From the Principal

Dear Parents,

You should have received your child’s 2014 booklists this week. Parents of children starting prep in 2014 will receive their booklists in the mail this week. The booklist is divided into several parts so parents can see the breakdown and where the payments go. The school does not make extra money on items. All funds go directly back into programs and equipment for all the children to access.

PART 1: The $60.00 includes all personal stationery items your child will need to sustain them throughout the year. We have the ability to buy these in bulk and they are sent packaged to the school for pick up in January. Parents are most welcome to source the individual items themselves but teachers select good quality products and we find the children are happier when they have the same items as their classmates.

PART 2: This contribution is used to purchase materials and equipment for classrooms and all specialist areas used throughout the year. The contribution supports the purchase of consumables in the art rooms, sporting equipment, books, maths and science resources and other materials used throughout the school.

Part 3: This section is the School Council voluntary contribution. We request this to help support maintenance costs and wages for the buildings and grounds. Parents are invited to reclaim this levy when attending working bees. There is a family discount for this levy.

PART 4: For children in years P-3 a $10.00 levy is payable per term. This supports the iPad program integrated across all curriculum areas. For children in years 4-6 who are not part of the optional 1:1 Mac Book program a $10.00 per term cost is included for use of shared laptops in classrooms.

PART 5: This component has been added to enable the school to cover the cost of programs we have used in the school and wish to continue to use. The department formally covered the cost of Mathletics, a program children can access both from home and school. We are also providing on-line reading materials next year that can be accessed from home and school. This year iTunes applications were purchased at a one off cost. From now on all apps (and we use many) will require a single licence and we have to pay for these on each device. The small charge will mean we can continue to use these education apps.

The booklist return slips are due back as soon as possible. Parents wishing to pay ahead of time may do so, otherwise you can pay the day of pay on collection. The items will be ready for collection on Thursday 23rd January between 8.00 a.m. and 6 p.m. Payments can be made at the office on the day by cash, cheque or credit card. If you have pre-paid please come to the office to collect your receipt prior to collecting your packs.

School Concert
17th Dec
6 – 8pm

Last day of school is
Friday
20th Dec
at
1.30pm
after final assembly at 1pm

continued report on the next page
GRADE CONSTRUCTION FOR 2014
As part of their professional learning teachers quite often will teach in different year levels. Teachers spend a considerable amount of time looking at friendship groups creating positive, balanced classes. To avoid disappointment please do not make requests for particular teachers. One of the greatest attributes we can develop in our children is resilience and the ability to cope with change. This is a very important life long skill.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS STOCKING RAFFLE
The children’s Christmas stocking will be on display in the office shortly. This raffle is for the children of Seabrook Primary School and will be drawn during the Christmas concert on Tuesday 17th December. Tickets are on sale now and are priced at 50c each or 3 for $1.00.

2014 PREP INFORMATION NIGHT
The 2014 Prep Info night is being held on Wednesday 11th December, starting at 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Parents are asked to meet in the gym and then move into classrooms following some information.

GOLD COAST HOLIDAY RAFFLE
Drawn this Thursday the 5th December at 9.30am at the Seabrook Primary School Fundraising Committee Meeting.

SCHOOL REPORTS
Will be coming home with your children on Friday the 10th of December.

TMT CONCERT
Parents enjoyed the TMT concert featuring our budding guitarist and singing artists. The children have been practising diligently for their performance. Thanks to Michelle from TMT and Vernice their teacher for their dedication to the program.

Have a good week ahead.

Sue & Staff
On Remembrance Day the 11th of November, 3JM furthered their understanding of their Central Idea ‘Conflict resolution contributes to peaceful co-existence’ by reading “Harry and the Poppy” by John Lockyer. We discussed the book and did a keyhole response to how the author and illustrator had conveyed the conflict of World War 1.

Later that day we undertook a cooperative group challenge. The challenge was to build a poppy to stand as high above the floor as you could, the difficulty was it had to be self-supporting. We were given a set of materials; 20 sheets of newspaper, 4 m string, sticky tape, 4 sheets of red paper and one sheet of black paper.

Only one group, Brandon, Arv, Emily and Nouha managed to make a poppy that was fully self-supporting BUT we had lots of fun with some conflicts on the way!

After we had finished we discussed how we worked together as a group and filled in a plus, minus and interesting chart to record how we felt.

Here are some of our thoughts

PLUS

We worked as a team and took turns - Zi
We had fun and tried our best - Angus
We were good at each job - Maha
We communicated and helped each other - Karim
We were listening to each other - Nouha

MINUS

Too many different ideas - Suzan
Our brains slowed down - Asim
Giving up - Jayden
People bossing me around - Emily
People wanted to do different roles at a different time - Deen

INTERESTING

Every idea was different - Tayla
When it is long and thin it won’t stand
Up - Jazelle
Why some people didn’t listen to Others - Liam
That I became a leader without me knowing - Marcus
Prep G Demonstrates International Mindedness!
‘Multicultural Food Day’

On Friday the 29th November Prep G had a Multicultural Food day to celebrate the end of our Unit of Inquiry 'Where we are in Place and Time'. The children in Prep G brought in some delicious food to share from many different countries. We would like to thank all the parents for their generous contribution.

I brought in Fried Rice. I liked the biscuits (Dante)
I brought in Fried Bread (Lily-Rose)
I brought in Shrimp Pancakes and Dumplings from Korea (Christian)
I brought in some Crispy crumbed chicken Schnitzel (Bianca)

Looking for a home over the holidays - can you help

Would you like to adopt a pet over the holidays?

I have 2 very friendly green tree frogs who currently live in my classroom. They are looking for a home over the school holidays. Very easy to look after and they come with everything you need. All you need to do is feed them crickets!

If you are interested please enquire at room 4. First in best dressed. Croak croak…

Miss Catherine Oldfield
Prep teacher
Throughout term 4, Grade 1VT have focused on Exposition writing. This entailed the students writing various expositions about:
Why people should get pocket money?
Why people should brush their teeth?
Why we should recycle?
Why we need to look after the environment?
One topic of interest, which I gauged from the students, was their willingness to learn and explore Australia’s Great Barrier Reef and it’s degradation over time, which is a result of Human Behaviour.
The children each wrote an exposition on “Why we should protect our Great Barrier Reef”.
The children delivered their arguments using evidence to support their ideas, and described actions people can take to protect the Great Barrier Reef.
Once the drafts were finished, children typed up their work on the iPads and printed these.
Thank you for your hard work Grade 1VT!

Escape from Sarajevo is about the tragedies of the Bosnian war. The main character Muris is tragically split from his wife (Mirsada) and two sons Asmir and Eldar. Muris’s mother and himself have a desperate plea for help. The book shows how life was in war torn Sarajevo. The authors use of emotive language is extremely powerful and is sure to teach the reader lessons on how war effects everyday people. The themes explore war, family and love which is what drove me to read on. I found, I couldn’t put the book down. Muris’s mission to survive and be with his family is sure to touch everyone's hearts.

“guaranteed to touch and to make people think about the affects of war”

“Escape from Sarajevo is sure to engage the reader, I found myself captured and wanting to read on”

Keir Rocks 4AA
On Friday the 29th of November 33 students from Seabrook Primary, had the opportunity to attend a Beach Program sponsored by the Hobson's Bay Council and Lifesaving Victoria.

Students braved the wind and cold and had a fantastic time at the Altona Beach. They explored the beach environment, learnt life saving techniques and were taught about water safety. A special thank you to the instructors from Lifesaving Victoria: Sally, Hayden, Lachlan and Kazim.
Important dates to remember for School Banking 2014
First banking day for Preps Tuesday 4th February 2014
First banking day for grades 1 to 6 Wednesday 5th February 2014
Commonwealth Bank account opening day Tuesday 18th February 2014.
8.30am to 9.30am & 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Thank you all the students and parents that have participated in school banking for 2013.
Congratulations to the following students who received certificates this week
Bronze 10 deposits: Emma Meiers and Paris Papadopoulous.
Silver 20 deposits: Henry Liu, Kayla Powell-Smith, Khushi Handa, Emma Hutchison and Holly Wedding.

Do you have a school banking question or query?
Please email:
seabrookschoolbanking@gmail.com

Seabrook School Banking Volunteers

TENNIS FOR JUNIORS

Our Tennis for Juniors program is specifically designed for boys and girls aged 3 to 8 trying the sport for the first time. Learn basic skills from experienced coaches using modified equipment. As sessions are held INDOORS places are limited and, for the 3 and 4 year olds, each child requires a parent helper each week. No uniform or special equipment is required for our programs and each child receives a tennis racquet for them to keep.

Visit www.getactivesports.com.au for more information and our other sports and locations

Where
Seabrook Primary School Gym, 83-105 Point Cook Road, Seabrook

Starts Saturday the 8th of February
3 year olds - 9.00am to 9.45am
4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am
5 and 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am
7 and 8 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm
Cost $80 for 6 weekly sessions and a tennis racquet for you to keep!

To secure your place, you MUST register by one of the following methods:
• Email - rego@getactivesports.com.au
• Phone - 1300 772 106
• Fax - 1300 672 823

When registering, please let us know the sport and location of your chosen program along with your child’s name, date of birth and a contact phone number.

Can you Help?
Due to the strong winds over the last couple of months we have lost a few trees and shrubs from the garden beds. We are asking the school community for donations of:
• native shrubs and grasses
• succulents
• drought tolerant plants
• even off cuts and strikings from your own garden that we could nurture would be appreciated
Thank-you Blake the Gardener
All donations can be dropped off at the library

A MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Dear parents and children,
Please check at home for books belonging to Seabrook Primary as there are many books still not returned to the library.

Thanks so much
Raelene
Learn a language on Saturday morning!
The Victorian School of Languages is a government school committed to the provision of language programs for students in years 1 to 12 who do not have access to the study of those languages in the mainstream schools in all education sectors. The school offers over forty languages through both face to face teaching in centres across the state and through distance education.

The Victorian School of Languages Area West 1 is located at: Footscray City College, Bayside Secondary College and Sunshine College and offers the following languages: Amharic, Arabic, Chin (Hakha), Chin (Matu), Croatian, Dinka, Greek, Hindi, Macedonian, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Classes are held between 9.00 am and 12.20 pm and in order to assist with course costs a small annual charge applies: $70.00 in Years 1 to 10 and $85.00 for VCE. Adults may be accepted in VCE classes only and the annual charge is $210.00.

Enrolments for new students in 2014 are now being taken. For further details please contact the Area Manager on 9689 1166 or visit http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au

Are you leaving Seabrook Primary at the end of 2013

This helps us with our planning

If your child/ren are not returning to Seabrook Primary school next year (excluding our current Grade 6 students), can you please fill in the details below and return to Mrs Susan Joyce. (at the office)

My child/ren ___________________________ Grade ______ Room ______

_________________________ Grade ______ Room ______

_________________________ Grade ______ Room ______

will be leaving Seabrook Primary School:

☐ at the end of term 4 2013

and will be attending _____________________________________________ school.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________________ Contact
$5 Lunch Special until the end of the year from the canteen
For the full menu visit the schools website

Tuesday - Burger with the lot
Wednesday - Salmon Burger (lettuce & mayo)
Thursday - Butter Chicken Curry with rice
Friday - Shepherd Pie

Super worm juice!
For Sale

The students have been working very hard on establishing our worm farms. The worm farms are now making plenty of organic liquid fertilizer that is excellent for your vegetable garden or your thirsty plants. You can purchase these from the office for $5.00. They come in a wine bottle with our logo on it. These bottles would make a great Christmas present for mums, dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles. A great present for that person who has everything or for that person you don’t know what to get. All the money raised from the sale of these bottles is going towards other environmental projects across the school.

Newport Lakes Native Nursery has kindly donated 100 plants to the school.
How to talk more with your kids

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to talk with kids from a young age is indisputable.

If you were to focus on one thing to give your child an advantage then do what should come naturally – talk with them.

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to engage in conversation with kids from a young age is indisputable.

The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent.

But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. It is trite to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact they do when we talk with them.

In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their worlds and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet.

So you may need to be a little cunning, a little proactive and a little inventive to get some chat going at home.

Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:

1. Turn off the TV (and other screens). Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don’t be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.

2. Turn on the TV (and other screens). If you can’t beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from “who’s going to win Australian Idol?” “what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?” to “what is the point of Australian Idol?”

3. Have more mealtimes (with the TV off). The family that eats together talks together...or they should. I have a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can’t win.

4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child’s thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.

5. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it BUT in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it. You have to work hard at family.

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Christmas Community Gift Drive

Christmas is a time of need for many Australian families.

So why not do something about it and donate non-perishable food items or a gift for a child.

Laverton/Altona Meadows Community Bank® Branch with Laverton Community Integrated Services are collecting food and gifts to share the magic of Christmas with those who are in need.

How you can help:
- Canned food (pears, ham, fish, vegetables, etc.)
- Packaged products (rice, pasta, cereal, long life milk, juice, etc.)
- Personal hygiene products (deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, ladies products, shaving cream & razors, etc.)
- Cleaning products (detergent, dishwasher liquid, etc.)
- Christmas gift for a child under 12 (unwrapped)

Drop off point:

Front Office at school

www.bendigobank.com.au
Laverton/Altona Meadows Community Bank® Branch

WHAT’S ON at ALTONA GATE SHOPPING CENTRE this CHRISTMAS

Santa Arrival Show

Looney Tunes Characters

Thursday 28 November at 4:30pm in the food court.

Get ready for a Looney Tune event with Santa, Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Marvin, Sylvester, Tweety and Taz Daffy.

Enjoy the show at 4:30pm followed by a meet and greet from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Plus receive a free Looney Tunes colouring book – while stocks last.

Santa Photo’s

Daily Thur 28 Nov - Mon 24 Dec
Outside Kmart, ground level

Have your photo taken with Santa and receive a FREE sticker book.

*While stocks last.

Christmas CAROLS for the whole family

Sunday 15th December 2013
5:30pm - 9pm
at Point Cook Community Baptist Church
Seabrook Primary School Gym

Christmas Carols

Sausage Sizzle

Children’s Activities

Face Painting

Nativity Play

Supper, Tea & Coffee

A Community Event

Free for the Whole Family

Enquiries
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Tel: 03 9017-7888
www.pointcookcommunitybaptistchurch.org.au
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Wishing you a safe and happy holiday time
Remember to pick up your child’s bookpack on Thursday the 23rd January between 8.30am - 6pm

1st day of school is 29th January 2014.

FL’S PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
- Repair leaking shower recess without removing original tiles
- Glass protection for glass shower screens
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- Leaking balconies
- Roof leaks, pointing of moving roof tiles
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With programs for ages 5 to adults, City West Taekwondo is a community club that not only provides mental and physical stimulation, but also encourages and promotes confidence through member participation in demonstrations and competitions from club level, through to International and Olympic level.

Bookings for term 4 are now being taken.
Phone: 9748 8833 or 0431 761 958

For more information contact Kerrin on 0414 199 877