FROM REALITY WE GAIN UNDERSTANDING

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From The Principal’s Desk

It was a very tired group of students that arrived back from Canberra at about 5.30 pm last Friday, but from all reports they had a fantastic time visiting a large number of important institutions in our federal capital and increasing their understanding of the function of government. The experiences they had in their visit will now be life long memories for them. All of the students represented the school in the way that we would expect and were great ambassadors. They are a credit to themselves and the school and all of their parents should be very proud of them. My thanks to all of the staff members that accompanied the students, Mrs Stewart, Mr Lucas, Mrs Carlson, Mrs Douglas and Mrs Reardon. It is a huge commitment that staff make in taking on the responsibility of ensuring the safety and welfare of a group of 44, 11 and 12 year olds for a whole week and this also has an impact on their family lives for the time they are away. I would also like to extend my thanks to the staff who remained back at school who were required to pick up additional yard duty and other responsibilities to ensure the smooth running of the school. At this week’s assembly year 5/6 is our Grade of the Week and will be sharing some of their Canberra experiences with us. Assembly will commence at about 2.50 in the multi-purpose room.

Yesterday was the first week of our dance program with Les Waugh. Over the next 9 Wednesdays Les will work with each of the classes in teaching them a variety of dances which the children will perform at the Seaford Community Hall on Wednesday December 19th. Please put this date in your diary – for those of you who attended last year’s presentation you would know that this is an event not to be missed.

On Tuesday I visited the art room and was quite surprised by the number of students who were not wearing an art smock. It appears that as the children go through the school they become less and less inclined to wear an art smock- even when involved in the messier activities of paint and clay. Please ensure that your child has an art smock and that it is labelled with their name. These will be kept in the art room and used when children are involved in activities that have the potential to mark clothing. The best art smock is simply an adult size shirt- and I am sure that we all have one of those that we no longer wear that could be spared.

This Sunday is our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle- thank you to those who have already put your name on the roster- the good news is that there are still plenty of spaces available for others to do the same- just an hour of your time is all that we ask, so please give this your consideration.

Good luck to our chess team who will be representing the school in the Victorian Chess Championships next Monday - Indy, Jai, Lachlan, Erik and Georgia. Watch next week’s newsletter for the details of this event.

Regards

Michael
2012 Australian National Bouldering Titles

Last weekend the 2012 Australian National Bouldering Titles were held in Sydney. Athletes competed on indoor rock climbing walls over padded mats without ropes. Climbers from all over the country came to compete for the title of Australia’s best Boulderer. Former Seaford Primary School student Campbell Harrison, a member of the Australian Youth Climbing Team, competed in the Youth category for 14 and 15 year olds. Eight problems were set for the competitors to attempt, the winner being the person with the most “Tops” with the least attempts. Campbell managed 7 tops from 7 attempts to win the title. Other results for Campbell this year include 2nd at the National Lead Climbing Titles, 1st in the Open Speed Climbing Titles and also representing Australia at the World Championships held in Singapore during August.
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COMMUNITY NEWS
Displayed on the Noticeboard in the front foyer of the Office.

♦ Patterson River Fire Brigade open day Saturday 10th November 10a.m. to 3p.m.
♦ Chelsea Primary School Centenary celebrations October 19th.
♦ Kingston Harmony Soccer Day 13th October 10 am — 3 pm.

PUPIL FREE DAY- REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

Monday November 5th will be a Pupil Free Day at Seaford Primary School, with staff working on School Assessment and Reporting Requirements. This day has been approved by School Council. sKids will be providing a Child Care Service on this day commencing at 7 a.m and concluding at 6 p.m for students registered. Please advise Matt of your child’s attendance so he can ensure adequate supervision.

SEAFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
3 and 4 YEAR OLD PLAYGROUP

EVERY FRIDAY DURING TERM 4
(Starting 19th October, 2012)

FROM
1.30PM – 3.15PM

There is no cost for this and it is accessible for any 3 or 4 year old child. (Toddlers are also welcome) We welcome all children, including those for whom Seaford will not be their school in 2013. Parents are asked to accompany their child.

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Dear Parents,

I would greatly appreciate it if you could start collecting small glass jars for a Christmas art activity I would like to do in December. It would also be super awesome if you could wash them out for me too please!!

Thankyou

Kind Regards

Kerri Giles

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**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

**MythBuster: Sorting fact from fiction on self-harm**

**MONDAY, 29TH OCTOBER**  
**6.30 – 7.30PM**  
**NEVILLE ROHAN CONFERENCE CENTRE**  
**MOUNT ERIN COLLEGE**  
**ROBINSONS ROAD**  
**FRANKSTON SOUTH**

**PENINSULA HEADSPACE AND MOUNT ERIN COLLEGE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE PARENTS ACROSS THE PENINSULA TO AN INFORMATION SESSION TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PURPOSE OF SELF-HARM IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

Courtney Gould from Headspace will present a session that focuses on:

- Improve parent understanding of the purpose of self-harming behaviour
- Dispel the myths
- Provide tips for supporting students who self-harm
- Outline a school policy/process for responding to self-harm

**RSVP TO MOUNT ERIN COLLEGE 5971600**  
**BY FRIDAY, 26TH OCTOBER**

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**FUNDRAISING CORNER**

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Don’t forget that we are holding our bi-annual sausage sizzle at Bunnings Frankston this Sunday 21st October 2012.

If you have not already put your name on the roster, and you have a spare hour to come and cook sausages, please see Erica in the Office.

**HALLOWEEN DISCO**

Our Halloween disco is being held on Wednesday 31st October 2012. from 5p.m. until 7p.m.

There will be Drinks, Sweets and Glo products on sale in the canteen.

PLEASE NOTE:  
Seaford Primary Students ONLY,  
NO PRE-PRIMARY CHILDREN for safety reasons.

Tickets will be available for pre-purchase at $3 per child or $5 per family.
Year 5/6 Canberra Tour 2012

Dog on the Tucker Box
On the way to Canberra we stopped at the Dog on the Tucker Box. It's a dog statue located in Snake Gully close to Gundagai.

It was opened by the past Prime Minister of Australia Joseph Lyons on the 28th of November 1932 as a tribute to the pioneers.

There is fountain that you can throw your money into and make a wish. By Zac

Telstra Tower – Black Mountain
On Wednesday night we all hopped on the bus and travelled to the Telstra Tower. We took the lift up to the viewing area and looked down on Canberra. We could see Parliament House, the War Memorial and Lake Burley Griffin. There was a shop at the top but I didn’t have any money left. As a treat, the teachers bought us ice creams. It was a great place to go. By Orion

Holbrook Submarine
We stopped for lunch at Holbrook in NSW. In the park there is an Oberon class submarine called the H.M.A.S Otway. Our bus driver Barry explained why it was so far away from the coast. By Zac

The Royal Australian Mint
On Wednesday we went to the Mint. It has lots of robots and machinery making Australian coins. You can get a souvenir $1.00 coin for $3.00. There was a film about how they designed the patterns and other things. They have giant vaults with over $12,000,000 in them. I had a lot of fun and hope we can go to Canberra again. By Hannah

National Art Gallery
On Wednesday morning we travelled on our bus to the National Art Gallery. We had to carry a stool to sit on while we viewed special works of art. The art we saw was very interesting and colourful. My favourite part of the gallery was when we saw a painting of the Grand Canyon and an ancient stone sculpture which was over 1000 years old. By Lachie
Year 5/6 Canberra Tour 2012

Australian Institute of Sport

At the AIS we went on a tour of all of the sporting facilities where some of Australia’s top athletes train. We were lucky to see some of them in action, including a London Olympic Games Gold Medallist training in the swimming pool. Then we went into the interactive games room where there were lots of different sporting activities we could try. It was great! By Kay

Indoor Rock Climbing

We went Indoor Rock Climbing on Tuesday night. When we got there, two staff showed us how to get our harnesses on and how to hook ourselves onto the ropes and belay. We then partnered up and climbed! I reached the top of three challenging walls and a small ladder. I really enjoyed this experience. By Madeleine

Questacon

Questacon was one of the most exciting, enjoyable and fun places we went to. We visited 7 galleries. Each gallery had some sort of a scientific theme. The best gallery was ‘Excite’! Some of the hands on activities were free-fall, 360 degree swing, air-hockey and loads more!

Canberra Capital Country Holiday Village

After 10 hours of driving to Canberra we finally reached our destination, ‘Capital Country Holiday Village’. We collected our bags and then were told which cabin we were in. The cabins were modern with 2 bathrooms and a flat screen TV. The food was great; you had a magnificent variety of food to choose from. For lunch there was Subway, salad rolls and PIZZA!!!! My favourite meals were chicken schnitzel and pizza!! By Maddie H