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Diary Dates

School Banking every Tuesday throughout the School Term

1st June
Uniform Shop not open on this day.

4th June
Pupil Free Day. Children do not attend school on this day.

11th June
Queens Birthday – No Children attend school

19th June
Interschool Chess Tournament

26th June
Parent Teacher Interviews

29th June
Last Day of Term 2
Early dismissal – 2.30p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

During year 6, our students begin the important process of making the transition to secondary school. We prepare them in partnership with our local Secondary Colleges - Patterson River SC and Mordialloc College - the schools most likely to be chosen by parents and students. Each of these schools visit Seaford Primary during term 2 with some of our previous students to outline what they have to offer and also to answer the questions that our students may have and to dispel any myths they may have heard.

Both of these schools offer accelerated learning program at year 7 – The Excel Program at PRSC and the SEAL program at Mordialloc. Three of our students who sat for the entry exams into these programs have been successful in gaining places. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate them on their achievement. They are Indiana and Mikayla at Mordialloc and Georgia at Patterson River.

Next week is a short week with Monday being a pupil free day as the staff participate in a whole day program around improving student writing. The morning will be spent with our presenter, Lisa Keskinen and the afternoon spent in professional learning teams to develop an implementation plan to incorporate some of the strategies that we were introduced to into the morning program. Our Book Fair is also being held next week, so there is one day less for students and parents to browse and purchase. Please refer to the flier sent out earlier this week which highlights the details of buying times at the Book Fair.

Please keep the Earn and Learn Sticker Sheets coming in. Each week we will draw the names of children who have brought back completed sheets with the winners receiving a $2 voucher to be redeemed in our canteen on the following week. So far we have received back 119 sticker sheets, each with 30 stickers representing 3,570 stickers. We are well on the way to being able to choose some great new resources for our kids to use.
Earlier this year, our students produced some art work on the theme of ANZAC day and a number of selected pieces were displayed in the offices of our local state member of parliament, Ms Donna Bauer during the week preceding ANZAC Day. Ms Bauer will be attending this week’s assembly to make a book presentation to the school for providing this art work. In parliament last week, Ms Bauer made a speech outlining budgetary expenditure made by the state government in which she made special mention of our school and the great work that we do. School Council President, Ms Annie Laurenson and I will be attending a meeting with the Department on June 18th in the city where we will be involved in discussions around our master planning which we hope will see an acceptance of the plan which will lead to the next stage of our planning – Stage 1 Building. Thank you to those people who have looked at and commented on the plans- if you have not yet done so and would like to, the plans are displayed on the Community Notice Board at the General Office.

Parents parking in the school car park is still an issue. A staff member brought to my attention that last week she narrowly missed hitting two children who ran out from between two parked cars to get to their parents car, parked in the car park, as she was leaving. A number of our education support staff finish work at 3.30 and will be leaving the school shortly after the bell, making the car park a dangerous place for children to be. I cannot point out to all of our parents strongly enough that the car park is not to be used for picking up or dropping off children. The safety of our children is everyone’s responsibility.

Regards

Michael

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
BY MICHAEL WOOLSEY, School Community Liaison Officer

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (AASC)

The Active After School Program is now half way through and the children have all had lots of fun. On Wednesday nights the Prep-2 students have been enjoying AFL football skills on the oval. The grade 3-6 students have had netball on Thursday nights and this has kept them very active with before court warm ups and some really competitive game playing.

WELLFARE CLASSES

The grade 1 and 2 students have been enjoying circle time since the beginning of the year. This involves discussing how they are feeling and accessing emotions and feelings with the aim of learning associated language to describe these. Emotional intelligence is an important part of personality development and the children look forward to this activity every week. This is also a fantastic time for the children to discuss why they feel as they do today and if it is not a positive feeling, receive feedback from the class on how this may be solved. For example a student feeling lonely today at school will voice this and receive many offers to play. This not only creates a supportive environment, it also enables children to develop problem solving skills. This fostering of ‘belonging and connectedness’ is in line with our ‘Kids Matter’ focus for terms 1 and 2.

BUDDINGS PARENT CLASS

A little bit of early warning so you can mark your calendars: Lyn from Bunnings will be running a fun morning for parents on Wednesday June 27 from 9-11 am. We will be building planter boxes for use as a mini herb
garden. A notice will be sent home with a return slip to indicate whether or not you would like to attend. As Lyn will be catering for exact numbers you will need to let us know if you are coming.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The school photos have arrived and have been handed to your children. Photos were also taken of the Language Unit, Student Leaders, House Captains, Kid Group and the Chess Captains. These photos are available for ordering through the office for $22.00 each. Please do not hesitate to come and have a look at them.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

- Dynamite Dance Studio
- The Importance of Play Dr Michael Carr-Gregg 5th and 13th June.
- Frankston Blues Aussie Hoops Program

**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.

**SEAFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL – TRIVIA NIGHT**

Due to the runaway success of our Trivia night last year, the Fundraising Committee is currently deep in preparation for another such night of **FUN and FRIVOLITY.** This night of mirth and merriment will be held on the 1st of **September, this year.** Put it in your diaries NOW, and watch this space for all the details.

Once more we are seeking donations of goods or services, discounts of offers from our parent community. Perhaps you own a business and might be able to offer a percentage discount (what a great way to encourage business!) or perhaps your employer would be interested to do so. Maybe you sell Avon, Nutrimetics or Tupperware and have some samples left over. Perhaps you recently had a birthday, with which arrived some fabulous presents that you just can’t picture yourself using... this year (or ever!) Maybe you frequent a local cafe or hairdressers that you think might be helpful.

All suggestions and offers are welcome. The more goods and services we can offer as prizes, the better the night will be, and the better the night, the more money we raise for your children’s school.
LEAP P-2 2012 PROVIDERS

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Big vs going Hawaiian
June 2nd @ the NEST

CHELSEA GULLS

Vs

WARRANDYTE VENOM

5.30PM TIP OFF (WOMEN)
7.30PM TIP OFF (MEN)

Dress in your loudest shirts and boardies

Prizes for best dressed & half time shoot out & win Night for 2 at Bayview Hotel Melb

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