From The Principal’s Desk

House Captains and School Captains: I would like to extend my congratulations to our House Captains who were each presented with their House Captain Badge at last week’s assembly. House captains are appointed by the senior school staff in consultation with both Mrs Reardon and myself and are selected on the leadership and personal qualities that they display. The role of House Captains is varied, ranging from conducting our weekly whole school assemblies, organising whole school events, helping out with school programs such as Kids Carnival and Gala Sports and a myriad of other tasks which we need our leaders to undertake. Our House Captains for this year are:

Yellow House (Mitchell)  Damien Clark and Karina Miribyan
Red House (McKenzie)    Vaughn Beghetti and Kayla Green
Green House (McRae)     Ben Honey and Jasmine Duesterhaus
Blue House (Austin)     Jarrod Harrison and Meredith Vaughan

Each term two of our House Captains take on the role of School Captains, and they take on additional responsibilities in representing the school in the wider community. Throughout the year all our House Captains will take a turn at being a School Captain.

Each of our year 6 students who are not House Captains are allocated leadership positions in programs across the school, from distribution of notices to classes, raising the flag each day, organising our chess pieces each day, assisting with sport and phys ed resources, art materials, library borrowing etc. In this way every year 6 student at Seaford Primary has the opportunity to develop leadership qualities and take on additional responsibilities. These students will be presented with their school leader’s badge this week at assembly.

Whole School Events: Thanks to all of you who attended our two events this week - our Family Welcome Back Picnic on Tuesday evening and our Meet and Greet evening yesterday. Both were well attended and I trust that you all found them to be of value to you. Our new prep children were certainly excited about receiving their First Day Photos and Welcome Certificates and all the children, I am sure enjoyed their icy poles, drinks and balloons along with some parents and staff.
Student Accident Insurance: I would like to remind parents that neither the Department of Education nor the school provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents or guardians are responsible for paying medical and transport costs associated with student injuries. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers and these cover a range of medical expenses which may not be covered by Medicare or Private Health Insurance. Attached to this newsletter is a flier from EBM Insurance Brokers which accepts applications for student insurance on-line at a cost of $29 per year per child. I pass this on to you as a courtesy, however neither the department nor the school is providing an endorsement or recommendation and neither do we receive commissions from this insurance company or any others should you decide to take out student accident cover. I recommend that you seek your own advice or do your own research in making your decision.

School Council Elections: Each year Government Schools conduct elections for parents and DEECD Employees, to fill vacancies created through the retirement of half of the existing elected membership of school council. Yesterday you should all have received notification of this year’s election and a call for nominations to the 4 School Council vacancies for 2013/14. Nomination forms are now available from the school office.

Woolworths Earn & Learn: We have received advice that selected items earned by schools in last year’s Earn and Learn program are now being dispatched and should arrive by the end of this term. At Seaford each of the grade areas selected items from the catalogue and as soon as they arrive they will be available for student’s use.

Premier’s Active family Challenge: The Premier’s Active Families Challenge is a key component of the Victorian Government’s commitment to get more people, more active, more often. Families participating in the Challenge are asked to do at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day for 30 days between 4 March and 14 April 2013. All schools participating in the Challenge will go in the draw to win Rebel Sport vouchers ranging from $350 - $1000 depending on school size. The school in each size category (small, medium and large) with the highest percentage of registrations will also win a school clinic valued at $1000. Students will be asked to nominate their school when they register. The more students that register, the more chances we have of winning. Please see details in the notice attached to this newsletter.

Regards
Michael
Meredith and Jarrod received their School Captain badges at assembly last Friday.

Nicholas, Alyssa, Meredith, Hayley and Laing were chosen to represent Seaford Primary School at the Interschool swimming sports to be held on Monday 18th February.

Molly, Seth, Brooke and Jonathon received their “KIDS Matter” awards at assembly last Friday.
Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

A reminder that anyone with a current pension or health care card is eligible to apply for EMA. These applications have to be in by 28/02/2013. Parents who were eligible last year **do have to re-apply this year**. Please see the School Office for forms and information.

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Patterson River Secondary College

"STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE"

At Patterson River Secondary College we are proud of our students and their academic and co-curricular achievements.

We would like to invite prospective students and parents to see our College in action.

School Tours can be arranged at any time. Please contact the College office to book a tour with the Principal.

Telephone: 8770 6700

OPEN NIGHT 7th MAY – 7pm

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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
- Stingrays Hockey Club—Free Hockey Clinic Thursday 14th 21st and 28th February 6p.m.-7pm.
- 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.
- K P Giants Basketball Club Registration day Saturday 23rd February, Kingsley Park Primary School 10.30—2.30

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Get active & have fun!

Join the Premier's Active Families Challenge
It's fun, it's free and a great way to be healthy and active
4 March - 14 April 2013

Register and get:
- one free cart hire at Albert Park Reserve or Melbourne Park
- 15% off at Rebel Sport
- 20 free YMCA passes
- One free child pass to National Sports Museum and MCG Tours
- One free child pass to Melbourne Aquarium

The 2013 Premier's Active Families Challenge provides a great opportunity for all Victorian families to get fit and enjoy the benefits of an active lifestyle.

Your guide to the Challenge

1. Register to participate in the Challenge as a team by:
   - calling 1300 463 684
   - mailing this form. Registrations must be lodged by 16 March 2013.

2. Anyone can participate in the Challenge - friends, family or individuals.

3. Each team can only register once and must live in Victoria.

4. Once registered, you will receive a registration card in the mail that will allow you to redeem your free passes and incentives.

5. You need to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days to successfully complete the Challenge. The 30 days do not need to be consecutive and you can do the activity on your own, as a family or as a group.

6. The 30 minutes of activity can be made up of any sort of physical activity, including incidental activity. It should be in 30 minute blocks, but if your team finds it hard, two lots of 15 minutes, or three lots of 10 minutes, is OK. There are great ideas on how to make up your 30 minutes at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge.

7. Complete the survey at the end of the Challenge to be eligible for a certificate of achievement and to go into the draw for some great prizes.
Imagine Having Asperger’s Syndrome/Autism

A community initiative by Peninsula Montessori Parents Association @ Karingal Primary School
Presented by Dr Richard Eisenmajer (PhD)

Date: Thursday, 14 March
Time: 7:15pm for 7:30pm start
Venue: Cube 37, Davey Street, Frankston
(next to Frankston Arts Centre)
Tickets: $22 each
Bookings: Frankston Arts Centre
phone 9784 1060
or www.thefac.com.au

Drawing on his clinical experience and popular presentation style, Dr Richard Eisenmajer talks about the day to day challenges faced by people with Asperger’s Syndrome / Autism and suggests a range of support strategies.
Presenter website: www.theasdclinic.com.au

“For more details please contact the school principal”
In Literacy last week, Grades 1/2 D and 1/2 R read a funny story called The Exploding Frog. Old Mr Frog wanted to be as big as an ox, so he took a deep breath. He doubled his size. He kept doing this until he exploded. Here are some samples of our work. The rest of our work is on the display board outside the staffroom. Please take some time to look at it, as we had a lot of fun completing our work.