FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Much of term 4 is spent in planning and preparing for the following year. In order for us to do this as accurately as possible, we need to have a fairly good idea of the number of students who will be attending. If you are moving prior to the commencement of 2013 and will be transferring your child to another school and have not, as yet, informed us of this, could you please do so at your earliest convenience. Likewise, if you have a child who will be commencing school at Seaford next year, and you have not as yet submitted enrolment forms, please do so soon. If you are aware of any friends or neighbours who will have children commencing at Seaford next year, please also ask them to contact the school so that arrangements can be made for their enrolment.

Last Sunday’s sausage sizzle at Bunnings was a huge success with the school raising $2015 in net profit– a great result and a huge thank you to the parents and staff who were able to assist.

These were: Kirsten and Shane O’Callaghan, Chris Tancheff, Martin Wooding, Lisa and Rob Hoysted, Rhonda Duncan, Sally Marriott, Michelle Hunt, Joanne Kraljik, Vicki Browne, Annie Laurenson, Robyn Reardon, Deanne Round, Kerry Douglas, Louise Puschnar and Erica Cooper.

A special thanks once again to Annie for her organisation of the event and purchasing of all necessary items.

You may remember some time ago that the school was promoting the Bendigo Bank Embertec Smart Switch program. We were recently advised that the support of this program by residents in the Frankston area has provided us with $952 worth of additional funding for the school. One of the conditions of our involvement in this program was that funds raised would need to be spent on a “sustainability” program, so we have decided that, with the involvement of our year 5 and 6 students to design and install an irrigation system attached to our ELC tank to water the school’s vegetable gardens. It is anticipated that this will be completed prior to the end of the year. An official presentation of a cheque from the Bendigo Bank will be arranged shortly.

Class teachers are currently preparing their orders to redeem the points we earned in the recent Woolworth’s Earn and Learn Program. These need to be sent in by the end of this week and we look forward to receiving the items in the near future.

If you have walked or driven past the school in the last couple of weeks there is a big chance that you may have seen soccer and hockey clinics happening in the school grounds. We have over the past few years developed a close relationship with an organisation known as SEDA who run a variety of different sporting clinics. They come into the school on a regular basis and develop specific skills and increase the awareness of the variety of sporting activities available to students. This term the focus was on soccer, whilst the Hockey Clinic was run by Vic Hockey. This is in addition to the school’s Phys Ed and Sporting Program and we think, adds an extra dimension to our normal school program. Les Waugh continues to run our tennis coaching clinics, with this term’s participants, the students of 5/6S.

Last Monday 5 students represented the school at the Victorian Primary Schools Chess Championships at Monash University. Congratulations to Indiana, Lachlan, Erik, Ben and Georgia who were selected to participate. (Please see report in this newsletter). Today a further 8 children attended the Victorian Police Bike Riding Skills Day at Ballam Park. A report will appear in next week’s newsletter and also at assembly tomorrow.
Tonight our year 2 students will be spending the night at school as part of our outdoor education program, and tomorrow they will be visiting Myuna Farm on a whole day excursion. The preps and year 1’s will have an incursion with a company known as “Reptile Encounters”. At the conclusion of this, the children will catch the train to Mordialloc where they will have lunch and enjoy some activities in the park. Assembly will go ahead as normal with an expected start of 2.50. The year P – 2 students will join the assembly when they return if they are not back for the commencement.

As advised previously, next week is Book Fair Week. All students will visit the library on Monday and be able to browse the materials that are available for sale. Books and other items will be on sale before school from 8.30 – 9.00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and after school from 3.30 – 4.00 on each of these days. An “adult only” sale time has been set aside for Wednesday from 9 – 9.30 for those parents or grandparents that would like to make purchases without the recipient knowing what has been bought.

A reminder also that our Hallowe’en Disco will be on Wednesday October 31st from 5pm – 7 pm in the multi-purpose room. Children are encouraged to wear appropriate costumes but we do ask that they do not wear masks.

We are a small school in terms of numbers, however, our students are able to access a large variety of experiences which very few schools, including the large ones, offer. This is largely due to the preparedness of our staff and parents to organise such activities and to be involved in their implementation.

Our plans for the new building have now been completed and approved by the Department. Our architect will now prepare the tender documents and the tender will be advertised in mid January. We are still on track for a March start and a September/October completion.

Regards
Michael
CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS:

Miss Round shared her TenPin Bowling Bronze medal with the school community at assembly last Friday, which she won at the teachers games.

WELCOME TO SEAFO RD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tabatha proudly displayed her certificate and ribbon for coming 1st at the School Sports Victoria Southern Peninsula Division Athletics, Girls 9/10 High Jump.

Ben, Julian, Indianna, Madison, Ralph and Damien were presented with their sports awards for Inter-school Sport at assembly last Friday.

Shay, Kai, Breeanna and Corey were welcomed into the Seaford Primary School community at assembly last Friday.
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.
- NetSetGo—Frankston and District Netball Assoc Junior Skills program
- Seaford Drama School

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.

Victorian Chess Finals

In third term we qualified to send five of our chess team to the Victorian Chess Finals. This was held last Monday at Monash University. Hundreds of children from all over the state were there on the day to compete. In this tournament the children play the best players from the most successful teams in the state, who have competed in the tournaments over the last three terms. Excitement was in the air with hundreds of children there ready to play their best. It is a long day with each student playing nine rounds. This requires a great deal of sustained concentration. It was a most successful day and I was proud of the way our students acquitted themselves. I would like to thank Greg Plier, Samantha Honey and Gaye Williams for transporting the children and myself to this event. Also I would like to thank Malcolm Pyke our dedicated chess coach for his excellent tutelage. I would like to congratulate the children who made it into the finals, and those who didn’t, for their enthusiasm and participation.

Erik- It was fun, we had a great time.
Ben-Everyone had a win.
Georgia Newman- It was my last tournament in Primary School. Victorian State final is HARD, but I did enjoy it
Indy- Even though my score wasn’t high I still had fun.
Lachlan -It took five rounds but then I had my first win!

Moira Harbour
Chess Coordinator
NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING DISPLAY
We visited the National Capital Planning Display. We learnt how they selected Canberra as the site for our National Capital. We also discovered that a competition was held to find the best design for our new capital. We designed a monument to celebrate Canberra’s Birthday. By Stephanie

AEC
Soon after we visited Parliament house, we went to the Australian Electoral Commission. First we watched a video about the history of Australian voting. I learnt that Australia’s voting has come a long way and we are fortunate to have the system we do today. Next we did some interesting research activities about the electoral roll and voting. Finally we had a vote ourselves. The candidates were apple, banana, peach and orange. I found this place very interesting and I learnt a lot. By Madeleine

CSIRO
On the third day of Canberra camp the 5/6’s went to the CSIRO which stands for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation. At CSIRO the scientist study and create stuff to contribute to medical research and many other useful things like wireless internet. By Zac

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL
On Tuesday the 5/6’s went to the Australian War Memorial. After going into the Discovery-zone we then went into groups and explored the exhibits. We went to see the light and sound shows talking about the war. One of them was about Australian Airmen in World War 1 and another was about the Submarine attack on Australia. And all groups saw the one about the Australian bomber G for George. By Jarrod
Year 5/6 Canberra Tour 2012

War Memorial Discovery Zone

On Tuesday at the Australian War Memorial we went to the Discovery Zone. The activities we did were living in a submarine, surviving in a bunker which was awesome, hiding in World War 1 trenches and controlling a helicopter in the Vietnam War. The Discovery Zone was excellent fun. By Lachie

Parliament House Canberra

On Thursday the 11th of October the year 5/6’s visited Parliament House in Canberra to complete our study of Government in Australia. We were lucky enough to see Julia Gillard our Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition Tony Abbott. We also met Bruce Billson the Member for Dunkley which is our electorate. Bruce then gave us a rundown about his role and what would happen throughout our tour. We walked down a long hallway towards the Senate. In The Senate we heard a debate about the Great Barrier Reef. The Senate is a blossom red colour. We saw a division in the House of Representatives which is a vote on a bill. This chamber is a gum leaf colour. In the education room we role-played passing a bill. We all enjoyed the experience.

By Mikayla G-J

National museum

At the National Museum we went to k-space and used computers to design spaceships and houses. Our photographs were attached to our designs and were put into a 3D film. We went in a rotating cinema called Circa that showed us the history of Australia. We looked at all of the other things on display. By Jordan & friends

Dear Parents

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they have participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of this tour the Australian Government has contributed funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme. These funds have been used to subsidise the travel expenses incurred.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for supporting this rewarding educational experience.

Yours sincerely
Peter Lucas & Sharyn Stewart
Year 5/6 Teachers