HABIT 7: Sharpen the Saw

‘Sharpen the Saw means preserving and enhancing the greatest asset you have – you.’

Stephen Covey

Sharpen the Saw means to have balance in your life. There is a story of a man who was sawing down a tree and not making a lot of progress. When a passer by asked him why he didn’t stop sawing to sharpen his saw, he remarked that he was too busy sawing. Habit 7 reminds us that we are more productive when we are in balance—body, brain, heart and soul. Just like the four tyres on a car, if one area is being ignored or overused, the rest will feel the results. For young children, the car analogy is one they understand; a car could not go on fewer than all four tyres. Explain the four parts of each person (body, brain, heart, and soul) and how important it is to take care of each part to make them all work better. (The Leader In Me Parents Guide)

With the school holidays coming up, this is an ideal time to Sharpen the Saw – to take time out from school and be involved in the things that we enjoy doing in our leisure time. A little R & R. As parents you can support this by doing things with your children – these don’t have to be costly – going to the park, the beach, a drive into the hills or down on the peninsula can be enjoyable and rewarding activities for the whole family in order to rebalance.

We Need Your Help

Speaking of investments, we are in desperate need for parents and caregivers to invest in your child’s school by giving an hour of your time this Sunday to one of two fund raising events that the school has organised. Firstly our fundraising committee has organised a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings in Carrum Downs (Frankston Dandenong Rd just north of the Hall Rd intersection). Now that junior sport is largely finished, we are hoping that many parents will be available to help out at some stage during the day. The roster is in the front office at school and we will have it at the concert tomorrow for volunteers to put their names down. The second event has been arranged by our year 5/6 students and is also a sausage sizzle at Woolworths in Seaford on Sunday. Unfortunately, due to Food Handling Laws, children are not allowed to be involved in the running of a sausage sizzle, and so rely on their parents to support the event. Whilst it would be hoped that parents of the year 5 and 6 students going on the camp would primarily be those that would be able to assist, we would be grateful also to any others who could help on the day. Please see Erica in the office or either of the grade 5/6 teachers, Kerry Douglas and Sharyn Stewart.

School Concert

Our Annual School Concert, one of the highlights of our school year, is on tomorrow. Children should come to school as usual ready to start the day at 9 am. At about 9.30 the teachers will begin to bring the children down to the hall (fingers crossed for dry weather) and we expect that the concert will begin at 10 o’clock. At the conclusion of the concert, the raffle will be drawn. All of this should be finished by around midday. Parents who wish to take their child with them at the end of the concert may do so by signing their child out with their child’s teacher who will have the form to sign. Children not signed out will return to school with school staff and will be dismissed at 2.30pm. If you wish your child to go home with another parent, then you will need to write a note to your child’s teacher. Please ensure that you sign the note.
Commencement of Term 4

We look forward to our students returning to school for the commencement of term 4 on Monday October 3rd refreshed and “sharp”. Of course our year 5/6 students attending the Canberra Tour will need to be sharper than most as a 7 am arrival at school will ensure that they do not miss the bus. Please remember to factor in that Daylight Savings begins on October 2nd at 2am, so if you don’t wind your clock forward you will be an hour late!

I know that this experience will be one that your child will gain much from, and whilst the tour is not cheap, it is a great investment for your child’s education. On behalf of your child I thank you for supporting him or her to attend the tour.

I look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Michael
Concert 2016

WHEN: Friday September 16th
WHERE: Seaford Community Hall
TIME: 10.00am start, 12.00pm finish (approx)

- Students need to be at school promptly at 9.00am
- Students may wear their costume/outfit to school
- Students will need to bring playlunch to school which will be eaten prior to commencement of the concert
- All adults and toddlers will be seated separately from the students. Students will remain seated with their class teacher until concert finishes.
- At the conclusion of the concert, parents may take their child home after signing out with class teacher.
- A gold coin donation per person is welcomed upon entry to assist with hire of hall cost.
- Raffles with great prizes to be won.
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
SEAFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

will be holding a
SAUSAGE SIZZLE at BUNNINGS CARRUM DOWNS

on 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

We welcome all parents and caregivers to check their diary / iphone / ipad / calendar and donate an hour of their time to help out on this day.

A roster is held at the Front Office so PLEASE have a look at what time suits you (or what time seems lacking in the volunteer department) and pop your name down.

If everyone could please, Please, PLEASE give just a little time, we would be able to spread the load so no-one felt overburdened.

Don’t worry if you’re a new parent and you feel a bit unsure about the whole thing – it’s not difficult or scary; it’s really quite a lot of fun.

We’re hoping for a sunny day with just a light breeze (to encourage all those home handy-people and gardeners to get busy... and buy a sausage while they’re out buying supplies).

If you’re able to help out but can’t get to the office to register on the roster, please feel free to fill out the form below and send it back via your child – any time you can give will be greatly appreciated.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE  (Please circle the time/s you can help)

NAME: ___________________________________  CHILD'S GRADE: _______

TIME/S:  8am – 9am  9am – 10am  10am – 11am
        11am – noon  noon – 1 pm  1pm – 2 pm
        2 pm – 3pm  3pm – 4 pm  4 pm – 5pm