FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome back everyone from your holidays- I hope that this was a relaxing time for you all and that you were able to spend some ‘family time’ together over Easter.

The building program has commenced with the demolition of the old library and language unit being completed hopefully by the middle of next week. In our discussion with the builders we are expecting a completion of early October which will mean, all going well, that our years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will move into their new classrooms at the beginning of term 4. We will try to keep disruptions of our school programs to a minimum during the building program- the most noticeable impact will be in regards to moving from the McKenzie St side of the school to the McRae St side and vice versa and from the car park to the buildings. With the barriers placed around the building site, there is no longer access onto the school grounds through the car park or through the pedestrian gate adjacent to it. The only access to the school from McRae St will be via the pedestrian gate near the school crossing. Hopefully this will not cause us too much inconvenience.

Thursday of next week is ANZAC Day. The Seaford RSL has a school’s service on Wednesday 24th April at 10.30 and we will be taking our school captains and house captains to participate in this service, and to lay a wreath at the foot of the cenotaph on behalf of our school community. In classrooms, teachers will be working with their students to develop understandings of the significance of ANZAC Day at an ‘age appropriate’ level. A minute’s silence will be observed at 11 am on this day.

Whilst we are a small school in terms of student numbers, we do have a large staff of teachers, aides and ancillary workers. This means that our school car park on most days of the week is generally full. Many of our aides arrive at school shortly before 9 a.m and finish work at 3.30 p.m which means that there is traffic movement in the school car park just before and just after school each day. For these reasons the school’s policy, endorsed by school council, is that the school car park is only available for use of staff and visitors on official business. This includes our school council president who attends school most days on school business. For the safety of all children can I please ask that parents DO NOT pick up or drop off their children in the school car park. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Head Lice are not nice, but unfortunately Seaford, like all other schools, experiences times when the cycle of head lice is such that there is increased occurrence of these. The only way to break the cycle is that, when a child does have an infestation, it is treated. Since children have returned to school, we have noticed a number of students who have head lice. Could I ask that all parents spend a few minutes just to check their child’s hair to ensure that it is clear, and, if not, to arrange for this to be treated. Chemists and supermarkets are the easiest points of access to purchase treatments which should solve the issue.

Woolworths have once again commenced their Earn and Learn Program and we have once again registered our participation. If you shop at Woolworths, please remember to ask for your stickers, place them on your sheet and when the sheet is full send it to school, with your child’s name on it. A raffle ticket will then be placed in the barrel and each Friday at assembly we will draw out several names to receive a prize. We received a large number of resources from our participation last year and we hope for a similar outcome this year, with your help.

Regards

Michael
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

- Mad Hatters Tea Party 21st April
- Disabilities Respite and Recreation
- Masculinity workshop 30th April
- Patterson River College open night
- School Photos

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**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on 7th May, 2013

**PHOTO DAY TIPS:**

- **Dress:** Clean and tidy school uniform
- **Hair:** Neat and swept off face
- **Orders:** Complete your order form and return to school prior to photography day.
- **Pre Orders:** To preorder online, take your personal ID number found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au

**Family Pre Paid Envelopes**

Can be collected from the School Office. There are family discount offers of 25% available to any family with 3 or more children provided they hand in the voucher with the order forms.