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From The Principal’s Desk

A school uniform is something that sets us apart and also gives a sense of belonging. It is disappointing to note that there has been a number of students coming to the school in items that are not part of our school uniform - this includes coloured T Shirts and skivvies under school T shirts, multi coloured (and multi styled) hats and other headwear and inappropriate shoes. Our school policy is quite simple. We have an expectation that our students will be dressed in Green and Gold, that leggings should be green (though as we are aware green leggings are not always easy to obtain, so we do allow black as an alternative) that, if the students are wearing a hat, that it is either a green sun smart or legionnaire style hat (not baseball cap) and that footwear be either runners or black school shoes. We do not insist that logod uniform is worn, however this is available from the uniform shop as either a new item or second hand. Second hand uniforms are priced very cheaply and are all laundered prior to sale. Alternatively you may purchase green and/or gold items of clothing at any outlet of your choice.

We have an expectation that students who attend Seaford Primary School will wear their uniform proudly and take care of it. Cleanliness of uniform is also something that I hope you as parents consider when sending your children off to school. With our school photos coming up on May 7th, it is hoped that all children will be in correct school uniform.

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of accompanying our year 6 house captains to the ANZAC Day Ceremony at the local Seaford RSL. Our School Captains, Jarrad and Meredith laid the wreath at the foot of the cenotaph on behalf of the school community. Meanwhile, back at school, the rest of our students observed a minute’s silence in respect of all Australians, men and women, who have lost their lives in all of the wars in which Australia has fought. Leading up to this event, children have developed their awareness of the ANZAC tradition and what this means to us as a nation.

At assembly this week we will be presenting the school captain badges to another two of our house captains who will take on this additional responsibility for the remainder of the term. Congratulations to Damien and Kristina who I am sure will be great ambassadors for the school. This week’s assembly also sees the return of our Grade of the Week Program with 1/2R featuring as our first grade for term 2. Assemblies start at 2.55 each Friday, parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

I would like to advise you of an alteration to the school’s transition program for our preps for 2014. On our transition flier we had advertised a morning tea and school tour for parents of prospective preps on May 7th. This of course clashes with the school photos, so we have changed this to Wednesday May 8th from 10 – 11 a.m. Any parent of a student who will be commencing school in 2014 and who is considering Seaford Primary is welcome to attend. Preschool children will be looked after in the Early Learning Centre by school staff whilst this is happening, so there is no need to arrange babysitters. Grandparents are also welcome to attend. If you know of any friend or neighbour who has a child starting school next year please pass this information on to them.

Our Out of School Hours Care program is rebranding itself, but this is the only change that you are likely to see. Matt’s company name, Elysium Brands now sits proudly in front of Seaford Primary OSHC. The high quality of care and programming that Matt and his staff have provided our students over the past 18 months will continue in the Before, After and Vacation Programs.

Regards

Michael.
CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Ebony, Auben and Isis received their Fitness Club awards at assembly last Friday.

Our ‘i see, i care’ ambassadors were presented with their certificates at assembly last Friday. They are Connor, Hayley, Samantha, Tahlia and Mr Lucas.

Angus, Annika, Rebecca and Tabatha shared their achievements in athletics and tennis with the school at assembly last Friday.
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.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (AASC)
The AASC program addresses the issue of primary school aged children being able to live a healthy lifestyle by participating in at least 60 minutes (and up to several hours) of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.

With electronic gaming and social media drawing children indoors these days, it makes sense to be promoting physical activity in as many areas as possible and straight after school seems a great time to get the children active.

The AASC program is a non-competitive environment where friendships are fostered, fun is had and it is delivered by trained coaches.

We have one activity for lower and one activity for the higher grade levels each term.

This term the grades PREP - 2 will be participating in Dance in the multi purpose room and the grade 3 - 6 students will have Netball as an activity.

Dance for the grades Prep to 2 students will be on Wednesdays beginning 1st May for 7 weeks.

On a Thursday beginning 2nd May there will be Netball for grades 3 to 6 for 7 weeks.

Please be on time to collect your child from the activity which begins 3.45pm and will end at 4.45pm. As per usual, there is no cost for your child to participate in the program for their year level, but I only have 25 places for each night, so be quick to get your forms in to the office or myself. Preference will be given to children who have not participated in the After School Activities for a while or never before.

Forms are handed out in class to students wishing to participate in the activity for their year level, or can be obtained from the office or myself.

GROUP KEYBOARD AND GUITAR LESSONS
Enrolments are still being accepted for group keyboard and guitar lessons.

These lessons are held during school on school premises and cost $12.00 for a 30 minute group lesson.

If you would like to enrol your child in keyboard or guitar lessons, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office or contact Excel Music, (03) 9801 8991.

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

- Patterson River College open night
- School Photos
- World Asthma Day 7th May
- School banking contest
OUR BUILDING WORKS HAVE STARTED