From the Principal
Dear Parents,

PARENT TEACHER GET TO KNOW YOU MEETINGS
Teachers from years 1-6 began the parent teacher meetings this week. Teachers have commented about how great it is to meet everyone. More meet and greet sessions will be held next Wednesday. Parents of prep students are invited to a prep information session, 6.30 – 7.30 on March 4.

BUILDING RESILIENCE
As parents and teachers, we are all working constantly to assist our children in learning social conventions and how to be good citizens. As everyone is aware some children need a little more time and encouragement than others in developing these qualities. Teachers are constantly reinforcing and modelling the PYP attitudes and dispositions of the learner profile to help develop in children independence and self management. Sometimes children have issues with one another and teachers spend time daily discussing social strategies and appropriate ways to respond. We rely on our parents acting as role models and also talking to their children about peaceful ways of solving conflicts and avoiding misunderstandings. We don’t expect parents to chastise children in the playgrounds so please let us know as it is our role to talk to the children about their behaviour at school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS
Nominations for school council have now closed. Thank you to the parents who have submitted their nominations. An election of parent representatives for the school council will follow.

NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS ABOUT INSURANCE AT SCHOOL
It must be noted that parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. It is my task to remind parents/guardians and staff that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

YARD SUPERVISION
Our playgrounds are supervised by staff before and after school each day. Please note however, that staff will patrol twenty minutes before the start of the day and end of the day. We have noticed an increasing number of children here in the school grounds from 8.00 a.m. Staff are not on playground duty at this time. If you are running late in collecting your child after school teachers will wait with them for a reasonable amount of time in the classroom before bringing the child to the office area to wait for you. Teachers are expected to attend professional learning sessions after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

LUNCH TIME CHESS
For grades 1 – 6 each Wednesday at a cost of $3, with the first lesson free.

Have a good week.

Sue & Staff

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2014 IS NOW OPEN
Dear Parents
The application process in now open for parents eligible to apply for EMA. The application form must be lodged at the school office by:
28th February 2014
Late applications cannot be processed
Susan Joyce
EMA Coordinator
Donate to my journey and help me change the world!

Mrs Abbey Collins (Prep AC – room 7) is taking part in The Weekend to End Women's Cancers benefiting the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

It is a 2-day (March 1-2 2014), 60-kilometre walk through the neighbourhoods of Melbourne.

It’s going to be a challenge, but she is ready to do something bold and powerful in effort to end women’s cancers once and for all.

“I am excited to be a participant in such a worthy cause - helping to raise funds to support all women that face the challenges of cancer.

I am extremely lucky that my family members have not been affected by women’s cancer however male family members throughout two generations have suffered from bowel and prostate cancer.

Now with two children of my own, I realise now more than ever the need for every child to have their mother throughout their lives. At present women’s cancer is robbing children of this right, as well as taking wives, sisters, aunties, grandmothers and dear friends.

This walk is only something small I can do to support the families that are unfortunately touched by women's cancer, hoping that one day my daughter, your daughter and all families no longer face the challenges that take loved ones daily.”

To support Mrs Collins in her fundraising efforts please visit her personal page and make a donation today: http://ml14.endcancer.org.au/site/TR/Events/Melbourne2014?px=1039140&pg=personal&fr_id=1090

Alternatively you can go to: http://ml14.endcancer.org.au/site/TR?pg=pfind&fr_id=1090 and type in Abbey Collins and it will take you to her page where you can donate.

Thank you for your support

Show your support

Senior Learning Community Grade 5’s

In the grade 5 community, classes 5PH, 5JB, 5AC, 5AA and 5RR have been working on a detailed autobiography about themselves. They have been focusing on a way to engage the reader by adding emotions and describing important events and dates. We have all have reflected on our texts by finding new ways to improve.

We have also been doing lots of Maths and English tests. This includes our practice for NAPLAN, spelling and reading tests. We are all enthusiastic about NAPLAN, which is coming in May.

Another experience we are greatly anticipating is the excursion to Laverton College for a brain dissection lesson. We will be dissecting a sheep's brain to learn more about how the brain functions. This will surely be a memorable experience for all.

The class of 5PH has been missing Mrs Pauline Hibbert and her wonderful lessons. We hope that Mr Hibbert will get better soon and will recover very quickly. As a substitute for 5PH, we have been having Mrs Moore who is also a wonderful teacher and very intelligent. We hope to see Mrs Hibbert come back to the grade 5 community soon.

Written By Kayla Alguno and Hayde Seifeddine
In 4EP we’ve been working co-operatively and enthusiastically to learn more about one another. To help us build our classroom community we’ve been committed ourselves to creating our 2014 Essential Agreement.

An Essential Agreement is a pact that is created and agreed upon by everyone in our class. The things that we include in our Essential Agreement come from the PYP Attitudes and Learner Profiles.

In 4EP, first we made a list of the PYP Attitudes and Learner Profiles that we thought were very important. Next we chose a PYP Attitude/Learner Profile and we unpacked them in small groups to make sure that we all understood what they meant and what we were agreeing to. Then as a class we ordered them from most important to least important. After we chose to represent it as a Wordle.

Last week 4EP wrote autobiographies. An autobiography is a self-written story about a person’s life. Our class drafted and then published our autobiographies as part of getting to know each other better. It is an important part of establishing our classroom community to know more about each other and appreciate every member of the class. We brainstormed as a whole class the kind of information that we could include in our autobiographies. Now that we have finished them we’re going to make a class book so that we’ll have a permanent record of who we are in 4EP.

By Johnathan Curry- Hughes and Tasi Naik

We worked together to make the PYP attitudes and learner profiles stand out on our Essential Agreement display. We’ve put the explanations on the board next to the Wordle so that it all links. The last part of the process is going to be putting our handprints around the Wordle to ‘sign’ and agree to what we’ve created.

By Vihaan Mirani & Chloe Wong

Our writing focus last week was autobiographies. Students have worked independently to draft and publish their life stories so far. As a class we’ve also emphasised how important it is to appreciate each other as we are all unique.
**District Swimming Carnival**

Well done to our students who have been trialling this week for the school team that will compete at the Laverton District Carnival on Tuesday 25th Feb. The competition will be on between about 9.45am and 2pm. All family members are invited to come along and cheer on the children and support the school. Good luck to the team as they have trained hard over the last three weeks. Thank-you to our staff and parents who have assisted with training and breakfast back at school.

This year our one large District (that included all the Point Cook schools such as Lumen Christi, Alamanda, Carranballac) have split into two districts. Those schools will compete under the Point Cook banner and we will be competing in all our sport under the Laverton District banner with Altona Meadows, Altona Green, Laverton, Queen of Peace and St. Martins.

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**Have you downloaded the Skoolbag app???</br**

**It will provide newsletters and other information.**

**Type ‘Seabrook Primary School’ into ITunes (iphone section) or Google Play**

**You can apply filters to direct relevant information**

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**Working Bees**

All families are invited to attend one of Seabrook’s working bees on either

Friday 21st March 3.30 - 6.00 OR Saturday 22nd March 9.00 - 12.00

We are planning to give Seabrook grounds a general tidy up.

Tasks will include:
- weeding
- sweeping
- preparing garden beds
- moving bark
- pruning

Please bring your gloves and other safety equipment, shovels, brooms, rakes and wheelbarrows. If you have a line trimmer please feel free to bring that also.

Families may claim their $20.00 grounds levy. We hope you can spare a couple of hours to help the Seabrook School community.
The Select Entry Learning Program
At
Werribee Secondary College

This program, is designed to meet the special needs of more able students, providing them with a curriculum which is more challenging than that for mainstream classes. The program caters for students who may excel in verbal and literacy skills as well as for students who excel in mathematics. Modifications to the curriculum ensure that students are stimulated towards attaining the potential which they possess.

Outside the classroom, students participate in a number of enrichment activities aimed at broadening their horizons, stimulating their interests and building their confidence. These activities include (amongst others), a Guest Speaker program, Public Speaking program, Debating and National subject competitions.

Werribee Secondary College has the only accredited, Department of Education, Select Entry Learning Program in the Wyndham District. The College is very accessible to students from a wide area, being conveniently situated just several minutes’ walk from Werribee Railway Station, and serviced by many bus routes.

In order to enter the program, students need to apply and sit for a written test which is conducted at Werribee Secondary College in May, - pre-registration is essential and late applicants may miss out. For more information and / or to make an application to have your child enter the program, contact Werribee Secondary College on 9741 1822 and ask for an information pack to be sent out to you.

William Hatzis
Assistant Principal and SELP Manager
Werribee Secondary College

Angela Callea
Director Special Programs and
SELP Co-ordinator

School Banking

Well done to the 117 students that banked last week.
Preps bank on Tuesdays until they start school full time.

A reminder that as of 2013 only 9 tokens could be carried over to 2014.
Any extra tokens will have been lost.

The new rewards for term 1 are here!

How to redeem a reward.
1) Deposit 10 times to collect 10 silver tokens or 1 gold token. Pooling of tokens are not allowed.
2) Choose your reward from the current available rewards.
3) Place your completed reward card and 10 tokens in your banking wallet on your next banking day.
4) Your reward will be checked, ordered and you will receive it within 1 to 2 weeks.
5) Enjoy!

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

Seabrook School Banking Volunteers
For your information

**ASTHMA CARE PLAN FOR EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS 2014**

Dear Parent/Guardian

I have sent home this week the ASTHMA ACTION CARE PLAN to be completed by the treating doctor and parent/guardian, for use by supervising staff and emergency medical personal.

Staff at the school are trained in asthma first aid and can provide routine asthma medication as authorised in this care plan by the treating doctor.

All children who have been diagnosed with asthma **must** provide the school with an up to date action plan, reliever medication and a spacer.

The 2014 Asthma Action Plan can be found on our Skoolbag App and the school website.

Should you have any questions/queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the front office.

Susan Joyce
Asthma Educator/Trainer

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**Prescribed Medication Authority Forms**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please be advised that if your child is required to take prescribed medication whilst at school a **MEDICAL AUTHORITY FORM** can be found on our Skoolbag App and the school website. This form must be filled out and signed off by your doctor before we can administer the prescribed drug.

Please Note: wherever possible, medication should be given outside the school hours, e.g. if medication is required three times a day it is generally not required to be taken at school: it can be taken before and after school and before bed.

If medication is to administered at school the medication **must** be in the original packaging.

Should you have any questions/queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the front office.

Thank you for your support

Susan Joyce

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I’m a parent at Seabrook Primary School and am keen to establish a group for Seabrook children ages 10 –12 who are interested in gaming. It is intended for the children who are wanting to spend a couple of hours in the evenings or weekends to play games together such as Mindcraft, Mario bros and Pokémon in our homes. This would be an opportunity to build awareness and promote mental ability with other children.

If you or child is interested please give me call

Jennifer 9327 7703

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**Australian Navy Cadets - TS Voyager**

Now looking for New Cadets!!!

Are you bored on Friday nights? Looking for lifelong friends? Do you want to achieve more in life, not just school or sports? Want your resume to look impressive? Do you love water, outdoors and being adventurous? Would you love to travel? Not just with family and friends, but with the Royal Australian Navy, all expenses paid for!!!

The Australian Navy Cadets can teach you new skills in sailing, canoeing and seamanship, navigation, first aid, drill and ceremonial procedures; as well as leadership skills, effective communication and information technology. You will develop confidence, pride and self-discipline.

All you have to be is aged, between turning 13 this year and 18 By. Visit our unit, see what we’re about and obtain your joining pack.

**TS Voyager**

146 Nelson Place Williamstown.

Friday Evenings (Feb-Dec) from 7pm – 10pm

There’s more info on our website: www.cadetnet.gov.au

or contact the Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Jeff Paul on 0419116155

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**Parenting ideas Club**

Visit www.parentingideas.com.au

For relevant information regarding parenting.

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**From Grade 3MS Classroom**

**LOST**

A How to Train your Dragon Toy - Blue Dragon know a s Stormfly

Please return to 2MS
For your information

Seabrook Community Centre’s Creative Arts After School Program!

This program is run by professional artist Helen Pollard who will introduce the children to a variety of drawing, painting and sculptural processes. This provides a wonderful insight into the practices of a professional artists. The program aim’s to expose them to a range of exciting materials and fun activities. Suitable for children aged between 5 and 12 years of age.

Sessions are on a Tuesday from 3.45 - 5pm and 5 - 6.15pm.

Location: Seabrook Community Centre, 15 Truganina Ave, Call on 0415039791

Trial session FREE!!

CFME
Who needs Maths/English Coaching

CFME offers PREP - VCE

- One on one instruction program
- Multisensory Teaching Strategies
- Acceleration for the gifted
- Children with special needs
- Maths for professionals
- We make Maths FUN!
- Reading recovery, writing, text & language analysis

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DANCE CLASSES for Children at the Seabrook Community Centre
SATURDAY Mornings Commencing 1st Feb
Fairy Ballet for 2-3 & 4-5 years
Jazz/Ballet for 6-8 years
Contact Principal Sally Pearson Ph. 0418179871
e-mail. danceinitiativeproductions@live.com.au
www.danceinitiativeproductions.com
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SEABROOK SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Open every
THURSDAY of the school term
2:30pm – 3:30pm
in the Seabrook Meeting Room
(next to the Senior Library)
Drop in to buy or sell second hand uniform items
this Thursday!
For more information contact Kerrin on 0414 199 877

Earnestly Clean
For all your cleaning needs
Specialising in all carpet cleaning, residential, commercial and office cleaning
visit : www.earnestlyclean.com.au

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