School Council Elections: I am pleased to announce that on the second call, one nomination for the one remaining vacancy was received, and consequently there was no need for a ballot for the parent category. This means that the following parent members have been elected for the next two years to the Seaford Primary School Council: Annie Laurenson, Lisa Berry, Andrea Hart and Kirsten O’Callaghan. There were three nominees for the DEECD category for the two vacancies on the second call which has resulted in the need for a ballot. This ballot closed at 4pm today (Thursday 14th) and the community will be advised of the successful nominees in next week’s newsletter.

Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting of School Council will be held next Monday, March 18th at 7pm in the ELC. All parents are invited to attend this meeting where the Annual Report will be tabled and open for discussion. This meeting generally takes about 30 minutes and will be followed by the first meeting of the new school council where office bearers will be appointed, along with leaders of each of the sub-committees.

Sub Committees: The school council operates a number of sub committees, most of which are led by members of school council, however membership of these sub committees is open to any parent or community member. The sub committees meet generally once per term or more frequently if required. The role of the sub committee is to provide advice to the school council and then to implement the decisions of the council based on these recommendations. Our sub committees include: Finance, Fund Raising, Communications, Canteen, Uniform, Buildings and Grounds, Grants and Education. Please let one of the school councillors know if you are interested in being involved in one or more of these committees.

Building Program: Tenders for our new capital works program have now closed and the steering committee will be meeting late today to decide which company will be awarded the tender. Once we have entered into discussions with the successful company we will be able to advise you of the date of commencement of the works and the impact this will have on the school, which we believe will be minimal.

Frankston City Community Information: In recent times, the City of Frankston has embarked on providing information sessions to parents on topics of interest and concern to them. In this newsletter we have included information relating to an upcoming session entitled “When Great Minds Don’t Think Alike”. This session, which is free and goes for just an hour, will focus on helping children with learning difficulties including Dyslexia, Auditory Processing Disorder, Neuro Developmental Delay, ADHD, Sensory Integration Issues, language disorders and Aspergers related learning difficulties. Information on how to book is also included in this flier. It may be of assistance to parents generally in how to support their child in their learning, not only academically at school but also in everyday living where much of our learning occurs.

Regards
Michael
CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Skye, Mikayla, Josh, Talon, Jay and Lilliana received their “KIDS Matter” awards at assembly last Friday.

Nicky, Tabatha, Seth, Erik, Kayla, Hayley, Connor and Reece received sports awards for Interschool Sport at assembly on Friday.

Connor, Tahlia, Hayley and Samantha are our new “i sea, i care” ambassadors.

Nicky received Fitness Club award at assembly last Friday.

Emily showed us her swimming ribbons at assembly last Friday.
ATTENTION: YEAR SIX GIRLS

KILBREDA COLLEGE

SCHOOL TOURS—9.00 A.M. MARCH 13, 20 & 27
OR BY APPOINTMENT

BAYSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

OPEN MORNING AND EVENING FOR PARENTS OF GRADE 5 AND 6 STUDENTS

MARCH 14TH 4.00 P.M.—6.00 P.M.

ALSO - WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST 9.30 A.M.—11.00 A.M.
SATURDAY MAY 11TH 10 A.M.—12 NOON.

P.M.P

Grade One and Prep
We need support from parents to gain maximum benefit from this excellent program. Each session will require you to run a small activity station, guiding a few children at a time through a simple activity.

If you are interested in helping for all or some of the weeks please see Martin Hayes, Deanne Round or Ruth Arvidson.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Displayed on the Noticeboard in the front foyer of the Office.

- The Performance Factory. Drama classes at the Seaford Hall
- Miss Karla’s School of Ballet
- Adult dance classes—St Chads church hall Chelsea
- Big Ben’s Boxing—Youth boxing classes ages 8—14
- Children Performing Company of Australia
- margosPT—personal training
- Rowellyn Park nab AFL Auskick 2013
- Expressive Art Program for Children of Divorced/Separated parents.
- The Seaford Junior Football Club are now taking registrations for season 2013 for all age groups. Please contact Mark on 0435 900 674 for more details.
- Belvedere Community BBQ Saturday 23rd March 11.00a.m.—2.00 p.m. Celebrate Diversity Week, Harmony Day and get to know your neighbours. Free sausage sizzle and lots of fun activities for children and families.
- Disability Respite and Recreation Expo 2013 Tuesday 23rd April 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
OPEN AFTERNOON:
Come and experience the Year 7 Centre on Saturday 20th April from 2.00-4.00pm (SEAL information session at 3.00pm)

OPEN NIGHT:
See our whole College at work on Tuesday 23rd April from 7.00-9.00pm (SEAL information session at 6.30pm)

SEAL ENTRANCE EXAM:
Saturday 27th April 10.00am – 12.00pm

Tours with our Principal, Michelle Roberts are held every Friday at 9.30am.
Please ring 9580 1184 to book

Moonlit Sanctuary School Holidays
Young Ranger Program

Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care, Fun and Games during Autumn 2013.

Wednesday 3rd, Friday 5th April
Monday 8th: Wednesday 10th, Friday 12th April

Cost: $39.00 per day, or $105 for 3 days.
Bookings essential - suitable 7-14 years.
Hours: 10AM – 3PM
Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.
Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7935
Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
By Michael Woolsey
School Community Liaison Officer

TOLERANCE – School Value Number 1 (Part 2)
Tolerance refers to having an attitude of respect and also being accepting of the differences that exist among people. This term is mainly used in reference to ethnic and religious differences, but tolerance is also commonly used to refer to gender, those people with a disability (physical and intellectual), amongst other differences. Tolerance means respecting and learning from and about others. It is about valuing differences, bridging cultural gaps, rejecting stereotypes which are unfair and discovering common ground. It could be said that tolerance is the opposite of prejudice.

Does this mean that we should accept all behaviours?
NO. If those behaviours hurt or disrespect others then they should not be tolerated. Bullying or behaviours that break social rules, like lying or stealing are examples of this. Tolerance is about accepting all people for who they are — not about accepting bad behaviour. Tolerance also means treating others the way you would like to be treated.

Harmony Day is Thursday 21st March. This is an annual event where tolerance and differences are acknowledged and celebrated. More about this next week.
The 3/4’s have been learning all about Australian History this term and we would like to share some of the facts that we have learnt.

**Dale** - In 1616 a man named Dirk Hartog discovered the western side of Australia.

**Amy** - James Cook landed in Botany Bay in 1770. Captain Cook claimed New South Wales for Britain.

**Cam** - The aboriginal people had never seen white people until Captain James Cook landed in Botany Bay in 1770. They were shocked to see these white people in strange clothes.

**Molly** - When the British settled in Australia in the late 18th century, there were more than 300,000 aboriginal people. Many were killed by the settlers or driven off their land. By the mid-1900’s their population had dropped to around 45,000. Today it has risen to more than 515,000. In 2008 the government formally apologised to the aboriginal people for their past mistreatment.

**Ben** - Australia’s aboriginal culture might be the oldest one in the world. They used stone tools and painted with colours they found in the ground.

**Darcy** - Aboriginal people have been in Australia for about 40,000 years.

**Isabella** - Aborigines used to eat different plants and animals. They also ate birds, goannas and tarantulas.
Max- Did you know on January 26th 1788 Captain Arthur Phillip made a settlement at Sydney Cove.

Balin- Between 1788 and 1850 the English sent over 160,000 convicts to Australia in 806 ships. Captain Phillip commanded the First Fleet. He sent 11 ships which made up the First Fleet.

Annika- Matthew Flinders sailed around Australia and made a map of Australia.

Finn- Did you know Matthew Flinders named Australia in 1814.

Laura- The original name Tasmania was Van Diemen’s Land.

Nathan- In 1836 there were 40,000 people living in Tasmania.

Rachael- In 1901 Australia became its own country. This was called Federation.

Lilliana- In 1915 World War One started and ended in 1918.

Lila- In 1939 to 1945 Australia was in World War Two.

Chelsea- In 1942 Japan attacked Australia. First they attacked Darwin using planes and then using planes again they attacked Broome and they killed 70 people.

Meija- In 1956 Melbourne held the Olympic Games for the first time.

Dalani- Australia got its official flag in 1953.
National Ride 2 School Day

Friday 22 March

Ride • Scoot • Skate • Walk

Be part of the fun!

We will be holding a whole school breakfast on this day. Any parents wishing to help, please contact Michael W.