Eye on Seaford!

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From the Principal’s Desk

In the past week we have had both the state and the federal budget handed down, and both of them will have an impact on parent payments for educational purposes. The first change relates to the state government’s increasing the EMA parent payment from $117.50 to $150 for eligible parents, but dropping the payment of $117.50 directly to the school. In the past the school’s portion of EMA money has been available for parents in receipt of EMA to use to pay for books, camps, excursions etc. Please note that these changes will not impact on the second EMA payment for 2012.

Parents of students attending primary school for the first time in 2013 will receive an additional $50 allocation on the EMA for this first year only. EMA recipients with a child starting secondary school will also receive an additional amount for their child’s first year at secondary school. This additional allocation replaces the school start bonus.

The federal government announced that it is replacing the educational rebate which parents could claim through their annual tax return for eligible spending provided receipts were provided with an annual payment of $410 per primary student and $820 per secondary student. This payment will be made directly to eligible parents.

The purpose of me providing this information to you is to assist you in planning and budgeting for your child’s education costs and access to extra-curricula activities for 2013 and beyond.

Next week is the NAPLAN tests across the country with all students in years 3,5,7 and 9 being assessed in Numeracy and Literacy. The years 3 and 5 teachers at Seaford have spent a great deal of time in preparing the students for their tests over the past weeks in order for students to be familiar with the way in which test items are presented and in developing the appropriate skills and structures in the writing genre required in 2012 – Persuasive Text. Parents will receive a statement of their child’s results in September of this year, and overall school results are outlined on the My School website which is updated each March.

NAPLAN results are a snapshot of where your child is working in some of the areas that are covered in the Victorian Essential Learning Standards, but should never be regarded in isolation from the many other forms of assessment we do at Seaford which together with NAPLAN gives a broad overview of each student’s achievement. We use all available information when we report to parents.

Education Week is coming up from May 20 to 26, and we have a small committee working with the staff to provide some great opportunities for parents, students and the wider community to be involved in. Next week’s newsletter will provide more details as to exactly what we have in store.

A reminder that tomorrow morning we are hoping to be inundated with all our mums who we hope will come and share a special breakfast together as our way of celebrating Mothers’ Day and recognising the important role mums play in their child’s education. Your kids will be delighted if you are able to take up this invitation, and of course grand mothers are also very welcome.

The next meeting of our Capital Works Committee along with department representatives and our architect will be on Monday. I hope to be able to give some indication of timelines regarding our building works in next week’s newsletter.

Michael

Diary Dates!

School Banking every Tuesday throughout the School Term.

11th May
Mothers’ Day Breakfast

15th, 16th, 17th May
NAPLAN

18th May
Cross Country

21st May – 25th May
Education Week

21st May
Pre-School visit to Seaford P.S.
9.30 – 11.00

22nd May
Information Evening for 2013

30th May
School Readiness Forum

11th June
Queens Birthday – No Children attend school

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Lachlan and Mikayla were presented with their School Captain badges at assembly last Friday.

Jarrad and Mikayla were presented with Indonesian awards at assembly last Friday.

Lachlan and Brooke were presented with their Dollarmites awards for school banking at assembly last Friday.

Indianna, Hannah and Griffin accepted the World’s Greatest Shave Certificate on behalf of Seaforth Primary School.
TRANSITION 2013

Patterson River Secondary College
Important Dates

Open Night – Wednesday 9th May 7 p.m.
Open Afternoon – Tuesday 15th May
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
(Meet The Principal – College Library)
Excel Testing – Friday 11th May
Scholarships – Expression of interest
Due Friday 11th May.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION

MANY SECONDARY COLLEGES
HAVE HAD OR ARE ABOUT TO
HOLD THEIR OPEN DAYS/NIGHTS.
PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO VISIT
OR REVISIT THESE COLLEGES,
ASK MANY QUESTIONS. THIS IS A
HUGE STEP IN YOUR CHILD’S
LIFE.

FEEL FREE TO RING THE
SECONDARY COLLEGE(S) YOU
ARE CONSIDERING TO ORGANISE
A PRIVATE TOUR.
YOUR TRANSITION FORM IS DUE
BACK TO ME BY THE 18TH MAY
2012.

SHARYN STEWART

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

- Dynamite Dance Studio
- Readiness Forum – Is your child ready
  for Primary School or Kinder – held at
  Seafield Primary School 30th May 2012
- Free parent information session –
  “Prevention and Coping skills for
  children and their parents” 23/5/12 at
  7.30p.m. Brighton
- Emotional Intelligent Parenting
  Tuesday 29th May St Martin’s Uniting
  Church Beaumaris
- RSPCA Million Paws Walk 2012,
  Sunday 20th May Hastings Foreshore.

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Parenting Support in the 21st Century

Are you a parent? Do you use social media? If
so we want you!
The researchers at The University of
Queensland are interested in finding out
parents’ preferences for parenting
information and support, and their use of
different information sources including online
support and social media like Facebook and
Twitter. The survey is part of a research
project designed to find ways to improve
information and advice services for parents.
Participation will be anonymous and data will
only be accessed by the research team.
If you are a parent who is willing to share your
thoughts we’d love you to participate in this
study! For more information or to participate
go to
http://psy.uq.edu.au/21c

(See the School Office for more information)
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BY MICHAEL WOOLSEY, School Community Liaison Officer

Mothers’ Day breakfast

Friday 11th May will be an exciting day for the school. It will be our whole school Mothers’ Day breakfast with a special emphasis on mums to attend and be pampered with a few surprises planned.

As female parents assist us to create many of the events that we have at the school, it would be fantastic to have fathers volunteer to assist cook and create the breakfast on this day. This will show our appreciation of the work our children’s mothers do to create such excellent fun events for the students and for their work within the families themselves.

YEARS 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP
OCTOBER 2012

Organisation for the Years 5/6 Canberra camp is well under way. This is a reminder to let our parents know that there are 3 ½ months before final payment is due. All payments are required by the end of August.

Sharyn Stewart
5/6 Co-ordinator

A.N.Z.A.C

As I walk across a field,
A field of poppies,
I am reminded of those who fought for our freedom.
I remember those who are deceased,
And those who still live.
Whenever I walk on this field I will be reminded of my great grandpa,
Who served in World War II,
And died of old age a couple of years ago.
I respect all of our soldiers and always will.
Thank you for defending our country.
You are respected by many.

Written by Madee’ Rose;

ANZAC

As I pin my badge to my shirt,
I remember those who were lost,
And I respect them.
I respect those who fought in the war, those who lost their lives to serve our country.
Some I know,
And some I didn’t.
I feel that I owe them,
We all should,
For what they did to fight for our freedom.

By Indi