From the Principal’s Desk

On Monday of this week the school council presented the Annual Report at its AGM. This report provides information about the school’s performance in 2012 in the areas of Student Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing and Student Pathways and Transitions. It includes NAPLAN results in the area of Literacy and Numeracy in our years 3 and 5 as assessed in May and compares our results to all Government Schools. The report also provides the school community with information relating to the school’s financial position. Copies of this report are available for collection from the school office and will be able to be viewed on the school’s website from early term 2. This is an important document and I encourage all of our parents to take the opportunity to read it (it is only 1 page of text and three pages of charts) so that you remain fully informed of your child’s school’s achievement.

The school council for 2013 is comprised of the following members:

Parent Electorate: Annie Launerson (President), Kirsten O’Callaghan (Secretary); Sally Marriott (Vice President); Lisa Berry (Treasurer); Andrea Hart (Assistant Secretary) Joanne Kraljik; Sharelle Goodwin and Katherine Jane

DEECD Electorate: Robyn Reardon (Assistant Treasurer); Deanne Round; Joanne Broomhail; Erica Cooper

Principal: Michael Browne

At the first school council meeting held after the AGM school council sub-committees were formed, each with its own school council convenor. If you would be interested in joining any of the sub committees please let the convenor know or contact either myself or Erica in the office.

Sub Committees and Convenors are:

Finance (Lisa Berry), Communications (Sally Marriott/Kirsten O’Callaghan); Fund Raising (Annie Launerson); Uniform (Erica Cooper); Education (Robyn Reardon); Buildings and Grounds (Michael Browne); Canteen (Joanne Kraljik), 100th Centenary Organising Committee (Andrea Hart), Grants (Sharelle Goodwin)

We have met with the architect and provided recommendation to the Department of our preferred building contractor. It is expected that this will be ratified this week and we can then begin discussion with the builder regarding commencement date for the works. One of the things we need to do prior to the works beginning is to box all of the library books ready for the removalist to transport them to the container that has been organised for this purpose. This needs to be done ASAP and is a large job. We are asking that as many parents as possible could assist with this task over the next week or so. If you would be available for any time on any day please let me know. Even if it is only 10 – 15 minutes – all is helpful.

Early this year the school purchased 16 notebooks and 10 iPads to enable greater and more flexible access to ICT for our year 3 – 6 students, and these are being used widely across the area. I am pleased to announce that we have just placed an order for an additional 10 iPads for use in the ELC for our junior students and we expect that these will be delivered ready for use at the commencement of term 2. It is hoped that an additional 10 will be able to be purchased in the second half of the year.

Front cover designed by Julian 5/6S
Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle are now on sale and all families should have received a sheet. This is one of our major fundraisers, so it is hoped that we have lots of support (as we always do) from our community in buying and selling tickets. The raffle will be drawn at our end of term assembly on Thursday March 28th. Fundraising activities provide us with greater flexibility in purchasing resources, such as iPads, for our students.

Our Earn and Learn Resources from Woolworths have now arrived and have been distributed to classrooms. The children and teachers are certainly enjoying using these in their learning programs. Woolworths has just announced that it will once again be running Earn and Learn this year, commencing on Monday April 8th which is during the term holidays. We will be participating and ask that if you or your friends or other family members shop at Woolworths, that you collect the stickers and when the sheet is full, bring to school. Once again we will provide incentives and have weekly draws at assembly. Further details of this will be provided in the first week of term 2.

Regards
Michael

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**Mordialloc College**

**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.*

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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
- Children Performing Company of Australia
- margosPT—personal training
- Rowelllyn 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.
Ben and Tor received their Fitness Club awards at assembly last Friday.

Lucy and Brooke received Dollarmites certificates for banking with the Commonwealth Bank.

Jordan shared his cricket trophy for most improved batsman with the assembly last Friday.

WELCOME TO SEAFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Seaford Primary School community would like to welcome Noel and his family to our school.
**Ride2School day**

We will be celebrating Ride2School Day on **Friday 22nd March**. There will be a **whole school breakfast** on this day to promote a healthy breakfast in conjunction with regular physical activity. Breakfast helps kick start the metabolism which prevents a decline in concentration during the late morning. Children need breakfast in order to continue thinking and learning during this vital time of the morning when their literacy block is.

**Any parents who are available to cook toast, etc with us in the canteen, please feel free to turn up and help** so that we can be prepared for the hungry mouths. The **breakfast will start at 8.15am** and is always a lot of fun. The designated meeting point for the **riding, walking, skating or scooting school bus** will be the Seaford Wetlands Bird Hide at 8.15a.m to leave at 8.20a.m.

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**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](http://www.moonlit-sanctuary.com)
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**By Michael Woolsey**
School Community Liaison Officer

**HARMONY DAY - Thursday 21st March**

Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is a day of cultural respect, widely celebrated across schools, childcare centres, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. In 2013 the theme is: Many Stories – One Australia.

Our Australian Story is diverse. We come from many countries around the world. We each make up the pages of the bigger Australia story we share today. From the Dreamtime to the Eureka to the Snowy River, from the outback to the city, in wartime and in peace, our stories may be heartwrenching but also inspirational.

Let's take the time to celebrate our diversity. Let's go beyond the cover of the book and wander through the pages of each other's story. It's a way we can learn and understand.

Everyone has a story to tell – tell us yours.

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**Help wanted**

**Melbourne Pet Ambulance**

My name is Lisa and I foster puppies and dogs for Melbourne Pet Ambulance. We are in desperate need of newspaper for the puppies. If you have some old newspapers lying around it would be wonderful if you could donate them.

Please let Erica, in the Office, know and I will contact you to arrange pick up.
**Nippers**

On Monday 25th of February the 5/6s went to Seaford beach to participate in Nippers. At Nippers there were 6 instructors, Penny, Kelsey, Stuart, Bridget, Michael and Darsh. We played 6 games, beach/water safety, beach games, P.D.Fs, rope rescue, nippers boards and iron man.

On Tuesday 26th of February we had to stay at school for part of the day because it was raining, fortunately we got to go to the beach. Later on in the afternoon we played trenches, it was an awesome game.

On Wednesday 27th of February we had competitions. We played beach flags, tube rescue, trenches, gang up tiggy and octopus. We saw the St Kilda football team.

I had an awesome time.

By Hayley.

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**Nippers 2013**

**My highlights**

Monday—my highlights are: going in the water with my friends, going on the boards and competing in the iron man challenge.

Tuesday—my highlights were: doing the flags, DR ABCD and team activities.

Wednesday—my highlights were: flags, trenches, gang up tiggy and octopus.

My awesome highlight was playing trenches because you got to dig holes the you hid in them.

By Noah

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**Nippers**

On Monday the 25th of February grade 5/6L and grade 5/6S started nippers. On Monday we did beach/water safety with Penny, with Kelsey we did beach games, with Stuart we did PDF’s (personal flotation device), with Bridget we did rope rescue, with Michael we did nippers boards and with Darsh we did iron man. And my highlight was nippers boards.

On Tuesday the 26th of February there was a lot of rain, so the first two activities were in the multi purpose room which was sad. But when the play time bell rang we headed off to the beach. The activities were flags, team building, boogie boards, tube rescues, DR ABCD and the game was trenches, And my highlight was trenches.

On Wednesday the 27th of February it was carnival day. We did beach flags, tube relays, trenches, gang up tiggy, octopus and we also saw the St Kilda football players train. On Tuesday and Wednesday the EPA said the water was poor so we could not go in the water. And my highlight was seeing the St Kilda football players.

By Vaughn. B

28/02/2013
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.

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