From the Principal

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
All households will have received ballot papers for the school council election via post. Ballot papers were sent according to our enrolment details provided by families. If further ballot papers are required please drop by the office front desk. To lodge a valid vote please mark six of the eight candidates and return to school with the voter's name and address. The ballot closes on Thursday 13th March at 4.30 p.m.

PREP INFORMATION NIGHT
Thanks to the parents who attended the prep information night on Tuesday 4th March.

GIANT CHESS
The children enjoyed strategizing and cooperating when playing with the giant chess set loaned to us for the day. Our chess teacher Endre supported the players in the courtyard. How wonderful it would be to afford the $600 set! Endre invited some of our keen chess players to a tournament at the weekend. He reports the children played very well. If your child is interested, lessons run at lunch time and after school on Wednesday.

SINGING PERFORMANCE
Vernice our singing teacher is planning a mini performance for the students in year 1 on the 21st March. This will be an excellent performance practice for her 18 singing students from grade 1 to 5.

PYP COMMUNITY EVENING
We hope everyone has Wednesday 26th March in their diaries to attend our annual PYP evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their classroom environments with their parents. It also provides parents with some additional insights into aspects of the PYP program at Seabrook. The program starts with the preps at 5.00pm and concludes at 8.00pm with the grade 6’s.

REMARKER
Parents are reminded that Monday is a public holiday and Tuesday is a student free day. Staff at Seabrook are up skilling in mathematics with consultant Michael Ymer. We are continuing some of the work started in 2013. Children are expected to return to school on Wednesday March 12th.

Have a good week.

Sue & Staff
Thank you to all the parents who attended our Prep Curriculum Evening yesterday. It is always great to see the commitment of our parents to the learning of the children. Evenings such as these help us to establish and build a strong link between home and school, which we believe is a key component in providing every child with an opportunity to succeed.

During the evening, teachers provided parents with information on:
- Aims, Subject Areas, Class Programs, Assessment, Rights and Responsibilities of Every Child, Real Life Reading and Writing Activities, Exercises for improving fine motor co-ordination and how to help your child with Mathematics. Parents also received their child’s Mathletics log in details.

If you were unable to attend please collect your information booklet from your child’s prep teacher.

Sundram Moodley and Kerrie O’Brien
Acting Assistant Principal/Learning Community Leader

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**Senior Learning Community - 5AA**

**Khan Academy**

5AA would like to introduce Khan Academy to all students, teachers and parents. Khan Academy is a site where you learn about different disciplines, especially maths. On this site you will be challenged and learn about maths. This can be really fun! If you don’t understand a particular topic, you can click on ‘I haven’t learnt it yet’ or ‘a hint’ which is really helpful. There is also the guy (Khan) who created the academy, who has uploaded video clips explaining problems in a really easy way. At the moment we are all doing maths at home and at school. It’s exciting because we are earning points, badges and achievements. I hope to master all the levels up to year 12!

Ilia Stolic 5AA
On Tuesday the 25th February, as part of the Grade 1 Environment Inquiry, people from Melbourne Water came to speak to the students. Here are some of the recounts done by the students in grade 1GV.

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Bianca

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Joely

After Maths we had an incursion. Liam taught us about water. First we learnt that rivers lead to the sea. Liam put water on the Lego. The Lego was wet. We had to put the Lego on. Liam told us that you cannot throw rubbish on the ground. Then we went back to the classroom.

Joely

Melbourne Water came to our grade one building. Liam, from Melbourne Water, was outside our classroom. It was fun to learn new things. We learnt to not throw rubbish on the ground because it can go into the sea and hurt our fish and animals.

Ricky

Yesterday we went to Melbourne Water. We learnt if you litter it will go into the sea. We put the Lego city together. Then we put it on the table.

Lauren

Yesterday our class went to see Liam from Melbourne Water outside our classrooms.

Dia

On Tuesday our class went to Melbourne Water for an Incursion. It was all about water. I learnt that if we litter we will kill sea animals and will kill our good environment. We looked at the LEGO CITY. We had learnt a lot.

Isabel
As a part of the inquiry, ‘Literacy has an impact on our lives’ 3RB and 3CM have been working together to unpack the four modes of literacy - audio, language, visual, gestural and spatial.

**GREETINGS**
People around the world greet each other using a variety of gestures. For example bowing, handshake, kissing and hugging. Greetings differ depending on cultures. In West Africa people kiss each other’s hand. A strong firm handshake is important in Western countries and in business situations. In Turkey a handshake is a form of bargaining. While hugging is a form of greeting in America bowing is considered an appropriate greeting in Asia.
Calan, Dave, Patrick, Stefan, Rajeev, Sreeharitha, Erika, Lara, Phoenix

**COME HERE**
In Asia the palm of the hand points down while in English speaking countries the palm points up. It is rude in many countries to use the index finger to call someone.
Brodie, Nathan, Indy

**Gestures for ‘NO’**
In Greece people toss their head up. In Japan people wave their hand in front of their nose like our gesture for stinky. In many countries the head moves from left to right.
Prasad, Harnoor and Madison

**Gestures for ‘YES’**
All cultures use a gesture for yes. While in India people wobble their heads from side to side. In Australia we move our head up and down to say yes.
Zosia, Charlee, Kyra

**The symbol ‘A- OKAY’**
An ‘A-okay’ symbol can be done in three different ways. The symbol ‘A’ OKAY in America means worthless and in Korea and Japan it means money.
Melissa, Koni, Tseyon

To explore this inquiry further, in the coming weeks the grade 3s will be attending a cartoon incursion and will be going to watch a movie at the Sun theatre in Yarraville.
A few weeks ago 3PT began their first unit of inquiry for the year. The Central Idea is *Literacy Has An Impact On Our Lives*. The students have been unpacking different modes of literacy and have shown a lot of Enthusiasm and Curiosity!

I have had lots of fun in this inquiry so far. I have learnt about different modes of literacy like: Audio and Gestural. I liked learning about Audio because it involves technology and it shows that technology is a part of our learning and is a literacy.

Dusan.

I have learnt that literacy is not just reading and writing! It can also be sign language, body language and movement. I had fun when we worked on gestural and had to guess what our partner was doing or feeling without talking.

Zarah

Before we started this inquiry, I thought literacy was only reading and writing. Now I know that gestural movements and signs are a part of literacy too. Audio is also a part of literacy and I enjoyed listening to sounds and brainstorming the technology we use every day to make sense of things.

James

We cannot wait until our incursion where a cartoonist will come to visit us and we are super excited about our excursion to the movies!

Thank you,
3PT
Swimming News

Grade 4 Swimming

Notes have gone home regarding the grade 4 swimming program that commences on Monday March 17th at Shawn’s swim school in Hoppers Crossing. This is our second year over there and we have found it to be a fantastic venue and all the feedback from parents, students and teachers has been excellent. So we look forward to another good year there. If you can try and get your permission notes and at least a $20 deposit in as soon as possible to guarantee your child’s spot in the program that would be great. We are limited to 25 students per session but can have up to four sessions if required. Once a session fills up we will start a waiting list in case a child pulls out. If you miss out on the session your grade is in, your child might be able to go with another grade if they have spots available. If you have any queries see your child’s teacher or Mr. Ganley before or after school at the gym.

Photos from the Laverton District Swimming Carnival
on Tuesday the 25th February

Final point scores were:
Seabrook 338, Queen of Peace 303, Altona Green 142, Altona Meadows 120 and St. Martins 108.

Thanks to Jade Pedler from 5RR for the selection of photos
For your information

Thank you to the amazingly fantastic Seabrook Primary School community for their support, best wishes, cards and flowers in the recent sudden illness of my husband Warren. He is now recovering at home after many weeks in hospital some of which were in the intensive care unit. He has been diagnosed with a rare immune disease but his recovery is making steady progress. Many thanks also to the teachers for your care and concern, my students for your beautiful thoughts and of course Mrs Rebecca Moore whose amazing work has not gone unnoticed. Your support and kindness has been an inspiration to us both and is much appreciated.

Mrs Pauline Hibbert, Teacher, Room 40.

Recorder lessons for grade 2 students will commence in term 2.
You can purchase a recorder from The Reject Shop for $3
Thank-you

### 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 be 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

**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 personnel.

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
**BIKE ED PROGRAM 2014**

A note to parents of students on the short list to participate in Bike Ed at Seabrook this year. Unfortunately, due to timetable restrictions, the 2014 Bike Education & Road Safety program has been cancelled. A big thank you to parent helper Leonie Rivett for assisting so enthusiastically with last year’s program which saw students from year’s two to five successfully complete the VicRoads safe riding and road safety awareness (Bike Ed.) program.

Paul Cochran

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### Lunch Break Chess Lessons

**Give your children the opportunity to pick up a new skill, which could turn into a new hobby for them.**

We HAVE started a Lunch Break Chess Course in 2014. Playing CHESS is FUN.

Playing chess is not just entertaining but also very useful. Playing chess may result in a considerable improvement in concentration, logic and imagination.

It may also improve your children’s academic results.

Cost: only $3 / lesson. The first lesson is FREE.

Lessons are held at Seabrook Primary School

Endre Simon - Chess tutor

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### Have you downloaded the Skoolbag app???

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.

**Use the app to notify the school of your child’s absentee**

*Tap on the parent eForms tab
*Then Absentee Note
*Remember to press submit to finalise

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### Canteen Specials

**Tuesday the 4th March - Friday the 14th March**

- Tuesday : Sweet ‘n’ Sour Chicken with steamed rice $5
- Wednesday : Fish ‘n’ Roast Potato chip $5
- Thursday : Chicken Parmigiana with pasta $5
- Friday : Fried Rice 500ml $5

For two weeks ONLY, if you order a Combo or Special Lunch Order, you will receive a FREE Paddle Pop Vanilla Ice-Cream.

You will NEED the lunch order bag to verify your order.

If you have any queries do come and see me at the canteen,

Thank you.

Kind regards

Quyen Rivera - Canteen Manager

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### Parents and friends

During the year we send out requests for helpers to assist with fundraising, setting up for the mother and fathers day stalls and much more.

If you would like to assist or just meet for a coffee register your interest by emailing seabrookhelpers@live.com.au
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 172 students who banked last week.
Preps bank on Tuesdays until they start school full time.

Term 1 rewards are now available.

To receive your reward as quickly as possible please make sure you choose a reward from the current term.

Reward cards were included in the Parent Packs sent home with every student.
If you require a new one please put a note in your yellow banking wallet.

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

Seabrook School Banking Volunteers
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.
For your information

Australian Navy Cadets - TS VOYAGER
Now looking for New Cadets!!!
Are you bored on Friday nights? Looking for kitesurfing? 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 watermanship, navigation, first aid, drill and ceremonial procedures, as well as leadership skills, effective communication and information technology. You will develop confidence, pride in self-discipline.
All you have to be is aged, between turning 11½ Min year and 16½ by your joining pack.
TS VOYAGER
146 Nelson Place Williamstown.
Friday Evenings (Term-2) from 7pm – 10pm
There’s more info on our website: www.cadetsnet.vic.au or contact the Commanding Officer
Lieutenant Jeff Paul on 0414914655

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CFME offers PREP - VCE
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- Multisensory Teaching Strategies
- Acceleration for the gifted
- Children with special needs
- Maths for professionals
- We make Maths FUN!
- Reading recovery, writing, text & language analysis

Phone: 9816 9111

O SH Club News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update:
Hello,
Please remember to cancel bookings via our website or by leaving a phone message or by speaking to educators at the program. If the computer system does not allow you to make a booking because the day is full, please keep trying as you may be being logged in. When a space has become available, a cancellation that has just been made.
Listed below are some of the activities that will be on offer at the program next week.
Please note: All messages left on the program phone will be checked (and returned when requested) during program hours.
Before school care
7:00am – 9:00am.
After school care
3:30pm – 6:00pm. Please be aware that there will be a late fee charged for any children collected after 6:00pm.

Dear Seabrook OSHClub parents, OSHClub will be running a program on the scheduled Pupil Free Day on Tuesday 13th March at Seabrook Primary School.
Please note: There will be a $10.00 casual booking fee added on for all children who turn up on the day of the Pupil Free Day without a booking.
Just a reminder to ensure your children brings along morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.
It should be a fun day for the children.

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information
OSHC program phone: 0411-360-879
Coordinator: Carolyn
Assistant: Katie, Amanda, Roue, Jessica

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 your child is interested please give me call
Jennifer 9327 7703

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Refer to times below.

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**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.

**SEABROOK TIMELINE**

**March 2014**

**SEABROOK SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

**Living Smiles Central Square Shopping Centre**

**HEURISTIKA**

Tuition program for students in grade 1-6

Venue: Point Cook Community Learning Centre 1-21 Cheetham Street

Classes are conducted on Fridays and Saturdays

For more information contact Cheivan- 0499 111 103

Heuristika1@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/Heuristika