3rd March, 2016

WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Thanks to everyone who was able to come and enjoy our Welcome Back Picnic on Tuesday evening. We were certainly blessed with great weather. It was terrific to see all of our community – children, parents, grandparents and staff - getting together informally and enjoying each other’s company. Our preps receiving their welcome certificate and first day photos was, for me, and hopefully them, a highlight of the evening. The older children probably enjoyed the icypoles, drinks, and balloons (which quickly became water bombs) the best. Coming together as a community gives us all a sense of belonging and acceptance, so it is important that we take the opportunity to get involved whenever the chance arises. In a few weeks’ time, on Friday March 18th, there is another opportunity with a ride or walk to school followed by community breakfast from 8.15. Look out for further information as it becomes available.

UPDAT-ED – OUR NEW APP

In these busy times it is often difficult to keep up with all that is going on. Whilst our weekly newsletter is sent out each Thursday, and we keep our website up to date as much as we can, there is always the possibility that events may get missed. The easiest way to overcome this, is to download the new school app, “Updat-ed” and events and notifications are pushed out to those for whom the information is relevant. It sends out alerts and reminds and provides you with the option of saving the information directly into your calendars. You now also have the option of using the app to contact the school – alerting us to things we need to know- such as your child’s absence, need to go to after school care, an injury that may preclude them from PE, or simply if you have a question. This goes straight to the school’s email and where appropriate will be answered immediately.

HEY DEE HO

As I hope you are aware, the school has arranged for Hey Dee Ho to run music sessions for preschool children in our multi purpose room each Wednesday. Due to the popularity of the program a second session has been added at 11 o’clock. If you have preschool children of your own and are interested in them participating, please contact the school on 97861357. If you know of anyone else who may be interested, please pass this information on. The cost is $5 per family, irrespective of the number of children. This program is subsidised by the school as we believe it to be a very valuable program for young children in the local community.

DONATE AN AGAPANTHUS DAY.

In order to continue to improve the appearance of the school gardens and grounds, we are organising a Donate an Agapanthus Day. The agapanthus is a prolific plant that can be found in the gardens of many of the local residents. It is very hardy, needs little or no care and fills up spaces between other plants. It also has an attractive appearance.

The Donate an Agapanthus Day will be on Tuesday, March 15th and there are two ways in which you can help.

If you have a clump of agapanthus in your garden that you could spare, dig it out and bring to school on either Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th March.

Come to school at 9 am on Tuesday 15th and help with the planting of the agapanthus in the garden beds just inside the entry gate in McRae St and in the circular beds nearby.

Once planted out there will be a morning tea for all participants. Should you require any additional information, please contact me at school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

At the close of the call for second round nominations the school received one additional nominee for the one position available in the Parent Member Category. I am pleased to advise that Mr Lucas Zinsstag is the successful nominee and welcome him to the 2016 School Council.

Kind regards

Michael
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- 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
- Patterson Lakes Swim School
- Chelsea Junior Football Club—Syked for Sport sessions 7th and 9th March 5-7pm U11’s—U 14’s
- Bonbeach Baseball Club Baseball & T Ball try out days

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 4th March 2016

It will re-open on 9:00—9:30 a.m. Friday 11th March 2016.

Thank you

Sue

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**CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS**

Jessie Lee, Chloe, Brennan, Sienna, Lila, Darcy, Mikayla, Jack, Max, Marcus, Jack, Cooper and Brooke received their Interschool Sports Awards at assembly last Friday.

Lila, Keeley, Jude, Aiden, Cameron, Bec, Kirsty, Victor, Jonah, Jaleigh, Lucy and Annabelle received their Values Awards at assembly on Friday.

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**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.
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.

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Easter Raffle Tickets
(Included with this newsletter)

Message to all of Seaford Primary School:

Please Read The Following VITALLY Important Information!

Well, it’s vital if you want chocolate!!!

There’s only a few weeks left of school and that means only a few weeks until we draw the Easter Raffle winners. The draw will occur at the final assembly for this term, and you can’t win it if you haven’t bought your tickets.

There’s lots of lovely Easter goodies just waiting for YOU!! Please return your tickets and money to Mrs Cooper in the Office.

And if you need more tickets, Mrs Cooper has them, too – all you need to do is ask

From The Fundraising Committee
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BY MICHAEL WOOLSEY, School Community Liaison Officer

**Parent helpers**

Being a small community oriented school, we rely a lot on parent volunteers to assist us with doing many special things for the children. Some of these ways to help are by going on excursions or reading in the classroom.

My role in the school depends on this help from parents, a lot. Making school fun for the children creates a want for the child to be at school and also a sense of being appreciated for being at school and belonging to the school community.

So far this year I have seen many of the new parents getting on board with the canteen and the recent pancake playlunch to help keep these two items continue for the children. This is very appreciated. The canteen is weekly on a Friday and the pancake playlunch is one of the events we hold at the school each term.

Another event each term is a whole school breakfast and the next one is on **Friday 18th March** when we will hold **Ride2school day**. This is a day when children are encouraged to ride, scooter or walk to school or part of the way. Any parents who are free to help cook toast and assist on this morning, please let Erica or myself know.

**Friday 6th May will be the Mothers Day breakfast** for the whole school with special treats for the Mothers and the **Father’s day whole school breakfast will be on Friday 2nd September** with treats for the fathers. Put these two dates in the diary.

This brings me to the **breakfast club which runs daily from 8.15- 8.45am**. Due to the number of students attending, I am looking for **assistance** from a parent or grandparent who is able to assist each morning to keep in running effectively. Please let me know if you are able to help out.

Parents are welcome to come into the breakfast program in the mornings and make their children breakfast or just use the tea and coffee facilities after 8.45am if they wish but I need to leave the breakfast club at 8.45am where possible.

**HEALTHY LUNCH BOX SUGGESTION**  **-Chicken and vegetable rice paper rolls**

You will need: Large rice paper rounds, lettuce, barbecued chicken shredded (bones removed), capsicum thinly sliced, lebanese cucumber, bean sprouts trimmed. Sweet chilli sauce to serve.

Step 1. Half-fill a shallow dish with warm water. Dip 1 rice paper round in water. Place on work surface. Stand for 20 to 30 seconds or until soft enough to roll without splitting.