Last Friday we were visited by Minister for Education, Mr James Merlino and local member, Ms Sonya Kilkenny. Year 4 KID reps, Luke and Brooke along with School Council President, Mrs Kirsten O’Callaghan, and I took the minister on a tour of the school. Whilst the minister was impressed with the new buildings and the way in which the school community had rallied together to complete recent projects such as the landscaping and planting of gardens the outdoor stage and the fitness track, he was made aware- particularly by Mrs Reardon- of the poor state of the existing buildings in the main wing. In stage 2 of our Capital Works Plans, these buildings are earmarked for demolition. Over a cup of coffee with the minister, we discussed our vision for the school and the redevelopment of the area now taken up by canteen, community room, toilet block and old classroom wing. The minister was sympathetic to our ideas and left with a clear understanding of what we would like our children to have in the way of building facilities. It is now a matter of waiting to hear of the schools marked for capital works in upcoming state budget announcements which should take place early in the new year. We certainly hope that Seaford Primary School is amongst those listed for inclusion.
Missing out on the minister’s visit were our Prep, year 1, 2, 5 and 6 students. The year 5/6’s attended a week long camp at Coonawarra Farm in East Gippsland. From all reports the children had a great time. Their thoughts along with camp photos appear in a separate part of the newsletter. Our year 2 students had spent Thursday night at the school for their year 2 sleepover followed on Friday with an excursion to Myuna Farm.

These events are only made possible by the preparedness and generosity of staff in attending and taking on the responsibility of not only looking after the children but in organising activities that they would not otherwise experience. My sincere thanks to Mrs Stewart, Mrs Douglas, Mr Lucas, Mrs Fleming and Mrs Dickson in attending the year 5/6 camp, and to Mrs Wilders, Mrs Arvidson and Mrs Weigall in staying over for the year 2 sleepover. Your commitment to the children of Seaford Primary School is outstanding. On Friday the year Prep and 1 students had their excursion to Moonlit Sanctuary.

Regards

Michael

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BY MICHAEL WOOLSEY, School Community Liaison Officer

MOVEMBER

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men’s faces in Australia and around the world. The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men’s health, specifically prostate cancer and male mental health.

After registering, guys then start Movember 1st with a clean-shaven face and then for the rest of the month, these Mo Bros, groom, trim and wax their mo into fine moustachery. Supported by the women in their lives, Mo Sistas, Movember Mo Bros raise funds by seeking out sponsorship for their Mo growing efforts.

Mo Bros effectively become walking, talking billboards for the 30 days of November and through their actions and words raise awareness by prompting private and public conversation around the often ignored issue of men’s health.

The funds raised are directed to programs run directly by Movember and men’s health partners, the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and beyondblue: the national depression initiative. Together, the three channels work together to ensure that Movember funds are supporting a broad range of innovative, world-class programs.

Movember - a global movement

Since its humble beginnings in Melbourne, Australia, Movember has grown to become a truly global movement inspiring more than 1.9 Million Mo Bros and Mo Sistas to participate in Australia, New Zealand, and the rest of the world.

Merchandise is available online as well as in some retail stores who stock t-shirts and book stores who sell the specially created Mr Mo book developed by the creator of the Mr Men series.

No matter the country or city, Movember will continue to work to change established habits and attitudes men have about their health, to educate men about the health risks they face, and to act on that knowledge, thereby increasing the chances of early detection, diagnosis and effective treatment.

More information at: http://au.movember.com

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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

- Skyped for Sport Birthday Parties Frankston
- Junior Netball & Football Academy also Youngsters Football Academy—Syked for Sports.
- YCW Netball Club. Recruiting for 2016 season
- FIVE TIMES FUN Art and Craft for Kids and Adults.
- Locked in the Library Halloween 2015
- Christmas Hand Made Market—Includes silent auction with proceeds going to the family of Andrea Lehane. Sunday 29th November. Banyan Fields Primary School. 9 a.m.—2 p.m. (Stalls available—Contact Carol 0432 617 730)
Coonawarra Camp 2015

Camp was fun.
Horse riding was amazing.
Team rescue was amusing.
The giant swing was extremely scary.
The food was amazing.
The activities were spectacular.
The flying fox was epic, it went over the lake.
The flying fox was tremendous.
Camp is an experience made for everyone.
The rock climbing was a challenge.
The swimming was ice cold.
Camp was good.