



**Term 4 - Issue 6**  
**December, 2019**



### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Wow I can't believe the end of school year for 2019 has come. Congratulations to all students on a great year. A big congratulations to our graduates and those students who received awards. We have seen a huge growth in many students where they have moved out of their comfort zone and learnt new skills. They have challenged themselves to improve their literacy and numeracy and have been involved in creative programs within the school.

Thank you to all our staff for the work they have done with the students, helping them achieve their best. We say goodbye to a valued staff member, Carly Charters. Carly and her family are moving to Canberra and she will be missed by staff and especially students. I would also like to acknowledge Steven Gibb from the Bridge Services. Steven is also moving on.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year, and thank you all for your support over the year.

Shane Elliott  
*Site Principal.*

### *IMPORTANT DATES*

#### **DECEMBER**

**20<sup>TH</sup> – Last Day of Term 4**

#### **2020**

#### **JANUARY**

**29<sup>TH</sup> – First Day of Term 1**  
**Students**

### *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.





## STREET ART PROGRAM

We have now completed the Street Art Program. The last 3 weeks of the program we have been focusing on spray painting letters and characters. Students have created some amazing artwork. It has been amazing to watch people develop skills and create their own different styles of art.

A huge thank you to Blender Studios and the Mitchell Shire Council for allowing us to be involved in such an amazing program.



## OUTDOOR POOLS

The Mitchell Shire council is offering FREE ENTRY to the Broadford, Seymour and Tallarook outdoor pools this summer.



## PARTY SAFE

Party safe was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> November and we had an amazing attendance by students. We had 3 crew members from Ambulance Victoria run a very informative session on Methamphetamine. This session was aimed at educating the students on the risks associated with illicit drug use and the potential dangers people can encounter. The crew also did an interactive first aid session. We went over the DRSABCD and chain of survival. This was new information to some students but it also gave other students a chance to brush up on their First Aid knowledge. I must say I was impressed by the positive participation from all students.

The afternoon saw us start off with a quick minute to win “cup stack” challenge! Then we moved into discussing Sexual Health, consent and STI’s, again I was really impressed with everyone’s participation and knowledge. To top the day off we had Erica Heers from Nexus Primary Health present on Alcohol and Drugs and in particular how she can assist young people wanting to change or limit their drug and alcohol use. We had a great fun session playing “catch” and driving the remote controlled cars with “beer goggles” on. These simulated goggles really gave the students a different perception of how their coordination and walking is really affected. I would like to thank all the students who came and participated. As I said I was really impressed with everyone’s willingness to have a go. Thank you to Seymour Ambulance crew and Erica for making the day possible. Remember to take care of yourself and others over the Christmas period. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Emma Sears  
School Nurse

## CAREERS

***What a busy and very successful year we have had within Careers and Pathways-***

RAMS (Resilience Amongst the Mitchell Shire) Program

Project Ready

Koorie Club

New Careers Website rollout

Student Work Placements

VETiS courses internal and external

Short Courses- Construction Induction Card  
Responsible Service of Alcohol  
Food Handlers Certificate  
Barista Course

Go TAFE Showcase

Puckapunyal tours

Broadspectrum Alliance

Student@Work program

School Based Traineeships & Apprenticeships

Nestle Industry visit

Guest speakers

Year 9 Morrisby Careers Program

Transition & Pathways program

Industry Equine Immersion Day in Tatura

Chittick Park Community Project

L2P Program

Street Art Program

Seymour Careers Expo



Well done to all students involved over the past 12 months.

Jana

## LATITUDE

On Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, eight Seymour Flexible Learning Centre students attended an excursion at Latitude. Latitude is an adventure playground located in the northern suburbs and features an array of activities for people of all ages. Lochie, Andy, Arrabella, Thomas, Kara, Seth, Hayley and Phoebe had a great time doing flips on trampolines, navigating a high ropes course, beating each other with giant foam sticks and falling into a foam pit, rock climbing, and completing a Ninja Warrior course. The students were fantastic, and impressively, gave each other lots of encouragement to complete different parts of the facility. All in all, a great day out. Well done, guys!



## MINUTE TO WIN IT

'Minute To Win It' is a fun game challenge held at lunch time on Thursdays. Come and have a go, have a laugh and see if you can be the weekly champion and win the prize. Who will top the leaderboard???

### CUP STACK:

Can you make a cup tower? How many cups make up your tower?

Student Winner: Lochy

Staff Winner: Dale

### BOTTLE FLIP:

How many half-filled water bottles can you flip in a minute???

That was the challenge on Thursday December 5. Well done to all those who participated. Many were successful in being able to flip a bottle a number of times in the allocated time. The student winner of the day was Seth and the staff winner was Dale.

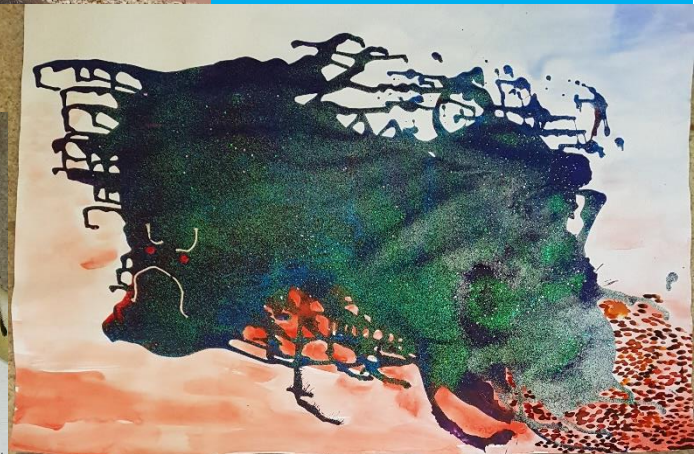
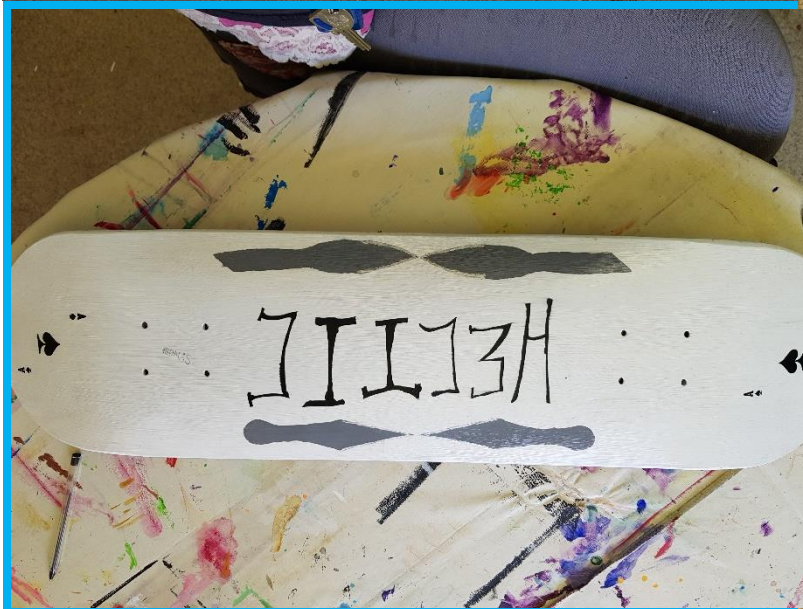


## SOPHIA – BROADSPECTRUM SCHOLARSHIP

We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Sophia on being awarded the 2019 Broadspectrum/ Central Ranges LLEN Employment Pathway Scholarship.

**ART**

In the Art Room this year, we have done lots of exploring how we can find and express ourselves in art. There have been stencils, murals (see photo), skateboards. We have contributed to exhibitions here and in other Flexi campuses, such as a fear and monsters exhibition (see photo). Art is a pathway for VCAL components, and students have achieved their PDS component in art (see photo). This pathway is available in 2020.



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...caused more than \$1 billion of  
...property and livestock damage.  
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...a ‘Dust On Depression’ auction  
...for us where there will be some  
...amazing items to bid on,”  
...said.  
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...raised will be donated to a  
...charity in the flood after

**Youth identity on show**

By Alex Gretgrix

The Flexible Learning Centre Seymour has put together a bright and colourful exhibition with work from local students.

Already on display at the Police Station but changing locations to Elizabeth House from Saturday, March 30 until April 30, the exhibition focuses on the Youth Week theme of ‘Identity’ and the student’s responses to the word.

A range of two-dimensional paintings, photos, drawings and the like will be on display for the public to see.

“The building is three stories high and it’s just asking to be covered in art,” art teacher Robyn Shipard said.



Above: Displays in the Identity exhibition which closes at Elizabeth House on April 30.

“It will be such a delight to see it all ready for the exhibition.”

There is an opening for the exhibition on Tuesday, April 2 at Elizabeth House

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The autumn garden focused on trees and dens planted to have connections to the many and to those who found them.

We spent some time at the Shrine, but agreed they would like to return to spend a day more looking at the displays.

The next lunch of Monday, April 8, a hall starting at noon

If attending and special dietary food tact Joyce at the below.

On Monday, May hoped we can visit

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Honda UMS425  
Honda Blower

## BILLY CART INCURSION

On Tuesday November 28 Brent from Supreme Incursions presented us with the Billy Cart Incursion. Students from the Shepparton Flexi joined us for a morning of fun, skill and challenge.

There were 3 activity groups on the day billy cart building, billy cart driving and the construction challenge.

In the driving activity students in pairs were able to practise their driving skills using a push billy cart and a foot powered billy cart.

In the building activity students were given a set of instructions to see who could construct a billy cart.

In the construction challenge students were given a range of sizes of timbers, wheels, axles and some nuts and bolts and were given time to construct something. There were a range of different pieces made on the day from roller blades, to scooters and skateboards it was great to see the team work and the individual skills come out in this challenge.

At the end of the sessions Brent set up a race using both different types of billy carts. Seymour Flexi won both of the races on the day. Well done to all those who participated and had a go at all the activities available on the day.

After the session the students and the staff from the Shepparton Flexi joined us for lunch. It was a great afternoon and it was great to see new friendships made.





## FUNFIELDS

On Wednesday December 4 twelve students and three staff attended the Whittlesea Funfields Theme Park with all of the flexible learning centres in the network as an end of year celebration.

The students participated in many different rides and activities. It was a great day out with many friendships made, challenges taken and fears overcome.

A BBQ lunch was a great way for all the centres to come together.

Well done to all the students that participated in the excursion.





## SEYMOUR CLUB LUNCHEON

On Thursday December 5 students and staff all attended Seymour Club for a restaurant experience. Everyone was given the opportunity to order a dish from the menu for lunch. It was great to see everyone relax and enjoy the experience together.

A big thank you to the Seymour Club for having all of us!



## COOKING PICNIC – YEA WETLANDS PICNIC

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December the cooking students were taken on a picnic to the Yea Wetlands. Students were invited to make a picnic lunch. We then packed into the bus and headed on the trip. After a few wrong turns and an off road adventure we arrived safely at our destination. A lovely picnic and a pleasant walk wrapped up the day. Well done to all those attended it was a great afternoon to celebrate the end of the year.



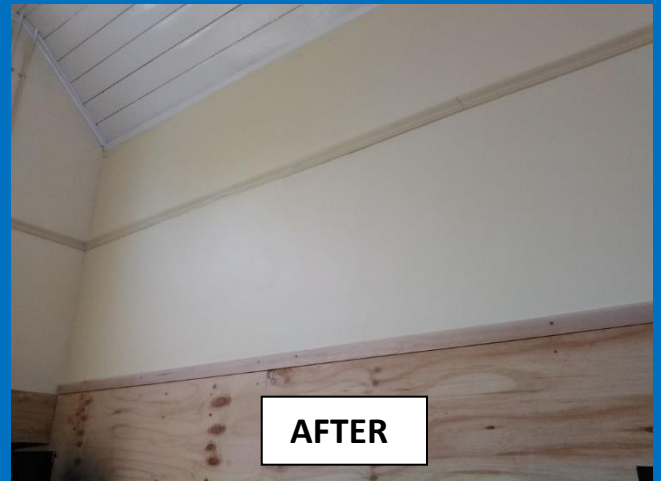
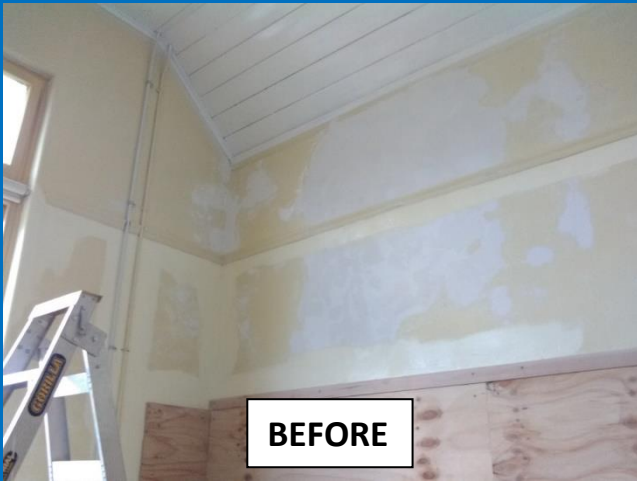
## CLASS WRAP – VIKKI & DALE

This term in Vikki and Dale's VCAL Literacy class, students have been busy working on Learning Outcome 3: Writing for Knowledge. Each student has chosen a country to write a factual report on, and the results so far have been fantastic. Students were given a choice for how they would like to present their information, so we have had a range of reports, posters and PowerPoint presentations being submitted. A special mention must go to Andy and Seth, both who were brave enough to deliver an oral presentation on their chosen country to the class. Well done, guys!

## A BRIGHT PERSPECTIVE!

On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of Dec. The re-painting of the schools wood work room came to a conclusion. ("And about time" I hear you say). The room still needs some organisation before it can be utilised as a wood work room next year. However, it is looking a whole lot better than it did. The plastering and extra coats of paint help to make it a pleasant space to work in. I hope some of you students can join me next year for some wood working classes and some heavy metal. A special thank you to all the students who worked on the painting project especially, Matthew Thomas, Tobias Philpot and Harry Green for their sustained effort on the project.

Dean.



## CLASS WRAP – MELISSA

What a term! Filled to the brim with so much learning...and fun!

This term in numeracy we focused on Financial Literacy including budgeting and percentages. We also had a measurement paper plane challenge. In literacy we planned an overseas holiday as well as taking a closer look at advertising. I would like to take the time to thank all the students who I have worked with this year as well as those who I have shared a card game or two or a chat with. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2020. Enjoy the break!

## BARISTA – RSA – FOOD HANDLERS

Well done to all those students who completed their Barista, RSA and/ or Food Handling Certificate. A big thank you to Jana for making all these opportunities possible.



## AWARDS

Chloe Morse Citizenship Award: Sophia  
Art Award: Lochie  
Attendance Award: Lochie and Arrabella  
VCAL Literacy Award: Andy  
VCAL Numeracy Award: Arrabella  
VCAL Work Related Skills: Seth  
VCAL PDS: Jack and Connor  
VET: Maddie and Sophia  
Cooking Award: Max  
Victorian Curriculum Award: Thomas



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Thank you to Shane and Carly for organising a lovely shared lunch for staff, students and families of the Seymour Flexible Learning Centre. Thank you to all those who were able to attend.

## THANK YOU



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped me throughout the semester with the newsletter. Thank you to the **staff** who have contributed. To **Chris** for many of the photos. To **Laura** for taking some of the original photos for the first newsletter. To **Maddie** and **Arrabella** who have contributed an article this semester. To **Hayley** for helping me out on numerous occasions with photo taking, article writing and collection and printing.

I hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter and looking back on what you have achieved. Well done everyone! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.