



SEAFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

Seaford Primary School is a friendly, caring community school that aims to achieve excellence, nurture individuality, challenge and understand every child, in an environment that provides fairness and balance.

DIARY DATES

School Banking every Tuesday throughout the School Term.

21st December

Last day of Term 4.
Children dismissed at 1:30p.m.

NO CANTEEN ON THIS DAY

2019

30th January

Pupil Free Day
NO CHILDREN ATTEND ON THIS DAY

31st January

1st day Term 1 for Years 1-6

Foundation interviews

1st February

1st day Term 1

Foundation

Students - staggered starting times

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

18th December, 2018

SHARPEN THE SAW: 'Never get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life.' *Anonymous*

To all our families I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year period. Take some time to relax and recharge the batteries and most importantly spend some quality time together as a family.

Over the past few weeks we have been putting our plans in place for the 2019 school year and I am now able to tell you the grade structure for next year. Firstly I would like to congratulate Rebecca Park who has picked up an appointment at Laurimer Primary School. Many thanks Bec for your hard work, dedication and contribution to the school throughout 2018 and on behalf of the whole school community, I wish you all the best in your new appointment. We will also be without our longest serving Education Support Officer in Sue Fleming. Sue who is also a trained teacher, has been appointed to a teaching position at Cranbourne West Primary School and we are all very excited for her as she moves into a new stage of her career. Congratulation Sue and good luck. Deanne Round will return from family leave at the commencement of 2019 on a part time (two days per week) basis. We welcome Jennifer Chircop who comes to us from East Malvern who will grade share three days per week with Deanne. Jen has been teaching for six years in junior classrooms. When she came to meet with me a couple of weeks ago I was highly impressed with her enthusiasm and knowledge and in speaking with her current principal I believe that having Jen with us next year will help to create an amazing junior school team in our Early Learning Centre. Our Foundation class will relocate to the ELC and our library will once more operate as that, at least until our building works commence (see more information below).

Our grade structure for 2019 is as follows:

Foundation – Charlotte Wilders (21 students)

1/2CR – Jen Chircop and Deanne Round (23 students)

1/2D – Kerry Douglas (23 students)

3/4H – Martin Hayes

3/4T – Claire Turner

5/6S – Sharyn Stewart (4 days per week) Peter Lucas (1 day per week)

5/6N – David North

Language Unit – Julia Murphy (4 days per week) Robyn Reardon (1 day per week)

Phys Ed – Peter Lucas (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Visual Arts – Kerri Giles (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Our ES staff supporting the classrooms will be:

Foundation – Bri Hackwell/Michelle Herat; 1/2CR; Bri Hackwell/Wayan Felberg; 1/2D Jane Lilley/Helen Day/Kathleen Dodd; 3/4T Eliza Tatham/Sue Dickson; 5/6S – Amelia Robinson/Sue Dickson; 5/6N – Jo Broomhall.

Michael Woolsey will continue to work as our Primary Welfare Officer and also in the Language Unit on a Friday morning, and Wayan's Indonesian program will continue as usual.

Our administration remains the same with Erica as Office Manager, Sue Dickson looking after uniform and the school's website and Robyn Reardon works as my Assistant Principal Tuesday to Friday, and you still have me as principal

There are many things that set us apart from other schools, but one significant difference is the investment we put into our human resources – not only in how many we have supporting our students, but in the quality of their work.

On Friday morning the children will be advised of their grades for next year and will spend the 15 minutes before recess in their new classrooms with their new teacher. On Friday we will be finishing at 1:30 pm which will be preceded by our end of year assembly at 12:45. The assembly is planned to be held on the netball courts, providing the weather is kind. The assembly provides us the opportunity to farewell our year 6 students as they head off to secondary school. They will have had their formal Graduation on Wednesday evening, and we wish them well for this event.

Hopefully by now you have all read your child's report, which can be accessed through Compass using your log in. If you have forgotten your log in or are having trouble logging in, please see Erica in the office.

Building Works Up Date

I attended a meeting in the city on Monday afternoon where all parties have agreed to sign off on the schematic design phase, after quite lengthy discussions and a number of adjustments that were critical to us at school. The outcome I believe is a good one and will provide the following facilities.

A new Multi Purpose Room on the McKenzie Street side of the school which will incorporate approximately 250 square metres of activity space, 48 sq m of store, canteen, toilets and an area for breakfast club. This space will be used also for our before and after school care program, assemblies and will be sufficiently large enough to cater for fund raising and community events, Graduation and the like. A new Art facility will be constructed adjacent to the ELC on the eastern side of that building. This space will be set up to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) which will become an integral part of our school program once completed. There will be new additions to the old red brick building on the north side to improve staff and administration facilities. There will be considerable demolition of existing buildings as well as significant landscaping works. As all students will be in classes in buildings that will have little or no work done, it is anticipated that all of this work will cause little if any disruption to school programs, other than phys ed on wet days.

We now move into the next stage of planning – Design and Development – where we look in more detail about fittings, finishings and materials that will be used. The architects will begin this work on January 8th and the anticipated completion of this planning phase will be March 1st.

Have a wonderful holiday all, and I look forward to seeing you all back at the end of January.

Kind regards

Michael

PUPIL FREE DAYS JANUARY 2019

Please note that Tuesday January 29th and Wednesday January 30th are pupil free days and that the OSHC program will be available. Parents will need to book in advance.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the uniform shop WILL NOT be open this Friday 21st December. 2018.

The uniform shop will re-open on Friday 1st February 2019.

Any uniform that has been pre-paid for will be delivered to the child's classroom when it is received at the school.