Our aim for each of our students is to be able to say, “I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I do not blame others for my mistakes. I can only be offended if I choose to be” (The Leader In Me- Covey, Covey, Summers and Hatch [2014] p 18).

There are times in all our lives that things happen that we would rather not have happened. I am sure we can all think of many times when this has been the case. We cannot always choose what happens in our lives but we can choose our responses. The way in which we choose to respond will always impact on what happens next.

From time to time teachers and I need to speak to children about things that have happened and to look at the way that people who have been affected by the event have responded. When the response has been negative the first question we usually ask is “How else might have you responded which might have been a better choice?” No doubt you as parents have probably had similar conversations with your children.

Our year 5 and 6 students have had many discussions in class in recent times in becoming “proactive”. Being proactive simply means taking the initiative and being responsible for our actions and to respond in positive ways to the things that happen in our lives. Our federal member for Dunkley, Mr Bruce Billson, visited the senior school on Monday morning and spoke to the children about “leadership”. One of the things he focussed on was that the world is run by people who “turn up”. He explained that what he meant by this was simply for the children to get involved and to take control rather than by being controlled by events in their lives – in other words being proactive.

I would encourage you all to take every opportunity that arises to talk to your children about being proactive, praise them when they make good choices, discuss other options when the choice make is not a good one, commend them when they accept responsibility for their actions and encourage them to “turn up”.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank, on behalf of the school community, the teachers, Mrs Thompson, Mr Lucas, Mr Hayes, the support staff, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Broomhall, and parent volunteer, Mr Carroll, who took the year 3 and 4 students to camp at Merrick’s Lodge last week. Our comprehensive outdoor education program which incorporates activities at all levels and camps/sleepover from year 2 onwards requires the commitment of staff and volunteers to give up their time to ensure that the children have these experiences. From all reports the camp was a great success, with fantastic activities and excellent food. Reports from the students have been included in this newsletter and others will be presented at assembly tomorrow.

Some upcoming events for your diaries- Next week we have the Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday May 7th and our special Annual Mother’s Day Breakfast on Friday May 8th. Education Week this year will be from Monday May 18th – 22nd with the theme “Cracking the Code with Maths”. Incorporated into this week we will also be having our first Book Fair for the year which has its own theme of “Kings, Queens and Castles”. We will be having a number of special events in this week to celebrate Education Week with more details provided in the next couple of weeks. Some of these events will involve parents so we would love you to “turn up”.

Regards

Michael
CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on Tuesday 5th May

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

Dress: Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines
Hair: Neat and swept off face

Manual Orders: Complete your order form and return with payment to school on photography day
Online Orders: To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. Orders can be placed online up to 3 working days after photography. You do not need to return the order form if you order online.

Remember: All orders placed online will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.

Sibling order forms available at Office

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MOTHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST
FRIDAY 8th May

8.15 A.M.—9.00 A.M.
A chance for Mums to celebrate Mothers’ Day with their children by sharing breakfast with them at school.
Before you go to work on Friday pop along to the school and partake of a delicious free breakfast.
(a call to all fathers to assist with the cooking from 8.00 a.m onwards.)

Please let Michael or Erica know if you can help.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL REMINDER

It’s Mothers’ Day on Sunday 10th May, so we will be holding our ever-popular Mothers’ Day Stall on Thursday 7th MAY 2015.
Gifts range from $2.00 through to $5.00, so discuss with your child what they want to spend and send the money along with them in a named envelope in case it gets lost (for the older children – in a wallet or purse). Maybe have a chat to them about what sort of gift Mum would like, so our helpers can point them in the right direction.

BY THE WAY – if anyone has an hour or two to spare on Thursday morning, we are seeking helpers for the stall. One or two of our regulars have to be at work, so even if you only have an hour – that would be splendid! (And don’t worry, we cover your head with a bag when your own child is choosing – so it will still be a surprise!)
ANZAC CEREMONY
AT THE SEAFORD RSL

YEARS OF
ANZAC
THE SPIRIT LIVES
2014 - 2018
Day One       by Zoe
First of all we went to the beach where we played three games. My
favourite game was trying to make a sea creature out of sand and
seaweed. When we arrived at camp Mrs. Thompson put us into our
camp groups. I was with Sienna and Brooke they were the people that
did it. At six o'clock we had dinner which was fish and
chips, it was delicious and after that we went to bed, but it was hard to
get to sleep with Sienna talking!

Day One        Merricks Lodge Camp
by Brooke
Most of the kids arrived at school at about 8.45am all ready to go to camp. When everything
was loaded on the bus we said goodbye and left for Merricks Lodge. Before we arrived at the
campsite we had playlunch and then we went to the rock pools at Balnarring beach. We
arrived at camp and were spoken to by Justin, one of the camp co-ordinators, who told us
the rules they have at camp. Next Mrs Thompson told us our cabin numbers and I was with
Sienna and Zoe. Then we got ready to go to the beach! We played games, swam and made
sand shapes. After that we had a shower and free time, then we had a delicious dinner.
Finally we went to bed but it was hard to sleep because Sienna loves talking!

Day 2 and Day 3 at Camp by Melanie
In the morning we all had breakfast. Then we did lots of activities including
orienteering, sport and canoeing. All the activities were fun. After we had
breakfast we cooked marshmallows on the fire! The next day we went
to Coolart Mansion and we thought it was awesome. Finally we got on the
bus and drove to Coolart Mansion for a look and a bbq lunch. Then the bus
drove us all back to school and we were all very tired!

Day One   Merricks Lodge Camp by Brooke
Most of the 3/4s arrived at school at about 8.45am all ready to go to camp. When everything
was loaded on the bus we said goodbye and left for Merricks Lodge. Before we arrived at the
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Day Two at Camp by Ella
On day 2 all the children went to breakfast, we had spaghe
toast, hash browns and orange juice. My first activity was
orienteering, then we had snack. After that I went canoeing, I
was with Nic and there was a lot of seaweed in the water. At
lunch we had yummy rolls. For dinner we had roast beef with
potatoes and vegetables and gravy. That night we had "Red
Faces", Beau won and Crystal came second, it was very
funny!

Day 2 of our Camp by Max
On the third day we had
breakfast and it was yummy!
After that we had to go back
to our cabins to clean up and
it was not fun! After we
cleaned our rooms we had a
shower and got dried and
dressed in front of the dining
room. Then we had to get our
suitcases and our backpacks
and take them to the bus. I
was sitting next to Tor and
Wouter and we drove to
Coolart Mansion for a look
and a bbq lunch. Then the bus
drove us all back to school and
our parents picked us up and
we went home. We were all
very tired!

My Camp Report by Beau
First we arrived at Balnarring Beach and went exploring on the rock pools. After lunch we
got to camp and later that night we had fish
and chips for dinner. On Thursday we went
canoeing, it was great fun! Later that night I
won ‘Red Faces’, then we toasted
marshmallows. On Friday we went to Coolart
house and had a BBQ lunch then we headed
back to school.

Camping at Merricks Lodge by Will
Yesterday I went to camp, our grade was there. It
was fun.

We played games. We went in a canoe and it
went splash and I nearly went in the water but Mr
Lucas got me. He pulled me in. I took an oar and
rowed over the water. I put my oar in the water
and I pulled it in and we moved forward.

I saw where everyone slept in the cabins. They
were sleeping with numbers 1 to 20. The doors
had numbers on them. Mrs Thompson had
number 20. I got to see where the girls were
sleeping. They were in bunks like the boys.

We had a sandwich for lunch. I had cheese and
tomato sandwich.

We had a treasure hunt. The words were yellow
we had to put them on a sheet. There was a cage
with a yellow word on it.

I made a kite.