The 2013 school year is well underway and with every new year there is much information to pass onto parents about their child’s new class. We have put this sheet together in the hope that it provides you with the necessary knowledge to be able to assist in your child’s smooth transition into their new grade. We hope it also gives you insight into the expectations we hold and a run down on what is happening during a school day.

We are all looking forward to a fulfilling and exciting year ahead and welcome parents to enjoy this with us through the partnership we endeavour to foster between home and school.

Sharyn Stewart and Peter Lucas

GENERAL INFORMATION:

**Homework:**
This is given out every second Monday and expected to be returned on the Friday of that week, completed and signed by a parent/caregiver. We have expectations that work of a high standard will be done as is expected in the classroom. Also, 20 minutes of silent reading each night is to be completed. Please sign your child’s diary when this task is completed. It is important that your child has the necessary equipment to complete their homework, i.e. red pen, pencil, blue pen, ruler, coloured pencils. It is also a good idea to provide an environment which is free from distraction. Each term there will also be a book report or an assignment set.

**Diaries:**
This is a very important item that we insist on having at school everyday. It is a way of recording what is expected to be completed at home as well as a tool for communicating with parents about events that have happened during the day. Diaries are expected to go home each night and it is imperative that they are returned to school each morning. We ask our parents to read and sign their child’s diaries weekly. Please feel free to use your child’s diary as a means of getting a message to us.

**Absenteeism:**
If your child is absent please forward a note explaining the absence on their return to school or make contact with the school office via phone.

CURRICULUM AREAS:

**English:**
Includes: reading, writing, speaking & listening and spelling. We have 2 English rotations each week, where the students from both 5/6 classes work between both
rooms on set English activities ie: guided reading, grammar, comprehension, research, etc. Other days writing tasks are the main focus.

**Maths:**
The focuses are Number and Measurement. Problem solving is an integral part of the Maths program as it demonstrates the student’s ability to transfer knowledge gained to different mathematical situations. There is also an emphasis on automatic response of simple maths facts which is completed daily.

**Inquiry Learning: History, Geography,**
Each term we work on a chosen theme/topic. These sessions provide exciting experiences to learn about the world around us. This term we are studying “Water-Live It! Learn It!”

**The Arts:**
**Visual Arts:** This is a specialist subject taken by Ms Giles weekly.

**LOTE:** BU Wayan teaches Indonesian for 2 sessions per week.

**Phys Ed:** This is a specialist lesson taken by Mr Hayes for 2 sessions per week.

**5/6 Sport:** Each Friday all 5/6 students are involved in sport. This will either be inter school sport or 5/6 sport. Some games for inter school sport are played away from Seafoord Primary and require parental permission to attend.

**Tennis:** both 5/6 classes will be having a term of tennis in 2013 under instruction from a tennis professional.

**LEAP (Linking Education And Play):** These sessions run for approximately 4 weeks twice a year. These sessions provide opportunities to explore activities that are of interest to individuals, taken by staff and parents who have an interest and expertise in the offered activity.

**Nippers Program:** Sessions were held at the Seaford beach, taken by qualified lifesavers where the groups of students are taught safety and best practice on the beach. This will take place in the 5th week of term 1.

**Camp:** This year’s camp will be held at “Coonawarra” in Gipsland in October. More information on the camp will follow later this year.

**Extras:**
The students can also become involved in:
States School Spectacular
Music- keyboard, guitar, singing
Chess club & tournaments
Active after schools program