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From the Principal’s Desk

Last Monday we met again with the architect and department representatives in relation to the capital works program and I am now in a position to provide you with an indication of the timeline.

The first part of the process is to create a school Master Plan, and the meetings we have already had, ensures that this is almost complete. This will show our vision of what we want the school to look like into the future. We know that the $875,000 allocated to the school will be insufficient to complete all the works that would be required in our master plan, but we hope that within the next few years additional funds will be available to complete the works. Within the master plan we have Stage 1 – the work that will be done with our allocation.

It is expected that the master plan will be completed by next school council meeting – Monday May 21st and school council will consider this. Once approved by school council it goes to the Department who also need to approve it. Their approval will be based on what the school is entitled to in the way of facilities based on our long term enrolment. There may be adjustments to the plan based on either School Council or Departmental feedback.

The architect will then develop working drawings and specifications for stage 1 – a new building incorporating four new classrooms and some open learning areas which will be used for our years 3 – 6 classes. It is expected that this will be completed and approved by both council and department by the end of the year. Tenders will then be called for, probably in January. All going well, we would expect that the building works will commence in March/April with a completion date by around October of 2013.

Once our master planning has been endorsed it will be put on public display at the school.

Front Page
Created By: Erin and Ralph
Next week is Education Week with many great things happening. We see parents very much as partners with the school in educating your child, and would love to see you at school participating in a number of events that have been organised to include you. I am sure your child would also like to see you at school joining in as well. Included in this newsletter is a flier outlining all of the events for next week.

Our years 3 and 5 children all sat the NAPLAN tests this week. There were four tests- Language Conventions which incorporates spelling, punctuation and grammar, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Your child’s teachers have prepared the students well for this in the weeks leading up to the tests, whilst also trying to reduce the anxiety that tests sometimes create. Congratulations to all of our students who sat the tests. Results of the tests will be provided to you in September.

Our prep information evening for parents who are considering Seaford Primary School for their child in 2013 will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd. If you know of anyone with a prep child starting next year, please make sure you let them know about this event. It will commence at 7 pm in the Early Learning Centre.

This week Mrs Reardon and I took the first rehearsal of our 20 year 5 and 6 students who will be part of the massed choir for the State Schools’ Spectacular to be held in September. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students which will create a life long memory for them – there is much hard work to get through between now and then, but it should be both an enjoyable and exciting time.

Over the past few weeks the local council and police have been targeting illegal parking and speeding in school zones across a number of local schools. Please ensure that you abide by the parking restrictions, and comply with the 40km per hour zone in the streets around the school. This ensures the safety of all of our children as well as the status of your bank balance.

Michael

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Daniel, Andy, Jai, Rachael and Tabatha received vouchers to enable participation in a chess competition in the school holidays.
Auben received Math Magician Awards for achieving 100% for mixed levels 1 and 2.

Sienna and Indiana were welcomed to Seaford Primary School community at assembly last Friday.

Sienna received a Dollarmites Silver award for banking 20 deposits into her bank account.

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.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Jarrad received the award for lodging his full Earn and Learn sticker card.

Sharyn Stewart
5/6 Co-ordinator
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 Seaford 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
- Seaford Kindergarten’s Annual Fete Sunday 20th May 2012 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Parents Victoria Online Conference 20th May commencing 6.00p.m.
- The Importance of Play Dr Michael Carr-Gregg 5th and 13th June.

EMA PAYMENTS – 2012

Any parents/carers who hold a current pension or healthcare card (valid on 16/6/12) and have not applied for Education Maintenance Allowance this year through Seaford Primary School should obtain an application form from the school office.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BY MICHAEL WOOLSEY, School Community Liaison Officer

The Mothers’ Day breakfast was a big success and I hope that all the Mothers had a great day of breakfast in bed and lots of pampering.

A big thank you to the mothers and Brad Carroll, who gave their time to arrive early and help get it all together so that it could be so enjoyable.

I hope you loved your Mothers’ Day stall gifts and the Bunnings plants the children worked hard to make and decorate.

The grade 3 and 4 students will be having a multicultural picnic just prior to their lunch on Wednesday 30th May. We have been discussing foods from different countries and the children are going to present their food and where it comes from. This food will be shared together, whether it be fried rice or a packet of chips with an oriental flavour. It is all welcome. The children are looking forward to this event and they do not need to have big amounts of their chosen food.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION URGENT REQUEST

YOUR TRANSITION FORM IS DUE BACK TO ME BY THE 18TH MAY 2012.
MOTHERS’ DAY POEMS

5/6S

(on display in the corridor outside the office)
KID Representative Fundraiser.

The kid representatives are holding a ‘Sporty Dress’ up day fundraiser on Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} May. The money will be going towards mathletics-a maths program for every student in prep to year 6 to use at home and at school.

This is a gold coin fundraiser.

You can come dressed as:

- a sports star
- a crazy sports star
- in your favourite sports colours

If you play a sport, come dressed in your -sports
uniform
-dancer
-BMX rider
- athlete
-lifesaver
-skater

We hope to see you in your sporty outfits.

A parade will at 2.00pm on the netball court.
Education Week:

**Monday 21st** – Pre school visit 9.30 – 11.00am  
School Council Meeting 6.00pm.

**Tuesday 22nd** – 2013 Information Evening – 7.00pm.

**Wednesday 23rd** – Multi age groups (small groups of students from prep to year 6 in each group) beginning at 9.30 and concluding at lunch time. Children will participate in 4 sessions of 45 minutes each. Teachers will read and discuss a story from a different country and do a short activity related to the story.

2.00 Wayan’s Parent Indonesian class.

National Simultaneous Storytime – ‘The Very Cranky Bear’.

**Thursday 24th** – 9.00 – 9.30 Meet and chat to Michael Browne (Principal) in staffroom – find out about our new building plans.

9.30 – 1.00 Grandparents/special person visit to classrooms, with morning tea 11.00 – 11.30 in staffroom for visitors, popcorn for students. (Coincides with Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea Day).

**Friday 25th** – ‘Sporty Dress Day’ – wear your runners, come dressed as a sports person and make a gold coin donation towards the subscription for all students to the very popular ‘Mathletics’.

2.15pm to 3.15pm Fun and Games on the oval. Tabloid type session, novelty games activities, parents included.

- No assembly.