



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.

29th June

Sparkles Disco
End of Term 2.
Children finish at 2.30

16th July

Start of Term 3

23rd July

Curriculum Day.
Children do not attend school on this day.

2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th,

August and 6th and

13th September

Life Skills

16th August

Kinder Transition morning

10th September

Colour Fun Run

14th September

District Athletics Sports

21st September

Whole School

Concert

End of Term 3.

Children dismissed at 2.30pm.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

29th June, 2018

As the end of first semester is upon us, it is worthwhile to reflect on all of the things that have happened so far this year. In February we welcomed 27 very excited and eager preps who have settled so well into school and are loving their learning journey. Our year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to involve themselves in the Nippers program at Seaford Beach, building their open water safety and confidence skills with Life Saving Victoria. We had our welcome back family picnic in brilliant weather which was followed by a movie night for the children whilst the parents were able to attend The Resilience Project, parent forum with Matt Heppell. Matt had already spent two days at school working with the children and the staff, and the project was implemented into the classrooms alongside our Leader In Me program

The year 3 and 4 camp to Grantville was an enjoyable experience for all involved, and one that helped our students to continue their journey towards greater independence. We were able to highlight and celebrate our student's achievements through the Grade of the Week program which will continue to be a feature of our school. We welcomed Marisa Hanrahan from the Life Skills Group who ran an engaging 6 week program for all of the classes in helping them develop the resilience skills of gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. We welcomed also visitors to the school, Michael Barr from the Barr Family foundation who are sponsoring the school in The Resilience Project and Michael Millward from Franklin Covey who provided some really positive feedback about what our school is doing in The Leader In Me.

And then in May came the announcement that we had been allocated \$5.3 million in the State Budget for our new capital works program. We are very excited and working with our architects in the on-going plan for what will happen into next year when the building works will start.

Our teachers have also been incredibly busy in their implementation and documentation of the new Victorian Curriculum and have worked with consultants Lyn Watts and Pam Burton in this work throughout the semester. We are already seeing the educational benefit of this work in all of our classes.

Our year 5 and 6 students continue to enjoy the challenges of interschool sport, and have also been involved along with students from years 3 and 4 in District Swimming and Cross Country. This week was our parent teacher interviews, (3 way interviews for our older children) and the very first Seaford Primary Art Show. Our term culminates this week with a Sparkles Disco.

But we are only half way through the year and there is a lot more still to come. For parents I would ask that you put two dates in your diaries. The first of these is Monday July 23rd which is a Pupil Free Day. Our teaching staff will be working with Pam and Lyn on this day continuing the work already started, and our ES staff will be working with the Amaze organisation in further developing their skills in working with children on the Autism Spectrum.

The second date is Tuesday August 28th. We are planning an evening for parents which will have three purposes.

To consider reigniting a Parents and Friends group at the school

To provide parents with an update of our building program

A mini parent forum about our Leader In Me program and how parents can get on board at home to further develop the habits of highly effective people with their children.

Further details will be provided early in the new term.

Term 2 ends this Friday at 2.30pm. Thank you all for your continued support of the school. Have a safe and happy break with your children and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday July 16th.

Regards

Michael

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