FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY APRIL 11TH 2016

Please remember that the first day of term 2 is a school council approved pupil free day with all staff working off-site in the development of our skills in implementing the Leader In Me program.

The learning that we do on this day will be the final whole staff day for the Leader In Me, though selected staff will continue to receive on-site training at school. We will be joining staff from Rangebank Primary School and Bayswater South Primary School working with the team from Franklin-Covey. We will be rolling out the program over the remainder of this year and into the future.

The first day for students in term 2 will be Tuesday, April 12th. Our Out of School Hours Care will be running on the Monday. Parents requiring this service will need to book directly with Magz. He can be contacted on 0406877787

The first meeting of the new school council was held on Monday evening, and it is my pleasure to welcome them all to this very important role of school governance. There are two categories of school council membership:

Parent Members. The parent members of the school council at Seaford comprises of Jodie Sandford, Catherine Zoppolato, Eliza Jade-Phillips, Lisa Amalfi-Chiera, Amber Dick, Brad Carroll and Lucas Zinsstag

Department of Education Members: The department members are Deanne Round, Sharyn Stewart, Erica Cooper and Robyn Reardon.

As principal, I am the executive officer of school council.

With the resignation of Kirsten O’Callaghan as a result of her no longer being a parent of a child attending Seaford Primary School, we have one casual vacancy on school council for the period from now until March of 2017. If you are interested in joining school council in this short term position, please see me or speak to one of the school councillors.

At our meeting on Monday, elections were called for office bearers, and as a result I can report the following:

President: Eliza -Jade Phillips
Vice President: Lisa Amalfi—Chiera
Secretary: Catherine Zoppolato
Treasurer: Lucas Zinsstag
Assistant Treasurer: Robyn Reardon

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our retiring school councillor and immediate past president, Kirsten O’Callaghan, for the contribution she has made to the school in her roles on school council. In particular, as president of school council, Kirsten was a great asset and represented the school to the wider community in an exemplary fashion. On behalf of the school, I wish her and her family well in the future.

Today we held both our Easter Bonnet Parade and the School Fun Run. Both events were thoroughly enjoyed by our children. I am always amazed at the creative effort that goes into the designs of some of the headgear that the children (and I suspect their parents) created for the parade. Thank you to all the families who supported the Fun Run Fundraiser. If you participated and did not register on-line, then all sponsorship money should be returned to school along with your child’s choice of prize, based on the level of sponsorship money collected, no later than Friday April 15th. For those who registered on line, your prize will have already been selected and the funds raised will be sent directly to the school, so there is nothing more you need to do.

I wish all of you a happy Easter and a restful vacation break spending some quality time with your children.

Kind regards
CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

1/2 A received The Golden Gnome Award for Art at assembly last Friday.

Jude, Victor, Briley, Jack, Emily, Jemma and Rami represented Seaford Primary School at the Brain Olympiad at Patterson River Secondary College.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

- Girls Guides—Seaford
- Chelsea Junior Football Club registration day
- Starting School a Simpler Way Tuesday 8th, 15th, 22nd March Ballam Park Primary School
- Seaford Junior Football Club new players for 2016
- Bonbeach Baseball Club Baseball & T Ball try out days
- Wordsmiths—classes run by author Michelle Hamer
- Frankston Libraries School Holiday Program
- Cameo Tigers Netball Club—players wanted

Phoenix received a Dollarmites award from the Commonwealth Bank for banking regularly into his account.
**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**BY MICHAEL WOOLSEY, Student Wellbeing**

**School holiday ideas for the family**

Create a list with the children of indoor and outdoor activities that could be done over the school holidays and take it in turns choosing something. See how long you can make the list and stick it up in a place where it is easily accessible to add to and choose from.

Here are some ideas:

- Play board games together as a family. Choose one that you all need to learn the rules for. Maybe select one at a market or an Op shop or ask a friend to do a swap for the holidays.
- Have a conversation night with the children. Sit and remember fun things you did and holidays you went on together. Get out the old photos to help with this.
- Take turns adding a sentence to a story that you make up or go around the circle adding only one word each to make up a silly story.
- Play cards together. Snap, Uno, or a game called ‘Snorta’ is a fun one involving animal noises.
- Hire DVD’s that you appreciated when you were younger and introduce the children to them. Wizard of Oz, NeverEnding Story, E. T., Benji and Lassie.
- Do a jigsaw puzzle together and put it aside if it is not finished, to continue another time. When it is finished glue it on a board to hang in the bedroom as a piece of work accomplished together.
- Make dessert with the children. They will have a great time making a frog-in-a-pond or a crazy decorated cake.
- Build a model, play Lego or immerse yourself in the child’s world some other way for the night.
- Plan and build a vegetable patch to get ready to eat from next term.
- Go bike riding.
- Throw a Frisbee or kick a ball at a park together.

A family spending time talking and playing together allows the children to form good connections and bonds with their parents and other family members. This will have great benefits when they want to discuss difficulties that they have later in life.