### FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

In the media over the weekend you may have read or heard about the changes to the National Curriculum where there will be an expectation that schools implement a phonics approach to the teaching of reading and spelling. The National Curriculum is a set of statements that provide expected outcomes of student achievement at each level of schooling in a range of subjects. This is the first time that the way in which a curriculum area should be taught has been promoted as something that may be included in the National Curriculum Documents or support resources.

If this does become a requirement, at Seaford Primary School this will not impact on any changes as we have for some time now had a phonics approach to these areas.

In the early years classroom we use the Letterland Program which develops both phonemic and phonetic approaches to learning language – this is the relationship between letter names, letter sounds and letter combinations which produce a single sound. Children begin to look at letter blends including digraphs and phonemes and this provides a sound basis for language development. Supporting this is our weekly oral language session with Julia Murphy, our speech therapist, who works in each grade developing children’s oral language skills.

In the middle and senior school, the approach to spelling uses the Sound Waves program. Through this program children develop an awareness of letter choices that are available when a particular sound is heard in a word – (e.g when they hear an ER sound, the choices may be OR, ER, IR, UR or EAR) and sound choices when groups of letters are made in a word- e.g when they see the letter “A” is it A as in Cat, A as in Was, A as in Late, A as in Calm, A as in Chalk etc.

I have on a number of occasions spoken to you about the fact that we are looking at a new approach for our school called “The Leader In Me”. All staff members have now read the book and visited Parktome Primary School to view it there, three staff have attended the Leader In Me two day conference, and I have been in consultation with representatives from Franklin-Covey, the company that has the rights to the program, to negotiate the best financial package for the school. All of the staff are highly enthusiastic and excited about this program coming in to our school and at School Council on Monday night we have received approval for funds to be allocated so that the program can go ahead.

All staff will undergo a two day training program on January 27th and 28th next year in the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and a further full day’s training on April 13th on the Leader In Me Culture Development. This program, to be successful, requires all members of the community to be involved. There will be opportunities, run by our students, for parents to come along to the school early in 2016 to find about the program, what changes you will see at the school and how you can be involved.

The school has a number of copies of 'The Leader In Me’ which I am happy to make available for parents to borrow and read. Please see me to secure your copy.

Regards

Michael
CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Ryan, Adrian, Cameron, Jude, Zoe, Heidi, Paige, Laura, Molly, Jon and Jen received their interschool sports awards at assembly last Friday.

Josh and Angus received dollarmite certificates from the Commonwealth Bank for banking into their bank accounts regularly.

Heidi and Angus received their Artist of the Week awards at assembly last Friday.

WELCOME TO SEAORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We would like to welcome Joel and his family to the Seaford Primary School community.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

- Skyed for Sport Birthday Parties Frankston
- Junior Netball & Football Academy also Youngsters Football Academy—Syked for Sports.
- Winds From The West—St Aidans Church 15/08/2015
FUNDRAISING NEWS

We have a new fundraising Co-Ordinator, Eliza Phillips (children in Years 1/2,3/4 and 5/6).

If you are interested in becoming a member of the fundraising committee, or just helping out on one or two of our fundraising projects, please make your self known to her or come to the office and Erica will pass on your name.

Our first major fundraiser is the Fathers’ Day stall which we will need help in wrapping the gifts prior to the day and also selling on the 3rd September.

We also have our Concert raffle, (information is included with this newsletter). Raffle tickets will be available soon. The raffle is drawn at our annual concert on the 18th September.

Fundraising is a good way to get to know other parents within the school community so please consider joining and having fun while helping your children.

Eliza
Fundraising

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BY MICHAEL WOOLSEY,
School Community Liaison Officer

It has been 11 years since my time began with Seaforth Primary school and the first two things I worked on for the school are having problems again for the same reasons.

Our fantastic CANTEEN is having increasing lunch orders each week, but the staff volunteering to make the lunches is decreasing. We have solved this problem over the years by parents stepping up and offering the help and without that, we will need to close the canteen. Please consider if you have time to assist in the canteen as once closed, it is a huge task to get it running again and it is so well used by the school children for their Friday lunch. When it was reopened in 2004 it was operating Tuesdays and Fridays. Then went to only Fridays. Please help me keep it open.

The second program that is being well attended is the BREAKFAST PROGRAM. This program is well sponsored in the way of food by MA Centre who has provided Coles deliveries for the school to keep it running. This is where the canteen and breakfast program are alike. They both have very good use but not enough people to staff it.

I am asking if a parent, grandparent or interested person in the community is free to volunteer in the breakfast program Monday to Friday to cater for all of the children and meals each morning. It is getting too large for just me to do.

Please consider or ask someone that you know who may be interested in assisting with either of these programs and come and speak to me or Erica in the office.

A working with children card is required of course.

VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

GET YOUR TICKETS

Talented young circus performers, skaters, musicians, dancers and singers will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

This program, run by the Department of Education and Training, helps to develop each student’s performance skills, discipline, perseverance, cooperation and confidence under the training of industry professionals.

General
Adult—$44.00, Concession—$33.00, Child under 15—$22.00

To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketek.com.au/ or phone Ticketek on 132 849.
**CONCERT RAFFLE**

We are starting to organise the raffle prizes for the annual concert raffle. Please see below a list of the hampers and the class that is organising them. We are asking for donations to fill these hampers so that we can make this event a fundraising success. You do not have to donate just for your child’s class, donations for any of the below hampers will be greatly appreciated. Please deliver donations to the Office or your child’s classroom. Thanks for your continued support.

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**2015 CONCERT RAFFLE HAMPERS**

**THE PAMPER HAMPER - 1/2A**

This may include items such as: nail polish, Tim Tams, coffee syrups, tea infusions, lotions & potions, chocolates, gift vouchers, face packs, relaxation CDs, body butter, candles, devils’ food cake mix, massage oil, skin creams, sleep masks, bed socks.

**THE PARTY'S AT MY PLACE! - PREP**

Anything to do with Parties &/or entertaining: Paper plates/cups, party favours, serviettes, chips, dips, sweets, cocktail gear, bottle openers, plastic “glasses”, platters, party cds, mini speakers.

**SUMMER IS COMING! - 5/6D**

Anything to do with the back garden, the BBQ and the Beach!!!: Seed/seedlings, picnic gear, trowel, BBQ tongs, table-cloth weights, plant ties, gardening books/mags, ornaments, tape measures, pots, pop-up garden bins, beach hats, sunscreen, beach toys, towels.

**SWEET TOOTH - 5/6S**

Anything sweet & delicious: Lollies, chocolates, spreads, chocolate biscuits, lolly jars, cake/muffin mix, hot chocolate mix, chocolate or dessert cook books, choc or yoghurt-coated nuts/sultanas,

**BOREDOM BUSTER - 1/2W**

Anything to keep your household amused: Board games, G-rated DVDs, books, cheap video console games, puzzle mags, toys, colouring books, sports/car/fashion magazines, comics, arty-crafty stuff, create-it kits, wool & knitting needles, ribbons and bows.

**THE MYSTERY HAMPER - 3/4H**

Sometimes these hampers are the hardest of all to buy for, but look on it as an opportunity! Include whatever YOU would like to get, and it’s bound to be a success!! Let your imagination go wild!!

**FUN AND FITNESS - 3/4T**

This may include items such as: skipping ropes, water bottles, pedometers, twister type games, side-walk chalk, fitness gear/clothing, frisbees, balls, squash/tennis racquet sets, fitness balls, yoga mats, massage oil, healthy eating books, healthy cooking dvds, relaxation/exercise cds, beach volleyball.
For the Parents of Year 5/6 Students

This is one of the most important things you could do this year!!!

Find out how to help your children use the internet, mobile devices and computers safely.

**Come to the Seaford Primary School Year 5 and 6 Cyber Safety Forum**

Children in years 5 and 6 will be presenting important information about online safety.

This event is for all year 5 and 6 students and their parents.

Child minding will be available for younger brothers and sisters.

**This opportunity comes around once in a lifetime so don’t miss it!!!**

**When**: Tuesday 8th September

**Where**: Senior Learning Centre

**Time**: 7.00pm – 8.30pm approx.

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KEEP CALM AND Be Cyber Safe
In Grade 5/6, we have been studying the Ships of the First Fleet. There were 11 Ships that set sail from England, beginning the year 1787 and arrived in Australia in January 1788.