



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.

30th January

1st day of term 1 2018

1st February

Foundation children start—staggered start times

2nd February

Foundation children start at 9:00 a.m.

15th February

First Aid in Schools (students)

Year 1-4 Hockey Clinic

16th February

Interschool Sport Years 5/6

Gala Market and Fair

20th, 21st February

Nippers Program years 5/6

23rd February

Interschool Sport Years 5/6

2nd March

District Swimming Sports

5th March

Pupil Free Day
No children attend school on this day

9th March

Interschool Sport Years 5/6

14th March

Welcome Back picnic
Parent Forum

Resilience Program

21st March

Harmony Day

23rd March

Lightning Premiership

29th March

Messenger Dogs

End of Term 1

16th April

Start of Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

1st February, 2018

A very warm welcome back to all of our families for the commencement of the 2018 school year. I would like to send a special welcome to our new families and hope that the time that you spend with us as members of the Seaford Primary School Community are rewarding for all family members. My overarching aim is that all children should feel happy and safe, and I hope to work closely with you all to ensure that this is the case for your child.

One of the first official events that we have at the beginning of each year is the presentation of our Leadership badges to our senior students. Our local member of State Parliament, Ms Sonya Kilkenny, will be attending assembly on Friday of this week to make the presentation. Parents of our year 6 students would have already received notification of this, but we would love to see all of our parents attend this special assembly commencing at 2.50 pm.

At present, our Breakfast Club is operating out of the Early Learning Centre, whilst some works are being completed in the Community Room. We expect that these works will be completed soon and when this is the case the Breakfast Club will resume at its usual location.

We have had a much larger enrolment of Foundation (formerly prep) children this year with 28 new enrolments which is very exciting for us, however this presents with other challenges that we need to have taken into consideration in our planning. 28 children is more than we would like to have in one classroom, however not enough to make the employment of an additional teacher to create a second classroom a viable option. To ensure a high level of support for these children I have arranged for an education support staff member, Bri Hackwell, to be employed in the Foundation Classroom every day from 9 until 3.30 and a further 2 hours per day of education support will be provided between 9 and 11 each day. Along with classroom teacher, Charlotte Wilders, our foundation students will be very well supported. The other concern we had was the size of the existing classroom having 28 children, their tables and chairs, an area to sit on the floor for teaching time and then play areas. As a result it was decided that our Foundation Class will be based in what was our library in the old building. Mrs Wilders and Ms Hackwell have created a colourful and welcoming environment for our Foundation class to begin their primary school journey. Each of our other classes have set up a classroom library with a large number of books for the children to choose from. These will be changed on a regular basis.

On Friday of next week, your child will bring home a letter of introduction from their classroom teacher. This is sent out to give you an overview of the class program, how you can best support your child at school, how you can help at school and the best way for you to communicate with your child's teacher. It will also highlight planned events for the year.

An important change will occur this year with regards the way in which schools can ask for parent payments for their child's involvement in a swimming program. The Department of Education and Training has determined that whilst schools can request parents to pay for transport and entry to venues, the tuition part of the program is not able to be charged. To support this, schools are provided with \$50 per enrolled year 6 student in its annual budget. Clearly the cost of running a program in the way that we have in the past from Foundation to year 6 is many thousands of dollars in excess of this, and therefore will need to be paid for from locally raised funds such as voluntary contributions and fund raising.

Our first swimming event for the year will be our Year 5 and 6 Nippers program at Seaford Beach on February 20th and 21st. As the children will be walking to the beach and there is no entry cost, there will be no charge to parents for this activity. Our prep to year 4 swimming program is booked for late term 4 at Paul Sadler swim school. School Council will discuss how best to manage the cost of this and further advice will be provided to parents once decisions have been made.

Please make sure that you have the following dates in your diary for school events planned for term one.

- February 16th – Gala Market and Fair: Friday February 16th
- February 15th – Incursion - Student First Aid training (no cost)
- February 20th /21st Yr 5 & 6 Nippers Swimming Program – Seaford Beach (no cost)
- March 5th – Pupil Free Day – all staff being trained in the Resilience Project
- March 6th – Student Workshops – The Resilience Project (no cost)
- March 14th – Welcome Back Picnic – 5:00 – 7:00
 - Parent Forum – The Resilience Project – 7:15 – 8:30
 - Movie Night for children of parents attending forum – 7:00 – 8:30 (no cost)
- March 29th – Incursion – Messenger Dogs (no cost)

I look forward to working in partnership with all of you throughout 2018. My door is always open for parents to discuss any concerns that they may have so that we can ensure the best possible opportunity for each and every child who attends this school.

Regards

Michael



This app can be downloaded onto your phone or ipad and used to pay for most of the costs incurred at the school. This includes ordering lunches from the canteen on Friday and school uniform.

Just download and follow the prompts to register yourself and your children.

Seaford Primary School's Outside School Hours Care Provider

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We're very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented a phone app called **Updat-ed** that will make connecting with you so much more convenient.

To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android's. Search for **Updat-ed** and from the menu select our school. We'll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.



So what will the app do?

The app's great for sending out alerts and reminders with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone's calendar.

We hope you enjoy being **Updat-ed**.

SEAFORD CAFÉ LUNCHTIME MENU

(Open Friday only)

HOT FOOD

- Plain chicken burger \$2.30
(Mayo optional +free)
- Tomato, cheese,
lettuce ea \$0.10
- Hot Dogs (plain) \$2.00
- With cheese/mustard \$2.20
- 1 / 2 Hot Dog \$1.00
- party pies/sausage
rolls \$0.80
- Chicken Nuggets \$0.60 ea
- Steamed
dim sims \$0.80ea

DRINKS

- Hot chocolate (cup) \$0.70
- Flavoured milk \$1.50
choc, straw, h/comb
- Hot Chicken Soup \$1.00
- Prima 100% \$1.20
(orange, app, trop, app/ blk)

SANDWICH BAR

- Vegemite or cheese \$0.80
- Ham or chicken \$1.30
(lettuce, tomato
Or cheese) \$0.10 ea
- Lettuce, tomato and
cheese sandwich \$1.20
- Salad tub (lett., tom.,
cheese) \$1.00

SNACKS

- Frozen yoghurt \$1.40
- jelly cup \$1.20
- Popcorn \$0.80
- Salt + vin or BBQ vege
chips or Arnotts shapes \$0.60
- Frozen fruit Tubes
Dairy (moosies) tubes \$0.70
- Seasonal fruit \$0.20
- Yoghurt Frogs/sticks \$0.20

**Snacks are only available at lunchtime. Paper bag \$0.10