

Seaford Park News



Our Mission: To encourage and facilitate the development of each child in all we do.

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From the Principal's Pen.

GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS

As outlined in the previous Newsletter we had the Opening of "Amaroo" the beautiful front garden complete with seating under the pergola and the colourful You Can Do It pencils. The garden has really lifted the ambience at the front of the school and the children are enjoying the new space.



The front fence with sliding gates is currently being built. Clearing the old trees, removal of the original wooden fence and erection of the stainless steel fence and modern style gates will further improve the front of school surroundings.

SEAFORD PARK CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT FEDERATION SQUARE

Our choir is once again shining their light to the world. Our choir has been invited to perform at Deakin Edge, Federation Square on June 25th. Federation Square will be alive with voices of students from five Sunshine primary schools who are part of the Australian Children's Music Foundation's program. ACMF employs professional musicians to teach free weekly music classes to children in disadvantaged, remote and indigenous communities. Children from each of the culturally diverse Sunshine schools, joined by the Seaford Park Primary School choir in a special guest appearance, will perform at the concert which will feature drumming and singing. There will be also a performance from the Massive Hip Hop Choir – a wonderful multicultural group from Footscray. We are looking forward to this event.

NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION

All schools in Australia are required to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. It will provide information about supports required for a broad group of students. It will enable Australian and State Governments to better target support and resources in schools. The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities, but will include students who are provided 'reasonable adjustments' to support them to participate on the same basis as other students. Letters will be distributed to parents/careers of those students identified for inclusion in the Data Collection.

Julie Braakhuis Principal



Dates to Remember: June

Thursday 5th
Marketing and Promotions
Subcommittee 7pm

Friday 6th
Parents Club meeting
9.30am

Monday 9th
Queen's birthday holiday

Tuesday 10th
Year 3/4A excursion to
Immigration Museum

Friday 13th
Family Bingo Night
Chocolate Drive begins

Monday 16th
Bank Account Opening Day
after Assembly

Tuesday 17th
School Council 6pm

Monday 23rd
Reports go home

**Tuesday 24th &
Wednesday 25th**
Parent Teacher interviews

Wednesday 25th
Choir Performance at
Federation Square

Thursday 26th
Hot Food Day

Friday 27th
Last day of Term 2 -
2.30pm dismissal

July

Monday 14th
School starts for Term 3

Wednesdays 16, 23, 30
Prep, One & Two Swimming
Program

FREE BREAKFAST BY FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL and VIC HEALTH

What a yummy breakfast! 55 children arrived to a delicious, healthy breakfast of fruit, yogurt and a range of juices and cereals. We 'won' this breakfast as we had the most participants in the Walk to School Day in November last year. Thank you to Mr Lewis for organising Walk to School events, Melanie van Dyk for providing the breakfast and to Carole the lollypop lady, the teachers and parents who helped prepare and serve the breakfast. Let's try to win it again this year!



GOALS

Prep A: To say please and thankyou.

1/2A: To always try our best.

3/4A: To listen carefully and follow instructions.

4/6A: To complete our assignment on Australian's at War and prepare questions for our special guest next week.

5/6B: To settle back down into our normal routine after the past couple of exciting weeks.

Prep B: To keep our room tidy.

1/2B: To listen, read and follow Mrs Townsend's instructions.

LEARNING THROUGH LUNCH

On the 28th of May a few of the year 5 and 6 students went to a training silver service restaurant at Frankston's Chisholm TAFE. When we arrived we were split into two groups. My group first did a tour around the restaurant. It was fun. When we finished our tour we went back into the dining room and swapped groups. In the new group we learned some things like how to use cutlery properly at a restaurant. When the other group came back we had lunch. Before lunch was served, a few Ardoch volunteers came and joined our lunch. For our entrée we had goats cheese arancini with ramesco and fresh baby herbs or potato and bacon soup with crispy croutons and parmesan. After the entrée we had the main course. For the main we had stuffed chicken breast with parsnip puree, baby carrots and snow peas or slow cooked beef cheek with sweet potato chips, broccolini and rich demi glaze. After the main course we had dessert. For dessert we had chocolate brownie with raspberry couli and vanilla ice-cream or apple and rhubarb crumble with fresh pure crème and rhubarb crisps. All of the dishes were really yummy! For a treat we had hot chocolate. After that, Tanya and Zoe did a speech to thank the chefs and waiters. We said goodbye to the Ardoch volunteers and it was time to go back to school. We hopped on the bus and went back to Seaford Park. It was a great day! By Amisha



SEA CARE

Our job throughout the year is to work with the Dolphin Research Institute, learn as much as we can about our local marine life, and share it with all of you. Today our story is about marine mammals. Not from around the world but our backyard. That's right. They are here, off the coast of Victoria, where we live. In Victoria's waters you will find a number of different types of whales, dolphins and seals. Some, like the southern Australian Bottlenose Dolphins and the Australasian fur seals are resident all year round and others, like the Humpback and Southern Right Whales are regular visitors. In 2011 we had a visiting group of Humpbacks in August. This has never happened before. There were 6 altogether and 2 came up to Mentone to have a closer look. That's down the road from our school. We also have something unique because there is a pod of 30 common dolphins living off Mornington. They are normally found in Bass Strait in pods of up to 1000 and not usually residents in inshore water. The fact they have chosen to live here in our bay is something we should be really proud of. Did you know that Victoria has one third of all the world's species of dolphins and whales? Many people know about whales and dolphins but how many realise that these amazing animals live right on our doorstep? This is what we hope to change during our year as Ambassadors. By Brodie and Zoe

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

On 23rd May some Seaford Park students from 3 - 6 represented our school in cross country. We left school at 9.20 to walk to Norm Kathy oval. The race was long and exhausting. 11 to 12 year olds ran 3k and the 9 to 10 year olds ran 2k. Well done all the people that ran in cross country last Friday. Also the people who are going to zone. Thanks to all the parents and teachers for coming down and supporting us and the school. By Tia and Macca

WOORABINDA SCHOOL CAMP

On 5th May a few schools went to this camp. When we got there the girls got there suitcases first and then the boys went and got in our cabins. They were so small. After we got in our cabins we had our lunch. It was nice and there were 40 boys and 40 girls. On Monday night we did tabloid sports, I was in green group. We stayed for 5 days and 4 nights. It was very fun because the high ropes was so fun because I did it in 2 minutes and I didn't cry and that was very good. It was a bit long for me though. My cabin friend was Daniel. By Brodie A

AMAROO

On Wednesday 21st May the whole school went to the front of the garden and sat in certain spots and the choir sang for us. Ron Spilling designed the area in 2012 and then Ms Braakhuis gave a speech and the outdoor classroom was named Amaroo, it is an Aboriginal name meaning a beautiful place. I think it will be good for animals like birds and insects. The whole school loved it and I thought it was beautiful. By Tayla A

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FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday 13th June! 6pm – 8pm.....always a great family night and this year we are having free entry for adults and children. A game card is only \$1 to play each game. There are lucky straws for \$1 and a Cent Auction with heaps of fantastic items up for grabs. The major prize is a \$100 EB Games Voucher plus heaps of other prizes for games won along the way. Come along for heaps of fun!!

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE

The Chocolate Boxes have arrived and we are asking all families who would like to help by selling a box or 2 to collect them on Friday after school from outside the Parents Club Room. There will be additional days if you are unable to make it on this day or contact the office to discuss chocolates being sent home via your child. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we have had heaps of support in the past to achieve excellent results! There will be a Bonus Reward for the family that sells the most so please if you are able to help it would be much appreciated.

COLOURFUL PURCHASES

Thanks to all the wonderful support we receive with our fundraising efforts, we have recently been able to purchase 20 colourful ottomans for the school. They are being used in the main gallery and the small gallery for a range of activities from Mums hearing reading to small group work. They look great.

NACHOS CANTINA FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all who came down to enjoy a meal with family or friends last Thursday night. We raised over \$100 for our school.

ICY POLES

During winter we will not be selling icy poles after school on Fridays for the remainder of Term 2 and Term 3. Once the weather picks up we will go back to every afternoon when the temperature is above 28 degrees. Wednesday lunchtime icy poles will still be on sale as usual so don't forget to send \$1 for ice creams and 50c for Zooper Doopers.

NEXT MEETING Our next meeting will be Friday 6th June at 9.30am in the Parents Club Room.



THE ST.KILDA CLINIC

On Tuesday 20th May four AFL St.Kilda players came to our grade. They talked to us about healthy eating and they said they only eat spaghetti before their games. We played heads and tails, Charlotte B won. Then we played football bucket, the aim of the game is to get the football in the bucket and Brodie won. Then they told us about goal setting. Mine is to get better at netball shooting because I love netball. After that they asked us if we had questions for them, I asked what food can you eat after your game? By Alyssa

TRACK EVENTS

On 16th May most of the school went to Ballam Park for the track events. We first started off with hurdles. We started and I came 2nd, its good I tried my best. I was also in 200m, 80m and circular relay. The hurdles ribbon is the only one I got, but at least I tried my best. By Charlotte B

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Last Friday was Walk to School Day. About a third of the school walked, rode or scooted to school. We also had 55 children come for the healthy breakfast. Thanks to the teachers and Frankston Council for providing this.

	Bicycle	Scooter or Skateboard	Walking	Public Transport	Private Car	
Prep A	0	1	3	1	13	
Prep B	1	0	6	0	11	
1/2B	2	2	4	0	8	
3/4A	4	2	6	0	11	
4/6A	4	0	6	0	10	
5/6B	2	1	11	0	6	
TOTAL	13	6	36	1	59	= 115



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BOOK SHARING - FOR PARENTS OF 2 - 5 YEAR OLDS

2pm - 2.45pm, Tuesday 17th June. Frankston Library Long Room. Parents, learn more about sharing books with your children to develop language skills and foster quality time together. As this is a Parent Education session, we request that children please not attend. Free workshop, bookings essential. Book online or call 9784 1020.



PREP A – Ava L - always doing her best and being a caring member of Prep A.

PREP B - Melissa-Rose T - being a polite and enthusiastic member of the grade.

1/2A - Vada B - fantastic effort she puts into all her school work and for displaying kindness and consideration towards others. Well done!

1/2B - Grace F - always trying her best and being a friendly happy class member.

3/4A - Diamond P - putting so much effort into her written work.

4/5/6A - Declan S - keen participation in classroom activities throughout the month

5/6B - Tanya S - being a responsible student who tries her best.

ART - Colby R - trying extra hard in Art and producing beautiful work. Well Done!

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - Tanya S

PREP A - Riley E - great work in Maths using the balance scales and recording his work in his book.

PREP B - Annabell A - performing so confidently as the purple cat in Brown Bear, Brown Bear.

1/2A - Maria Y - fantastic effort she put into her maths activity on place value. Well Done!

1/2B - Annabelle S - being confident when presenting her project and for being very creative by using puppets.

3/4A - Nethan A - writing a great letter about a boy migrating to Australia.

4/5/6A - Emma M - trying to do her best and being a polite student throughout the week.

5/6B - Valerie A - positive 'can do' attitude she displays towards everything she tries.

P.E - Diamond P - trying so hard in basketball. Well Done!

MUSIC - Jovelle P - excellent job isolating the beats .

ART - Ella B - beautiful work as well as being very helpful.

YOU CAN DO IT DAY

On Wednesday 21st May we celebrated You Can Do It Day at Seaford Park. The You Can Do It Program covers five areas - Getting Along, Confidence, Organisation, Resilience and Persistence. At Seaford Park we are all working together to develop and instil these skills in our students. A variety of activities were completed on Wednesday, with each activity relating to one of more key areas of YCDI. We started off with an assembly that showcased an act from each class. The students who took part all showed CONFIDENCE. Next we held an exciting event called the 'Seaford Park Gift'. This was a series of multi-age races where students from all year levels raced against each other. We watched 8 children run enthusiastically in 18 races! The start of the race was staggered, with each year level having a 2 metre start on the next. This meant that the year 6 students started 12 metres behind the preps. Students had to show PERSISTENCE and RESILIENCE throughout this event. The winners of each race then battled it out in the final (one for girls and one for boys). The winners of the girls heats were: Melissa-Rose (Prep), Tori-Lee (Gr.2), Tamsin (Gr.4), Jewell (Gr.3), Valerie (Gr.5), Charlotte (Gr.3), Saffy (Gr.2), Jemma (Gr.4) and Dakota (Gr.2) The winners of the boys heats were: Luke (Gr.6), Colby (Gr.1), Mandrez (Gr.6), Thomas (Gr.1), Tarj (Gr.1), Adam (Gr.5), Oska (Gr.4), Lochlan (Gr.3) and Brodie (Gr.6) The finals were fiercely contested! Both races were very close. The winners were presented with certificates at an assembly. GIRLS - 1st - Gemma, 2nd - Saffy and Dakota, 3rd - Tori-Lee. BOYS - 1st - Tarj, 2nd - Colby, 3rd - Oska. After recess the whole school were very ORGANISED as all students gathered for a photo whilst holding balloons representing the YCDI key colours. This was very exciting and effective. Next students were challenged and had to show a great deal of RESILIENCE and PERSISTENCE as they took part in challenging workshops that included: origami, building a house of cards, a word search and a challenge to move marbles with chopsticks. In the last session of the day students showed their ORGANISATION and GETTING ALONG SKILLS as they formed their house groups for Tabloid Sports. After 8 rotations the winning team was Banksia 2. During the Tabloid Sports and throughout the day awards were given to students who showed outstanding examples of the YCDI key areas. 12 awards were given to the following students: Tia, Sahara and Brodie (Getting Along), Mogy, Bella, Zoe and Olivia (Organisation), Maxim, Gemma and Lilly (Persistence), Joroni (Resilience), Mrs. Townsend (Persistence and Resilience). Congratulations! Thank you to all of the teachers and students who worked so well together to make the day possible. Thanks also to the parents who shared in the day and supported our wonderful students. Look out for a new layout that will be put up on the YCDI noticeboard for more photos of the action and events. Mrs.Witte

OUR SCHOOL IS BECOMING RESOURCESMART

This year our school is taking action to become more environmentally sustainable through a Victorian Government initiative called ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic. ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic is a program that helps our school embed sustainability in everything we do. We are aiming to reduce our resource use (like electricity and water) plus support indigenous plants and animals. This will also hopefully help us save money. We also want to involve students, families and other members of our school and local community. In 2014, we are receiving funded support from Sustainability Victoria, DEECD and Frankston City Council. We are working with Kirsty Costa from CERES Environment Park on the actions of the Core Module. This year, we are aiming to continue to build on our sustainability achievements and monitor our resource use by using a free website called ResourceSmart Online. We can't wait to reduce our school's impact, and contribute to a sustainable future for all. Read more at www.resourcesmartschools.vic.gov.au/about/. (AuSSI is a national program and stands for the Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative).