FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

It seems hard to believe that first term is half way through. The children have settled down well into the routines of the new school year and all programs are now in place. The Hey Dee Ho program offered to pre school children is well attended and we have now had to add a second session on a Wednesday morning to cater for the demand. Further details can be provided by contacting the school office on 97861357.

Last week our grade 5 and 6 students had two great days at the Seaford Beach with instructors from Life Saving Victoria leading them through the Nippers Program. Whilst the two days were probably the worst we have had this year weather wise, the students had a great time and hopefully come away with greater awareness of water safety and increased skills in dealing with water emergencies. Then on Monday the year 5 and 6 children attended the Spirit of Anzac Exhibition at the Melbourne Conference Centre. This gave them the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of Australia’s involvement in the First World War, particularly on the Western Front of France and Belgium, at places like The Somme, Ypres, Villers-Brettoneux and Fromelles.

Our years 1 and 2 students have started their Investigations Program – the first 45 minutes of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. They are totally engaged in the wide variety of activities that are provided to cater for the various interests and learning styles of the students.

This week, other than our preps, all children have participated in a soccer clinic run by AIA as part of their Phys Ed program. We always look for opportunities to bring outside personnel into the school to enhance the learning experiences of our children, and events like this are another example of how this is done. Archery has commenced on Monday and Tuesday morning with 10 students from years 3 – 6 participating each week. By the end of the year all year 3 – 6 students will have been involved in a 5 week archery program with Mr Lucas.

Due to changes in the funding model of the Sporting Schools program, there will not be an Active After School Program this term. Michael Woolsey is currently developing plans to get this back and running as from next term.

Whilst I do understand the difficulty that exists with parking around our school at the beginning and end of the day, it is important that parents comply with the parking signs in the local area. This is particularly important on the approaches to the school crossing in McRae St, where cars parked too close makes it difficult for motorists to see our crossing supervisor coming on to the crossing and for him to see approaching vehicles. The bus parking area is available as a “Kiss and Go” area, so please feel free to drop your child off or pick your child up. There is a 5 minute limit in this area and cars should not be left unattended.

A few reminders for you:

The Fun Run will be on the 24th March, not the 23rd as was advertised on the flier. The exact time for this will be determined closer to the day. Please keep on collecting sponsors- this can also be done by registering on line and creating a profile. The profile will only be seen by the people you push it out to, so privacy is maintained.

Our Easter Raffle will be drawn on the last day of term – also March 24th – at our end term assembly. Thank you to those who have already donated items for the raffle. These can be sent to school with your child or dropped off at the office.

Our Welcome Back Family Picnic is on next Tuesday- March 1st commencing at 5 pm. Please come along and join with other members of our school community in what is always an enjoyable evening. A flier with all the details was sent out yesterday.

Regards
Michael
CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

1/2 W received the Golden Gnome Award for Visual Arts at assembly last Friday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

- Skye United FC Team registration
- 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
- Stingrays Frankston Hockey Club Registration Day 20th Feb and 25th Feb
- Patterson Lakes Swim School

UNIFORM NEWS

It is the time of year again when we are looking for good 2nd hand uniform, including any sports shirts that are not going to be used.

We are also in need of small sizes for our sick bay (to provide a change of clothes for the younger children) .

Please hand any of these items into the school office.

Thanks
Sue
EASTER RAFFLE

As Easter is fast approaching, we would like to ask our community for donations for our annual Easter Raffle. These can be in the form of eggs, bunnies etc or activities such as games and toys. Please send your donations in with your children.

Thank you once again for your help.

Fundraising Committee

STUDENT SUPPORT FUND (SSF) AND CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)


PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE CONCESSION CARD WITH THE APPLICATION.
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**.