FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK.

Our “Indonesian with Wayan” program is once again happening this term. Next week, on August 1st, we will commence with a one off session from 2.30 – 3.30 where Wayan will take you through some of the Indonesian vocabulary around cooking, and participants will be actively involved in the preparation, cooking and eating of a special ‘Wayan’ recipe. Wayan will then be involved in our years 3 – 6 LEAP program for the following five Wednesdays and will recommence her parent program for the last two Wednesdays of term. This program will continue into term 4 on days when Wayan is not involved in the Prep to year 2 LEAP program. Each week will be around a specific theme. If you would like to be involved in this program and have not registered, please complete the tear off slip attached to this newsletter.

Over the last school holidays, signs indicating that dogs were not allowed in school grounds were placed on each of the entry gates to our school. (Thanks to Rick Anderson for making these signs for us). Over the past few months there has been a high increase in the number of dog owners who were bringing their dogs into school and allowing them to roam free on the oval before and after school and also on weekends. Whilst many owners do clean up after their dogs, unfortunately some do not and this then causes a health hazard to our students when they play on the oval. I do appreciate that most members of our community have abided by the signs.

Information taken from the City of Frankston website has been provided below:

**Daily walks are very important for maintaining a dog’s healthy weight and helps the owner keep fit too! Frankston City Council has over 30 free roam areas for dogs in parks and reserves across the municipality.**

"Free Roam" areas are open spaces where dogs can be taken off leash to exercise. Dogs must be fully supervised by owners. Bins are provided at most Free Roam locations for disposing of "pooper scooper" bags.

The closest “Free Roam” reserve to the school is the Seaford North Reserve on Railway Parade. A full list of “Free Roam” reserves and parks is available at [www.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au). Please be aware that we are happy for members of our community to walk their dogs through the school grounds to go between McRae and McKenzie Streets providing the dogs are on a leash and that it is outside of school hours.

This week saw the recommencement of the Active After Schools Community program. On Wednesdays we have Dance for the years 3 – 6 students and on Thursdays the Year prep – 2 will be involved in karate. This program, organised by our Primary Welfare Officer, Michael Woolsey, and funded by the Federal Government, uses the expertise of outside facilitators which gives your children access to a wide range of activities that they may not otherwise experience.
Our chess kids participated this week in an intra-school chess tournament. This provides them with the opportunity to practice the skills they learn through the chess club coaching in a competitive situation. Chess club continues next week with lunchtime sessions on both Tuesdays and Fridays.

Our state schools spectacular students had their first full rehearsal with the rest of the 1500 members of the massed choir at Dallas Brooks Hall on Wednesday of this week. This was an exciting time for the children and gave them a taste of what is in store for them as they prepare for the two performances in September. This experience is one that the students will remember for their entire lives, as I'm sure will also be the case for their parents. There will be a report at our whole school assembly this week which will also highlight Grade 5/6L as our Grade of the Week, a report on the visit by a local council representative for our years 4, 5 and 6 students in relation to graffiti along with our usual awards presentations.

Regards

Michael

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Indiana, Ben, Mikayla, Lachlan, Caiden, Mikayla, Jai, Georgia and Jasmin received sports awards for their participation in the Lightning

Jai, Samantha, Georgia, Shaun, Indy, Ruby and Andrew received the awards for lodging their full Earn and Learn sticker cards.
Cameron received a bronze certificate from the Commonwealth Bank for making 10 deposits into his school banking account.

Illy and Sam were welcomed to the Seaford Primary School community at assembly last Friday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

- Dynamite Dance Studio
- Frankston Blues Aussie Hoops Program
- Peninsula Community Dental Program.
- Responsible Pet Ownership program 9th August (whole school incursion)
- Patterson Lakes Community Centre Fashions Gone “Wild” market 9.30a.m—10.30p.m. Sunday 26th August.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

EMA applications for semester 2 are due by 3rd August. To receive this allowance parents/guardians must have a Centrelink Health Card or Pension Card which is valid on the first day of Term 3 (16th July 2012). Application forms are available at the office. If you are new to Seaford Primary School and qualify for EMA you will need to fill in an application form.

NB: If you received EMA in semester 1, you do not need to re-apply.
Did you know that the opening ceremony procession of athletes is always led by the Greek team, followed by all the other teams in alphabetical order? Except for the hosting team who comes last in the ceremony but most likely not in the medal tally! By Maddi D

Did you know that there are 1,469 days, 21 hours remaining until the 2016 Olympics? By Bailey

Did u know the 1936 Berlin games were the first to be televised? But we didn’t have TV in Australia back then. By Caiden

Did you know that the first time women were allowed to participate in the Olympics was in 1900 at the second Modern Olympic Games which was held in Paris? By Jasmin

Did you know the last Olympic gold medals that were made entirely out of gold and were awarded in 1912? Since then the competitors have been ripped off! By Orion.

Did you know that the first opening ceremony was held at the 1908 Olympic Games in London and they just keep getting bigger but not necessarily better? By Ethan

Did you know it’s getting harder and harder for athletes to get into the Olympic Games? This is because the competitors are getting better and better. By Jai

Did you know in the 21st Century the Olympics Games have been held 4 times including London? Sydney first held it in 2000, then Athens in 2004, Beijing in 2008 and London 2012 which starts this Friday night. In 2016 Rio de Janeiro will hold the Olympic Games. By Lachie

Did you know the process to be a host city of the Olympic Games takes 9 years? The IOC which stands for the (International Olympic Committee) chooses some cities’ to go into the final phase. In this part, the IOC votes to select the host of the Olympic Games. This time London won the vote to host the 2012 Games. Rio was the lucky winner for 2016. 2020 is still a question mark. By Madeleine

Did you know the Olympic Games have been held in London three times first in 1908, second in 1948 and the third in 2012? By Dayna
Did you know Australia has won 131 gold, 137 silver and 164 bronze medals in the Olympic Games?

By Jarrod

DID YOU KNOW THREE CONTINENTS HAVE NEVER HOSTED THE OLYMPIC GAMES. THEY ARE AFRICA, SOUTH AMERICA AND ANTARCTIA? I THINK I KNOW WHICH CONTINENT NEVER WILL .................. ANTARCTIA BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HAVE A CITY TO HOST THE GAMES! AND IT'S A BIT CHILLY DOWN THERE. By Kay

Did you know that London has hosted 2 Olympic Games and today they are about to host their 3rd Games? By Jordan

Did you know the Olympic flag contains five interconnected rings on a white background? The five rings symbolize the five significant continents and friendship. The Olympic rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red. The colours were chosen because at least one of them appears on the flag of every country in the world. By Mikayla.

Did you know that the Olympic Games have only been held in the Southern Hemisphere twice, both times in Australia? They were in Melbourne 1956 and Sydney 2000. The 2016 games will held in Rio making it 3 games downunder. By Hannah

Did you know the London 2012 Olympic game mascots have been deemed too creepy for kids? By Holly

DID YOU KNOW THE OLYMPIC GAMES WERE HELD IN MELBOURNE IN 1956? THE MAIN STADIUM WAS THE MCG. BY JAMES

Did you know that the Olympic medals are designed especially for each individual Olympic Games? Each medal must be at least 3 millimetres thick and sixty millimetres in diameter. Also, the gold and silver Olympic medals must be made out of 92.5 percent silver, with the gold medal covered with 6 grams of gold. The bronze medal is made out of 100 percent bronze because bronze is cheap. By Kayla

Did you know the Olympic Motto is: Citius, Altius, Fortius? And for the those people who don’t speak Latin like I do it means Swifter, Higher, Stronger. By Maddie.

Did you know that a record 202 countries participated in the 2004 Olympic summer games in Athens? By Stephanie

Did you know that Australia has won 439 Olympic medals in total? By Zac