From the Principal
Dear Parents,

Hopefully families were able to enjoy a long weekend or extended long weekend including Tuesday. Rest and a break from routine supports both our general wellbeing and attitude.

Staff spent Tuesday’s curriculum day working with maths consultant Michael Ymer learning about catering for the range of abilities using practical activities. The teachers will be implementing these ideas over the coming weeks.

Dates to remember

- **Friday 21st March**: 3.30pm – 6 pm Working Bee
- **Saturday 22nd March**: 9am – noon Working Bee
- **Wednesday 26th March 5 – 8 p.m.**: Seabrook’s annual PYP night
- **Friday 4th April**: End of term 1 early finish 2.30 p.m.
- **Term 2 annual walk-a-thon fundraiser – date to be announced**
- **Monday April 21st**: Public Holiday - Easter Monday
- **Tuesday April 22nd**: Start of Term 2
- **Friday April 25th**: Public Holiday – Anzac Day
- **Monday April 28th**: School Photos

SCHOOL SAFETY
Teachers regularly remind children to play away from the school boundary and fence line, to go straight home after school and to refrain from riding bikes and scooters in the playgrounds. It would be terrific if parents could also reinforce these safety practices.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2014
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open across Australia. Victorian Premier Dr. Denis Napthine hopes to instill in Victorian children the same love of reading that he has. He believes “Reading is a child’s passport to knowledge and opportunity. The sooner we can build children’s literacy skills, the sooner we can broaden and strengthen their pathways to senior school and further education.”

More than 1.8 million Victorian children have turned the pages of more than 30 million books since the Premiers’ Reading Challenge was first launched in 2005.

Some 231,000 children devoured more than 4 million books last year alone.

2013 marked the first time that young children aged from birth to five years were included in the challenge. Dr Napthine says "We know that reading to a young child leads to better brain development, better literacy skills and better results at school."

With the support of parents and teachers, almost 4000 children in this preschool cohort, read more than 121,500 books.

Reading every day to babies and preschool children has a big affect on how they perform when they attend school.

"Reading every day with children when they are very young makes a big difference as to how they succeed at school," Dr Napthine says.

Dr Napthine said the 10th anniversary would be marked with the introduction of some fun new ways to inspire children and young people to read more books!

Parents and children can check the website for updates throughout the next six months.

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Continued report from Susan Lee

“We now know that reading six to seven times per week at age four leads to higher NAPLAN scores in Year 3. “It also has the effect of placing these children up to 12 months ahead of children who were not read to every day.”

Seabrook students are invited to take part in the challenge and teachers will complete the registration process. The children need to keep a record of their book titles on the Premiers’ Reading Challenge website. Students must read a prescribed number of books during the challenge:

Preps to Year 2 must read at least 30 books, 20 or more from the challenge list.
Year 3-9 students must read 15 books, 10 or more from the official list.
Pre-schoolers must read or have read to them 40 books.

Of course we encourage all children to read as many books as they to improve their literacy development.

Have a great week.

Sue & Staff

Primary Years Programme at Seabrook

PYP Community Night

Wednesday 26th March 2014 5:00pm-8:00pm

Come and learn more about the Primary Years Programme at Seabrook
See your children share their learning with presentations, songs and work

Prep  5:00pm – Learner Profile
Year 1  5:30pm – Attitudes
Year 2  6:00pm – Artefacts and International Mindedness
Year 3  6:30pm – Transdisciplinary Themes
Year 4  7:00pm – Concepts
Year 5  7:30pm – Transdisciplinary Skills
Year 6  7:30pm – Leadership in Action

Bbq IN THE COURTYARD, games ON THE OVAL
Art rooms open 5:30pm-6:30pm
Italian venetian mask parade in the courtyard at 6:00pm
SPORTS IN GRADE 6!

Every Friday so far, all the year sixes have been practicing for the upcoming interschool sports. In 6CP we have children in basketball, cricket, rounders and softball. We also have children who are in the fun and games group. 6CP are all excited to participate in their sport and to represent Seabrook Primary School. These are the students from 6CP who are in the sport teams:

**Basketball:**
Alex, Shayla, Nadine, Sanjana

**Cricket:**
Taylah, Andrea, Diya, Bhvana

**Rounders:**
Izzy, Mya, Nikita, Bianca, Karla

**Softball:**
Hasanayn, Aidan, Jeekoo
Absent: Damian

**Fun and games:**
Angela, Pooja, Kim, Stephanie
Absent: Amina, Kimberly

By: Andrea, Shayla, and Ms Paten

EXPLANATION TEXTS

In 6CP we have been working on explanation text projects in groups of twos or threes. The groups have the opportunity to choose their own topics to work on. They will also have the opportunity to publish and create a short power point to share with their peers.
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

Parentingideas Club is a new online parenting centre founded by Michael Grose. You can now get expert advice at every stage of your child’s development. Become a member at Parentingideasclub.com.au today and get ready for more confident parenting and happier, more successful kids.”

Richard Galbraith is a professional writer, illustrator cartoonist and story teller. The Year 3 students had recently attended and took part in Richard’s cartoon workshop, which was an exciting and practical learning experience. Students learnt how to create and draw characters showing different expressions, actions and story lines using various modes of literacy.

Richard has written and illustrated many books and will be visiting the school again next Tuesday 18th March 2014 to sell his books. If you are interested in purchasing these books for your child, Richard will be in the Library during the senior recess time (9:50-10:20am). These books will promote reading and assist in discovering your child’s hidden talents in creating and drawing cartoons and weaving them into stories.

Choose any 4 books and pay just $20.00
Single books can be purchased for $10.00 each
Cartoon Workshop CD + 4 books $30.00

Richmond Blue’s Cartoon Workshop is a computer program that helps you draw cartoons. It has over 250 step-by-step cartoons for you to draw.

Workshop CD Price $20.00

Richard will be selling books at Morning Recess on Tuesday 18th March

If you’d like to buy books or a workshop program, please make sure your money is in an envelope with these details written on the front:
- Your name and grade
- What you’d like to buy

Visit www.parentingideas.com.au

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

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Susan Joyce
**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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**Canteen Specials**

Until the end of the term

- 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

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

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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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**iPhone**

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**Android**
Reminders

School Banking

Seabrook School Banking Record!
Well done to the 190 students that banked last week

As the Seabrook School Bankers have been doing such a fantastic effort on remembering your banking wallets each week an exciting competition has been launched just for Seabrook Primary School. All you have to do is keep remembering to bring your banking wallet each week and on the first week that 200 students bank in one week there will be 3 fantastic Dollarmite prizes draw from the deposits for that week.

1st Dollarmite backpack with Dollarmite surprises,
2nd Limited edition Dollarmite figurines,
3rd Dollarmite mouse mat & Pat key tag.

Remember you need to be in it to win it!

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

Seabrook School Banking Volunteers
**For your information**

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Maureen Murphy on 9395 1758 or email: murphy.mary.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

**FLYERS:** PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, due to the size of the school this year we are unable to distribute flyers as we have in previous years.

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**Australian Navy Cadets - TS VOYAGER**

Now looking for New Cadets!!!

Are you bored on Friday nights? Looking for a change? Do you want to travel? Do you want to learn skills you will use for the rest of your life? Would you like to be part of one of the most respected clubs in Melbourne? If so then you need to talk to us.

The Australian Navy Cadets can teach you new skills in sailing, manoeuvring, 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 12 this year and 18 by the time we leave next year and obtain your joining pack.

TS VOYAGER

148-150 Reform Place \n
Williamstown

Friday Evenings (Term 1) from 7pm - 10pm

There’s more info on our website: www.cadets.vic.gov.au or contact the Commanding Officer:\n
Lieutenant Jeff Park on 0419119455

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**FLYERS**

**HOCKEY**

Come & Try 2014 @ FHC

Dates: 4 weeks on Wednesdays 12 Mar & 19 Mar

Times: 5:15 - 6:00pm U6 Hookin2Hockey

5:15 - 6:00pm U8 Hookin2Hockey

6:00 - 6:45pm U10, U12 & above

Hockey sticks and shin guards are available for use by new players if required. Please arrive 10-15 mins early if you need to have a hockey stick fitted.

**Location:** Mclvor Reserve, Fogarty Ave, Spotswood

**Contact:** David Braiden 0418 561 745

footscrayhockeyjuniors@gmail.com

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**LITTLE RIVER COUNTRY FAIR**

Raising funds to support the students of Little River Primary School

**Sunday March 16**

10am – 3.00pm

* Monster Auction*

* Open Air Market with a large variety of stalls*

* White Elephant * Plants *

* Jams & Produce *

* Games & Competitions *

* All Day B.B.Q (cooked by Little River Lions Club)*

* Devonshire Tea *

* Animal Farm *

* Rides * Face Painting *

* Bagpipes * Dancing * Bush Band *

**Little River Primary School**

21 Flinders Street, Little River. Ph: 5283 1214

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**Working Bees**

All families are invited to attend one of Seabrook’s working bees on either Friday 21st March 3.30pm - 6pm or Saturday 22nd March 9am - 12.00pm

Families may claim their $20.00 grounds levy.

We hope you can spare a couple of hours to help the Seabrook School Community

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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

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