A word from our Principal

It seems like only yesterday that I wrote my article for the May Newsletter and now I am thinking about what I can fit in my report for the June edition. This is true testament to the pace of and variety of work that is being done at Sherbrooke Community School at all levels. There are some very exciting up and coming projects that will benefit all.

We have been extremely fortunate to secure a grant from the Infrastructure and Sustainability Division of the Department of Education and Training to make improvements to the front of our school. A working party consisting of volunteers from both the staff and School Council has been established and the planning commenced. There is a safety need for demarcation to occur between the car park and entry to the school grounds. This grant will provide funds to erect a fence running from the front gate on Mt Dandenong Tourist Road to the back fence that runs between us and our neighbours. Of course provision will be made for both vehicle and pedestrian access. Apart from addressing safety issues for our students, this construction will also provide a more inviting and aesthetic appearance for the entry to our school. We as a school are very excited by this project.

In addition, work is being done in the foyer area to brighten up its very tired appearance and to create a space where the VCAL students can begin their project on the establishment of an area behind the canteen where parents and the older students can sit and chat over a cup of coffee. More news on this as the project gets under way.

Last month, you would have seen an article on the expansion of our breakfast club. Once again we have been very lucky to be included as one of the 500 schools in the state to have access to this program. From the beginning of next term, Term 3, free breakfast will be available for those children who wish to avail themselves of this service. As you can appreciate, this will require some preparation for ease of service. Anyone who has some time they could dedicate to helping with preparation and service would be greatly appreciated. Our hard working canteen manager, Laura and her band of very merry helpers have done a wonderful job up to this time in providing toast and fruit to our hungry students. There will be additions to the menu that requires help. Please let Laura or the office staff know if you are able to help.

Our School Improvement Team continues to work on improving the teaching and learning outcomes for each and every one of our students. The current focus is on developing and implementing an instructional framework that teaching staff use when planning and presenting their classroom lessons. The use of an instructional framework supports schools to develop a shared language about teacher practice, supports teacher reflection and engages and motivates teachers to consider how their teaching practice can best support student learning.

Last but not least, we have a beautiful new addition to the Sherbrooke family. Tally, our therapy puppy has now joined us. At eight weeks of age she is very cuddly but does not realise the important job she will be carrying out as she grows to adulthood. You can read more about Tally on page five of this edition.

Until next month,

Sue Holmes, Principal
Students design their dream homes

This term our Year 7 and 8 maths students have stepped into the shoes of an architect.

They showed great imagination designing and modelling the house of their dreams.

The students finished a unit learning about measurement with this hands-on maths project.

Students learned the processes and skills involved in house design.

The focus of the project was to apply the learned measurement concepts within a real life scenario.

Students used many mathematical and design processes, the final outcome being a complete house design with all measurements included.

The unit involved mathematical and design concepts such as measuring, predicting, estimating, calculating, designing, problem solving, generating ideas and communicating with others.

PHOTOS:

Above and centre - a number of the models students built of their dream homes. You can see the calculations they made within the designs.

Below - Matt and Taylor work on their house designs.
Mad hatters cook & calculate!

On Friday the Prep/1s were invited to a Mad Hatter’s Tea Party.

Unfortunately the Mad Hatter in his madness gave the class the wrong quantities on the recipes for the afternoon tea. The Prep/1s had to put their addition strategies, such as counting on and doubling basic numbers, to good use.

They corrected all the quantities of the ingredients to ensure there would be enough food for the whole class.

Once all the calculations were completed and the recipes were fixed, the Prep/1s then made, and thoroughly enjoyed, their afternoon tea. There was a delicious spread of fruit pizzas, apple racing cars and fresh dips and vegetables they made earlier in Food Technology.

PHOTOS:
Left -
Our Prep-1 students in all their finery.
(There were echos of “awwww” all over the school that day as everyone agreed the kids were all super cute)

Bottom left -
Eden and Tessa show the results of their calculations - a very yummy afternoon tea!

Bottom right -
Kobi helps prepare his afternoon tea
Turn performance night into ... **DINNER AND A SHOW**

Order on arrival or take pot luck at intermission
Taste the yummy homemade food that your kids enjoy every day
from our very own school canteen

$5 for mains
$3 for soup

Choose from fried rice, jacket potatoes, nachos, pasta and minestrone soup
New pup flies in!

Tally has arrived!

Tally flew down from Bathurst in NSW last Friday. Due to very severe weather conditions in NSW on Friday, instead of arriving at 2.30 pm, she arrived at 7.30 pm.

She was very timid and slept a lot over the weekend.

Leanne’s first aim is to toilet train her (on command) and to get her ready for being at school.

Tally loves to be cuddled and patted but most of all she is very, very CUTE!!

Cooking up rocks … Wait… What?

As you have read in previous articles, Year 7 and 8 science students have been studying geology this term. Last week 7/8A made the different types of rocks using jelly beans, honey and cornflour.

Sedimentary rocks were made from the three ingredients mixed together into a stiff rock shape.

These were then transformed into metamorphic rock by applying pressure and heating in the oven.

And finally they were boiled to make magma and then igneous rock as it cooled.

It was a lot of fun and everyone had their fair share of jelly beans!
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Fun Run raises over $2,600

We were blessed with a stunning afternoon amongst the picturesque setting of Ferny Creek Reserve.

A fun family event, we had a festive atmosphere with a large parent cheer squad, sausage sizzle and treats for the kids as well.

Utilising a longer, challenging and more enjoyable course, each runner set off to compete for their House in the annual Adidas Fun Run.

The event doubles as a fundraising as well as a fun cross country event. The aim is raise as much money as possible in order to gain much needed sports facilities and equipment.

Our students had been practicing their cross country skills in PE and this really showed on the day. It was great to see so many children running the course.

The overall scores between the houses were tight which demonstrated the high participation and effort right throughout the school.

Yellow house won the event over Blue, Green and Red. Well done to yellow, that is two years in a row now!

As for the fundraising effort, we managed to raise more money than last year which was around $2600. A huge thank you needs to go out to the primary children who raised 90% of the funds! Thanks to ALL of the families who helped to raise money for the school, it is very much appreciated!

See you all again next year and happy running!
Let’s become ambassadors for platypus

Three members of the Belgrave platypus group spent an afternoon with our grade 5/6 and 7/8 students.

We learnt about platypus and why we should care about them. We played games and then we were given a challenge.

In the next 2 weeks (until June 8) we have to collect as many rubber bands and other rings from things like bottled milk, vegemite lids and peanut butter.

The school in the Dandenong Ranges with the most will become the ambassador for the oldest platypus in the world, Old Bill. He is 22 and a half years old and lives in Monbulk creek.

The bands have to be cut before putting them in the jar on the front bench of the office. Many animals die from these rings, as they end up around their legs or necks.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO HELP US BY COLLECTING TOO!
Sherbrooke School News

Sherbean Café opening soon!

Sherbrooke parents will soon be able to enjoy café quality coffees at school!

Our VCAL students, as part of the business enterprise component of their course, dreamed of being able to open their own café.

Thanks to the generosity of local business and the dedication of their teachers and some school parents, the students now have a professional coffee machine, grinder, tables and chairs... in fact everything they needed to launch!

They are currently working on all aspects of launching the café, including designing a logo, working out a promotion strategy, training as baristas and working on budgeting and pricing.

The Sherbean Café is due to open at the beginning of Term Three and will sell coffee, tea, chai and hot chocolate. The Sherbean Café will operate from the canteen. And who knows... with a budding pastry chef in the VCAL cohort, the café may also eventually offer, cookies, cakes and pastries!

What a great way to start your day!
See you all soon at the Sherbean Café!

School fees now payable on Compass

Compass has been updated to now include information on outstanding school fees.

Compass has the capability of being able to pay fees via Compasspay either in full or via monthly deduction from your credit card. You can also still come to the office and pay through the usual methods.

For families who have paid in full, paying via monthly instalments or paying by other means, your fees should not appear on Compass. Can you please check and if you have any queries please either see Dot or give her a call.
Swimming lessons for students

Every year Sherbrooke students have the opportunity to undertake swimming lessons.

This year the week long program took place at Monbulk Aquatic Centre and was combined for primary and secondary students.

The program finished with a water safety day, where the kids learned about water rescue and survival.

Onesie Day!

Dress up as any animal and bring a gold coin donation on Wednesday the 8th of June

All profits will go towards sponsoring Nita and Jumbo, the two Orphaned Orangutans we sponsored last year and would love to continue sponsoring this year! We need to raise $240.

Thank you for your support in bettering our world!
Community Notices:

Can you help?

Our Breakfast Club will run every day from Term Three.

We need your help!

If you are able to donate 1/2 an hour of your time to help prepare these free breakfasts for our kids, please contact Laura on 0428 375 227.

Or leave your name, number and which morning you are available the office.

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Lantern Parade

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AFL South East Melbourne school holiday program now open for registrations

During the April school holidays, we conducted a full day football session outside of our SEEPA program, and received extremely positive feedback. These school holidays, we will again run a full day session with elite coaches, open to all kids aged 8-16. The day/s will be designed for ultimate football activity with a focus on ensuring enjoyment dominates.

Dates: Tuesday 28th June or Tuesday 5th July (Players can choose both dates!)
Where: Sweeney Reserve, Narre Warren
Times: 8.30am – 3.30pm
Cost: $60 per day, $30 for SEEPA members

Includes all food and drink for the day, healthy options!!

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