COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Last fortnight we had our Welcome Picnic which was a great night had by all. The Parents and Friends organised some fantastic food and the coffee van was a hit! The children enjoyed playing and everyone loved catching up in a relaxed atmosphere.

However on Friday morning I was greeted by extensive graffiti all over the walls, windows, outdoor tables, doors, rebound wall, tanks, outdoor pictures and the playground equipment. Whilst cleaning it off before all the children arrived to see it, I had a number of staff drop their preparation to assist and as parents arrived with the children also offered to help clean and paint it all. The students were very mature and carried on “business as usual”, whilst staff and parents spent the rest of the morning getting rid of the offensive markings. I thank everyone who supported us and congratulate the community on turning around an upsetting event situation into a positive show of support for your school.

HOAX CALLS and EMERGENCY DRILLS

As you are probably aware through recent media coverage, a number of schools across Victoria and Australia have recently received threats via automated telephone calls. Schools that have received threatening phone calls have had to enact their emergency management plan, including evacuations and lockdowns. Staff and students have consistently conducted themselves very well during these practice runs. Seaford Park PS has recently subscribed to the State Government schools emergency SMS service. This service will enable the school to alert parents and carers to an emergency. To help us contact you in an emergency, parents and carers should ensure contact details are up to date; this includes email addresses, phone and mobile numbers.

From the Principal’s Pen.

Julie Braakhuis    Principal

Dates to Remember:

March
Tuesday 22nd
School Council 6.20pm
Thursday 24th
Last day of Term 1 - 2.30 dismissal
Easter Bonnet Parade 9.15am
Friday 25th
Good Friday

April
Monday 11th
Term 2 school resumes

Wednesday 13th
Interschool Field Sports - Ballam Park

Thursday 14th
School Photos

Friday 29th
Interschool Track Sports - Ballam Park

May
Tuesday 3rd
Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee 8.30am
Thursday 5th
Marketing and Promotions Subcommittee 6pm

Friday 6th May
Parents and Friends meeting 2pm

Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th
NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5

Friday 13th
Interschool Cross Country - Norm Cathie Oval 12.30pm

Sunday 15th
Working Bee time TBA

Monday 16th - Friday 20th
Education Week
Open Night TBA

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS**

The Building & Grounds Committee are looking to build a resources list of parents who the school can call on for assistance for small maintenance jobs. As many of you would know the call out fee for many specialised contractors is often quite high and can mean that our school is paying several hundred dollars to fix minor problems. The committee would like to specially thank Mr Ron Jones who regularly mows our grassed areas and does some of the maintenance jobs. Also, Mr Alan Neame who received the “Principal’s Award” at Monday morning’s assembly for fixing one of our taps that was gushing water. He was in the right spot at the right time and happened to have the right tools for the job. Thank you to Mr Brett Eastham for securing the nails on the flagpole seating. Many of our parents and staff have generously lent a hand to remove the large amount of graffiti found on the morning of Thursday 25th of February after our Welcome Picnic and the Twenty-Twenty cricket match at Belvedere Oval. The majority of the vandalism was removed or covered by late morning due to the efforts of several members of our community. Thank you to all those involved. If you have particular skills in a trade area and could lend a hand with small maintenance jobs please let our office staff know or our Buildings and Grounds representative Jeff Shelley. We will have a Working Bee on Sunday 15th May, to ready our school for Education Week which will be held the week beginning Sunday 15th May.

**Actively Supporting Your Child’s** Learning The Department of Education and Training has created an App called SchoolMate. Parents can use this App to get an overview about what your child is learning in key curriculum areas and ideas about how you can support their learning. It is easy to use and includes links to web pages that provide further information. You can download the SchoolMate App from the DET website: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/learning/schoolmate/Pages/app.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/learning/schoolmate/Pages/app.aspx), the Apple App Store or through Google Play. You might also be interested in the following educational websites:


**NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE**

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held on Friday the 18th March 2016. Our school will be participating in various age appropriate activities to raise awareness and build strategies to say NO WAY to bullying. Together let's make a difference and put a stop to bullying. **What is bullying?** Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious or hidden. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

**Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:**

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

For further information visit [http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)
SEDAPROGRAM
Seaford Park students enjoyed participating in a series of AFL clinics that were funded by ‘Sporting Schools’. The SEDA students’ engaging activities promoted skill development and teamwork.

You Can Do It!

News & Events

Last year a school song was created to encourage our students, staff and school community to celebrate and take pride in our school and promote our school values. We have included the words of the song in our newsletter this week for our new families and encourage you to sing it at home. Students have been singing it at the end of each assembly and during music lessons. Mr. Triplow has also kindly offered to get his guitar out and practice with individual grades before lunch. It would be wonderful to see family and community members joining in with us when we sing.

SEAFORD PARK SCHOOL SONG
Our school is small but it has such a big heart,
The memories that we make will last forever.
It’s amazing what we can achieve,
Work hard, believe and shine…….
Our journey starts at Seaford Park x 2
A place where we all come together as one,
To grow and learn and care for everyone.
Students, teachers, families,
Community, we thrive……
Our journey starts at Seaford Park x 2
From the classroom to the playground,
We respect each other,
We all try our best, with persistence,
And have fun.
At Seaford Park we’re growing stronger every day,
Building friendships all along the way,
Developing our confidence and tolerance,
With pride……
Our journey starts at Seaford Park x 2
Nothing compares to Seaford Park!

YOU CAN DO IT TREE
The ‘You Can Do It’ tree continues to fill with leaves. We are working towards five hundred leaves. Leaves are awarded to students who display the YCDI values during recess and lunchtimes and are presented at assembly. When we reach 500 leaves we will celebrate with an exciting You Can Do It! fun day for the entire school. Congratulations to the students who have already received a leaf this year.

kilometer club

Congratulations to this week’s winning grade - 1/2A
Kilometer club is back up and running on Wednesday’s at lunchtime from 1.40pm to 2.00pm on the oval. The course is 250 meters long and it has been exciting to see so many students and teachers completing up to 2 kilometers per week. Kilometer club helps students to develop persistence, confidence and organisation and it has been wonderful to see so many students running together and getting along.
Keep your eye on the noticeboard outside the Phys Ed storeroom (inside the door where the 1/2 students line up). Each class will have a special ‘teacher icon’ on the display to track their results. Don’t forget to wear your runners on Wednesday’s so that you can help your class win the weekly trophy!

active april

Last week students received an Active April notice. And are encouraged to return the form to their class teacher as soon as possible so they can be registered and placed into teams. Please make the most of Active April and support our school. Students already registered by Mrs. Witte have been given a special card that includes attraction discounts and free passes to PARC. With the holidays coming up it’s great to have, and fabulous for encouraging an active holiday.

GOALS
Prep A - to line up nicely in pairs.
1/2A - to bring our Share Book to school every day.
1/2C - to care about each other.
5/6A - to work quietly while in the class room.
Prep B - to push our chairs in.
1/2B - to go to the toilet at recess and lunch time.
3/4A - to write an exposition with the correct structure.

CAMEO TIGERS NETBALL CLUB - PLAYERS WANTED
Hurry last chance to join a team. Females - 6yrs to seniors, Males - 6 - 12yrs. All abilities welcome.
Email - cameoottigersnc@hotmail.com Phone: Kaylene 0403 575 509. Local Netball Club for Seaford, Carrum Downs, Skye ands surrounding areas.
PREP A – Zade J - outstanding start to the school year and for being a happy and helpful member of the class.

PREP B - Aston C - being a superstar helper with a great attitude towards learning.

1/2A - Aiyana R - making an excellent start in year 1 and demonstrating persistence in all areas.

1/2B - Jack S - being a great role model and team player.

1/2C - Mackenzie M - having such a positive attitude in all areas of her schoolwork.

3/A - Ashley C - consistent effort and showing respect.

4/5A - Dakota L - being a thoughtful, hard working pupil throughout the month.

5/6A - Dylan R - making a great start to the 2016 school year. Keep it up!

MUSIC - Dylan R - wonderful achievement saying all of the patterns on the rhythm clock.

Layla Milburn - a beautiful solo in music and for doing a wonderful job chanting rhythms.

ART - Lachlan D - creative work in art. Thanks for helping to tidy up.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD - Alan N - fixing the broken tap. Dylan B - showing ingenuity when the tap wouldn’t close. Ron J - mowing the school oval ready for the welcome picnic.

PREP A – Mya P - recognising all our new sounds and sight words in her diary writing.

PREP B - Eadyn K - being an amazing helper who is always trying to make our classroom a happy place to be.

1/2A - Xavier B - persisting and completing all writing tasks to a fantastic standard.

1/2B - Indy E - always giving everything a try, staying focused and doing her best.

1/2C - Alex F - making a BIG effort to finish his work.

3/4A – Isaac D - working hard on his maths and being a helpful classmate. Keep up the good work.

4/5A - Talia C - trying hard with her maths throughout the week. Well Done!

5/6A - Alyssa S - amazing improvements in here attitude and work ethic. Keep it up!

P.E - Zac W - magnificent effort at kilometre club this week.

MUSIC - Charlotte B - displaying a positive attitude in music and assisting other students with kindness.

4/5T - an absolutely amazing effort in music this week.

ART - Lachlan D - creative work in art & helping to tidy up.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD - Nicholas H - being a great reader in front of all the classroom helpers.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

PREP WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA
A great opportunity for all Prep families to meet each other. It's from 3.15 to 3.45 on Thursday 17th March. Please bring a plate to share. Remember no nuts.

EASTER BONNET PARADE AND RAFFLE
Please donate Easter Eggs for the Easter raffle. The class who donates the most eggs wins the "Most Eggcellent Class Award" and icy-pole vouchers for each student. Your Easter raffle tickets are due back by Monday 21st March. The Easter Bonnet Parade is on Thursday 24th March at 9.15am, the last day of Term 1. Everyone is welcome. It is an event to see the students having fun and raffle will be drawn at the end of the parade.

HOT CROSS BUNS
Order forms have been sent home for the Hot Cross Buns. They are $4.00 for 6 large or 9 small buns. 50c goes to school fundraising. Orders must be in and paid for by Wednesday 16th March and can be picked up on the 24th March.

EASTER TREAT ORDER ON LAST DAY
Orders forms for an Easter treat of a Hot Cross Bun and a drink will be going home on 21st March. Lunch still needs to be supplied.

FRIDAY FRUIT
Would you like to get involved but don't have much time? Every Friday morning straight after the bell we need help to cut up fruit for the Student's free "Fresh Fruit Friday". No experience necessary and toddlers are welcome.

MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA
Term 2 Planning meeting 2pm Friday 12th April.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Term 2, 2pm Tuesday 3rd May.

REQUEST
Could hot food order forms please be filled out correctly. If you have more than one child please make sure that they all have separate order forms and envelopes. However money can be placed in one envelope. Every order form must have your child’s complete name and grade marked clearly on the envelope. This will make life easier for the parents who come in and count the money. We would appreciate your help.