It is always a pleasure to recognise the achievements of our students in activities they do outside of school. In recent times we have celebrated Balin who last week competed in the Pacific Games in Adelaide, we have congratulated Renee on her extraordinary achievements on the athletics track and this week we get to recognise Josh in year 1 who recently competed in a karate competition in Warrnambool winning four medals. These were presented to him at assembly last Friday and we congratulate Josh on this terrific achievement.

One of the school rules we have is respect and there are many ways of demonstrating this. Respect comes in many forms and respect for the rules or laws is an important part of living in a society or community. It is of concern the number of students who ride or skate to school each day without wearing a helmet. If your son or daughter does ride or skate to school, or anywhere for that matter, please impress upon them the importance, for their own safety, of wearing a protective helmet.

The closer we get to Christmas, the busier we seem to get and this is particularly true for the last couple of weeks of the 2015 school year. We are currently half way through our prep to year 4 swimming program and this has been exceptionally well support with the vast majority of our students attending. Tuesday of next week is the statewide transition day. On this day all of our year 6 students spend the day at the secondary school they will be attending in 2016, our 2016 preps will spend the morning here with Ms Round and all our other grades step up to the next level. Usually this has been for the day, but due to our swimming program this will be a shorter period of time.

On Wednesday of next week, our first Christmas Concert and Family Picnic evening will be held. It is hoped that this will become an annual event, but that will largely depend on the response we get on the night. This week the children have been familiarising themselves with the song that they will be singing on the day, and have hopefully all brought home an invitation to parents to come along. Please feel free to invite grandparents, relatives, friends and neighbours along. The concert will begin at 6 and will be hosted by professional entertainers from RockED. Santa will be in attendance handing out icy poles to the good girls and boys.

Friday December 11th is our Gala Sports which is due to commence at 9.30 on the school oval. Mr Lucas has been training the children for the sprints, relays, hurdles and novelty events. It is hoped that many parents will come along to support the teams as they vie for Championship Status in 2015.
In the last week of term we have the Kids Carnival on the Tuesday (more information coming home shortly), Graduation on the Wednesday, Class Parties and Year 6 Big Day out on the Thursday and finally on Friday December 18th, the children will get to meet their teacher for 2016, know who their classmates will be and compete in or watch the Year 6 V Staff Volley Stars Game. Last Day assembly will commence at about 12.50 on the netball court with the final dismissal at 1.30. Please note that the school crossing in McRae St will not be supervised on this day.

End of year reports will be sent home on Thursday December 17th.

Regards
Michael

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Seaford Primary School

Dear Parents,

On **Tuesday, 15th December** the children in Year 1/2 A will be holding a *cake stall* as part of our school’s ‘*Kids Carnival*’. We would appreciate your help in providing some small, individual cakes, toffees, chocolate crackles, or similar goodies to sell on the day. The children would really enjoy helping to make these cakes at home with you, if possible. Please bring your kind donation to the ELC kitchen on Tuesday morning. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Regards,

Ruth Arvidson, Sue Weigall and the children in 1/2A.

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**CHANNEL SEVEN BROADCAST OF #VSSS15**

**SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER - 7pm to 9pm**

Don’t miss the Channel Seven two-hour broadcast featuring segments of this year’s live Victorian State Schools Spectacular!!

For the first time, the show will be streamed on 7Live, which is a one-off chance to view the Spectacular online at the same time as it is televised.

This is a great opportunity for your family and friends across Australia to stream the show on any device available to them (smart phone, tablet and laptop).
**KIDS CARNIVAL**

*WANTED*: books, toys, games, DVD’s, dress-ups for Trash & Treasure.

*WANTED*: donated items that could be used as prizes eg lolly pops, cards, unused little toys etc.

Tokens will be 50 cents each – purchased from classrooms Tuesday 15th after 9.00am.

Fun! Fun! Fun!

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**WELCOME TO SEAFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Seaford Primary School community would like to welcome Lily, Jacob and Zak and their families to our school.

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**Library News**

Hi everyone again,

Please return all books back to the library for a successful stocktake to ensure our collection is in good order. This is the most important procedure as part of maintaining our school library of valuable books, for everyone’s enjoyment. Thank you very much for your assistance from Louise Puschner library technician.
Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!

Two out of three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the time they reach 70. We have one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world with over 750,000 Australians being treated for skin cancer each year – that’s over 2,000 people every day\(^1\).

You are most at risk of skin cancer during times when the UV index is at 3 or above. You can check the daily UV index at [www.bom.gov.au/vic/uv/](http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/uv/).

The Cancer Council recommends these five simple ways to protect yourself from the harms of skin cancer:

1) **Slip on a shirt** or other form of clothing that covers your arms
2) **Slop on sunscreen** that’s SPF 30+ and reapply every 2 hours
3) **Slap on a hat** with a broad brim or one that covers your face, neck and ears
4) **Seek shade** away from direct sunlight
5) **Slide on sunglasses** that are close fitting and have UV protection

But what about vitamin D? During summer, most people can achieve adequate vitamin D levels by exposing their face, arms and hands to direct sunlight for just a few minutes most days of the week.

Remember, treating vitamin D deficiency is a lot easier than treating skin cancer! If you’re in doubt, speak to your doctor about getting your vitamin D levels tested. For more information about the dangers of skin cancer as well as information about vitamin D, go to [www.cancer.org.au/preventing-cancer/sun-protection/](http://www.cancer.org.au/preventing-cancer/sun-protection/).

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Tuesday December 15th
1.30pm – 3.15pm

**Kids Carnival**

- books
- coins in a pond
- nails
- cakes
- face painting
- lucky straws
- photo booth
- lucky balloons
- and more...

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Fun! Fun! Fun!
Dear Parents and Friends of Seaford P.S.

You’re invited to join us for an evening of free family fun. Each grade has been busy working hard with Santa’s Elves, to bring you:

Christmas Carols

**Date:** On Wednesday the 9th of December 2015.

**Time:** 5pm till 7:30pm.

**Where:** Near the big adventure playground, and new outdoor stage.

**Bring:** A blanket or chair to sit on, and if the weather is hot sun-screen, sun glasses and hat. Organise a picnic dinner, take out dinner, or you can bring a bbq and use the school facilities to cook your evening meal.

And remember Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Friends, Boys and Girls, Santa is always watching

**HO HO HO**  **HO HO HO**

**Please Note:** This is an alcohol and smoke free family event