



# 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.

3rd, 10th 24th May

3/4 Football clinic

7th May

2019 Foundation Information Evening

7.00—8.00

8th May

Kinder Transition Day.

11th May

Mothers Day Stall

Breakfast

15th—17th May

Naplan

18th May

District Cross

Country

11th June

Queens Birthday

**CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY**

29th June

End of Term 2.

Children finish at 2.30

16th July

Start of Term 3

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

4th May, 2018

**Synergise:** *'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.'* Helen Keller

**Good News:** By now you should all know that our school has been allocated \$5.3 million in the current state budget for the financial year 2018-19. Last year we received planning funding and used this to work with our architects, Fieldworks, to develop a master plan. We now have the funds to make this plan a reality. I will be meeting shortly with our assigned Victorian Schools Building Authority representative and Regional Facilities co-ordinator from the Department of Education and will then be able to communicate with you as to our 'next steps'.

**Student Absences:** From the end of Term 2, all Victorian government schools must contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. This requirement supports student safety and wellbeing. Schools need to know when and why a child is absent, and parents/carers need to know if their child is not at school. Prompt communication also promotes daily school attendance.

Parents and carers **must** notify the school of their child's absence as soon as possible on the day of absence using the school's preferred method. The school is currently deciding on the protocols we will be setting up to enable parents to best provide this information. A letter will be sent by mail in the next few weeks to advise you of these protocols.

To assist us with this it is important that we have up to date contact details of parents and guardians. In the letter that is sent home, we will have listed your mobile number(s) which will be the way for us communicating an unexplained absence. If this information is not correct, please advise us immediately, so we can update our records.

**NAPLAN:** All schools in Australia administer assessments in Literacy and Numeracy for students in years 3,5,7 and 9 each year. These dates run over three days- May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Teachers in the year 3 and 5 classes at Seaford have been working with their students to prepare the children for these assessment tasks. NAPLAN results are helpful when viewed with other school assessments, teacher observations and work samples to provide an accurate indication of where each child is in their learning. Parents can assist in preparing their child to do their best on the test by ensuring that their child has a good night's sleep before each day of the assessments and ensure that they have had a nutritious breakfast – of course these are things that help children each and every day at school. It is important also that neither school nor home create any anxiety around the assessment tasks. Because the tests have items that come from below current year level expectations to items that are well above year level expectations, children will find some of the tasks easy and some difficult. Just encourage your child to do the best they possibly can. Results will be provided to parents in August.

**Assembly:** This week's assembly will be in the ELC where our year 3/4T class will share much about their recent camp experience at Grantville. We will also welcome our local Victorian State Member for Carrum, Ms Sonya Kilkenny who will make the official announcement regarding the allocation of funds to our school. All parents who are able to are encouraged to attend.

**Mother's Day-** A reminder that next Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a special Mother's Day breakfast at the school from 8:20. We would be delighted if all mums, and grandmas could attend to celebrate what a great job you are doing in raising your children. Weather permitting this will be in the area outside the Canteen/Community Room. If the weather is not good, we will move indoors into the ELC. We will be having our Mothers' Day stall in the MPR as from 9.15 a.m. If there is anyone who could find some time from 9 until about 12 to assist with this, please let the school office know, or simply turn up on the morning and make yourself known to Eliza. The Mothers' Day raffle will be drawn at assembly which commences at 2.50.

Regards  
Michael

Just a reminder that  
**Seaford Primary School Mothers' Day Stall**

Will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
between 9.15am and lunchtime.

Gift prices will vary between **\$2.00 and \$10.00.**

If you wish your child to purchase a gift from the stall,  
please send their money in a **named** envelope or plastic bag

Their gift will be wrapped, all ready for Mothers' Day!



*SEAFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE*

We are also holding a Mothers' Day Raffle this year

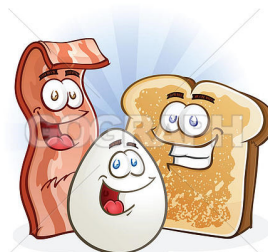
**PRIZE : MOTHERS DAY HAMPER**

Tickets are - \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Raffle will be drawn at assembly on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018.



**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**



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**FRIDAY 11TH MAY 2018**

**8.20 A.M.**

**ALL MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS WELCOME.**