My thanks to the school staff, students and wider school community for the support that they have shown to each other in helping us all to work through the sadness of this week. It is times like this that we can truly call ourselves a Community School. The support structures that are in place for schools to call on in times of need have also been extremely beneficial. Both Lara James and Stephen Pugh from our local Northern Peninsula Sub Region have spent two days at the school to provide support for students, parents and staff and their support and advice to myself has been invaluable.

Last Sunday saw the completion of our outdoor stage. Many thanks to Daniel Spruyt, Paul, Jarrod and Kyle Phillips and Rob Hoysted for their hard work and skills in making this stage a reality. The children are already using it and we look forward to the first formal performance to be put on by some of the students in 3/4H. The stage construction was made possible through the generous support of Asset Property Management, owned and run by former parent, Sherrie Lee and her son Kieren.

Next week our year 5 and 6 students head down to Camp Coonawarra about 30 minutes north of Bairnsdale in Eastern Victoria. I know they will have a fantastic time down there and be involved in some great and challenging activities. On Thursday evening of next week we also have the year 2 sleepover followed on Friday with excursions for the grade 2’s to Myuna Farm and the year prep and grade 1’s to Moonlit Sanctuary. This will leave the year 3 and 4 students the only ones back at school, and it will be they who get to meet and greet the Minister of Education, Mr James Merlino who will be visiting the school on this day.

School Council President Kirsten O’Callaghan and I will meet with the minister and, along with two selected year 4 students will take him on a tour of the school. In 2013 we developed a master plan of additional capital works which would bring the school up to what we believe is 21st century standards. Stage 1 of this development was the construction of the year 3 – 6 building. Stage 2 will be demolition of the toilet block the old classroom buildings (with the exception of the original red brick building) and the construction of a new building that would accommodate a multi purpose facility, canteen, student toilets and office space, the construction of a new stand alone library and the development of an amphitheatre and associated landscaping where the current canteen/community room stands. We hope that we can convince the minister that the students at Seaford Primary School are deserving of additional funding to make this happen and to become an advocate for this stage 2 to move ahead. If anyone is interested in having a look at our master plan, please see me at your convenience.

There will be no assembly or canteen next week due to the camp and excursions and the week after will be our Hallowe’en Disco during the day, so no assembly or canteen on the 30th of October either. A reminder to you also that Monday November 2nd is a pupil free day which staff will be using as an assessment and report writing day. Our Outside School Hours Care will be operating on this day. It is important that you book your child in with Matt if you need to use this service on the day.

Parent and School Council Member, Amber Dick has now taken over the running of the school’s playgroup which will resume as from Monday October 26th. For further details please contact Amber via email at amberld8@gmail.com

Regards

Michael
Amy and Connor received their School Captain badges at assembly last Friday.

Will received a Certificate of Participation for The Reading Hour in Alternative Formats at assembly last Friday.

Skye and Alyssa received their Art Awards at assembly last Friday.

Peter, Emily and Darcy received Dollarmites awards from the Commonwealth Bank at assembly last Friday. These are given to the school banking children for regular banking into their accounts.

Holly received a Fitness Club award at assembly last Friday.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BY MICHAEL WOOLSEY,
School Community Liaison Officer

Television free day every week

Children are brought up to be glued to the television. Maybe the Wiggles are to blame. Once they arrived on the scene, children’s viewing hours seemed to increase. Catchy songs, dancing, use of colours and costumed creatures along with learning and fun. What a formula!!

Don’t get me wrong. It certainly has its uses. It is a form of relaxation and children tired from school can relax and unwind. Especially good if an educational show as the information seeps right in.

However, while a TV entertains the child, they are not entertaining themselves or interacting with other members of the household or social circles.

Placing daily viewing times and offering alternatives is a wise choice. Even proposing a television free night each week. For everyone, including adults!! This provides for reconnecting as a family and enjoying time together playing board games, cards or going out together. Daylight savings is giving us a great start by providing great weather and more light at night to take advantage of.

Television is an effective babysitter and distracter of children, but it can’t interact two-way or hug a child like family interaction does.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Displayed on the Noticeboard in the front foyer of the Office.

• Skyed for Sport Birthday Parties Frankston
• Junior Netball & Football Academy also Youngsters Football Academy—Syked for Sports.
• Romsey Primary School 150 Years celebrations Saturday October 24th 2015 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Please note that due to staff commitments our uniform shop will not be open on Friday 16th and the 23rd October 2015.

Orders can be left at the Office or on QKR, they will be processed when the uniform shop re – opens on Friday 30th October 2015.

Uniform Co-Ordinator
Sue Dickson
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Bunnings in Spring is just the place to earn us lots of lovely fundraising dollars! So.....

Saturday 17th October is our second Bunnings sausage sizzle for 2015 and we are ASKING for volunteers to give us a hand. The good news is – if LOTS of people volunteer, then no-one has to be there for more than an hour. And that would be WONDERFUL.

If you’ve been a bit shy to offer assistance in the past, now would be a really great time to put your hand up.

There will be a roster in the office, with reminder slips for you to take away. Please give some thought to helping out – your efforts are always deeply appreciated and all of the children benefit from the extra funds such events raise!

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE:

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Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 17th October at

the following times: (please tick)

8 am – 9am (set up) _____ 9.am – 10am _____
11 am – 11 am _____ 11am – 12 noon _____
12 noon – 1 pm _____ 1 pm – 2pm _____
2 pm – 3pm _____ 3 pm – 4 pm _____
4pm – 4.30 (clean up) _____

A member of the school fundraising committee will contact you in the week prior to the event to confirm your time.

*Reminder: Closed toed shoes must be worn