Anthony Calleja, was called and managed to grab him for a photo opportunity. He has, happily, made his home on the grounds but is a little shy. If you do see him, sunning himself, please leave him be.

At the moment he is named Blue, but if anyone can think of a better name, please let me know. **There is a suggestion sheet at the office and the best name will receive a prize.**

Anthony has recently put together an advice article which I have copied alongside.



## SNAKES, PEOPLE AND PETS

With the recent rise in snake activity and unfortunate animal bites/deaths, I feel the need to put together an advice article to inform people of the facts about snakes, their habits and how to interact with them if they are sighted. First and foremost please remember that snakes do not attack unless you are a mouse, rat, frog, bird or other small reptile or rodent. They are only ever interested in food water and a mate, in that order. Adults, children dogs and cats are just not on their menu and are avoided at all cost. Snakes are purely defensive and then reactive to their surroundings. If they feel threatened or cornered in any way they will defend themselves. Unfortunately, through millions of years of evolution, biting is their only means of defence. They will faux strike on most occasions to warn off and scare any threats or attacks but their first option will be to escape and hide every time if allowed to do so...But, they will bite if the threat remains and continues.

## **RSA, FOOD HANDLING AND BARISTA COURSES**

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

RSA & FOOD HANDLERS COURSE

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

BARISTA COURSE

Please register your interest on the sign-up sheets located in the foyer. There are limited spaces available for each course.  
For further information please see Jana.



### **RIDDLE**

The more you take away the more I become.  
What am I?

Four fingers and a thumb,  
Yet flesh and blood,  
I have none.  
What am I?

### **SCIENCE WITH DEAN TUESDAYS 1:45**

*Please see Dean if you are interested as places are limited.*

