From the Principal

Dear Parents,

WALK-A-THON
It was a wonderfully sunny but fresh day for our 9th annual walk-a-thon. Well done to all the children and adults who took part in the fitness and fundraising activity. Now is the time to collect donations and sponsors from family and friends. We hope we can raise a good amount to add into our grounds and buildings funds so we can save towards our next grounds improvement project.

BOOK FAIR
Mrs Raelene Gramsbergen has organized another Book Fair at Seabrook over this week. Please pop in before or after school with your children to have a look at the wonderful display of reading materials suitable for our children. Prices are very reasonable ranging from $2.00 for stationery products to approximately $23.00 for specialty sets. The book fair finishes this Friday.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
A reminder that the stall is opening this Thursday. Children are asked to bring a plastic bag and $5.00 to select a gift. Helpers will be valued for set up on Wednesday afternoon or on Thursday morning during the stall.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY MAY 23RD
Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment.
It will be held throughout Australia on Friday 23 May 2014 and it communicates the vital road safety messages.
The objectives of WSTSD are:
• To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
• To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
• To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
• To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
• To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
• To promote the use of Public Transport.
• To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
• To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

NAIDOC WEEK
Naidoc Week will be celebrated nationally across Australia from July 6-13 (school holidays). However, we will celebrate NAIDOC Week from June 2-6.
The theme for NAIDOC WEEK 2014 is “Serving Country – Centenary & Beyond “.
Children will be encouraged to participate in two competitions Koorie Kids NAIROC colouring in (P-2) and short story writing(3-6). There are some great prizes to be won. Entries are to be handed into teachers by Friday, 6th of June allowing staff to post off the entries before the due-in date.

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To support the Koori Kids Foundation children will be able to purchase a NAIDOC pencil pack. Details to follow. Thank you for your continued support with NAIDOC Week. The week helps our students strengthen their understanding of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER**
The latest edition of the Entertainment book is now available for purchase. New Prep families will receive a copy for perusal. Purchase can be made at the office or by on-line payment. Copies are $65. Please return the copy if you are not interested. You might help the school by encouraging your family members, neighbours and work colleagues to buy a copy too. There is an enormous variety of special deals and savings on offer including dining, family activities, movies and travel insurance.

**STUDENT ABSENCES**
Some parents will have received a letter this week regarding some of your child's absences over the past months. In some cases we have had no explanation from parents for the absences or lateness. We are endeavouring to improve our processes and are required by law to have all absences approved. These may be returned to the classroom or office. Please accept our apologies if you believe this has already been done.

It is important that schools are provided with confirmation or an explanation of the absence from school every time a child is absent or late.

Parents have the choice to ring in to advise us, use the Skoolbag app, fax, email, provide a verbal explanation or note. This data is added to the school's student tracking system. Schools need to account for the whereabouts of all students and are often audited to check that explanations have been provided by parents. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Have a great week ahead.

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Please return your entries of the colouring in and short story competitions by Friday, 6th June.
All preps including 0AV have made a great start to the 2014 school year and have settled in well to Term 2 and have a clear understanding of routines and classroom expectations. The students are very excited to begin learning about our new inquiry, ‘In the Garden’. The children have started to explore some of the creatures that live in the garden and the lifecycles of these creatures.

“I know that leaves breathe in carbon dioxide”
- Connor

“I know that we need soil, water and seeds to make plants”
- Michael

We have an exciting artefact table that is being filled with gardening tools, books, photos and drawings. The students are keen to dig deeper into this inquiry with lots of rich learning about how we can improve the gardens in our school and our homes. The children will also begin to develop ways that they can take action to ensure long-term sustainability of our gardens.

On Thursday the 1st of May the school participated in the walk-a-thon. The prep to grade one students walked from school directly to Comben Reserve where we had a drink and some games on the oval. Our tiny feet did well to walk 2 km to the park! Many parents joined us and the weather man turned on a wonderful sunny day which was very lucky!

Here are some photos from Prep CO
4EP’s Water Filtering Experiment

We are inquiring into how, “water is essential to life.” On the first of May, 4EP went outside to try and filter dirty water; we made it ourselves from dirt and water. We worked in groups of 2 and used paper plates (which were folded to make a funnel) so that we could tip in the muddy/dirty water.

Before we began we all created a hypothesis, which is a scientific prediction. This was very important because a scientific procedural text includes a hypothesis.

In order for it to work we needed to use sand to filter the water. Then that water would go through it leaving most of the germs and dirt behind. However we realised that if we had created muddy water instead of dirty water then the sand wouldn’t be able to filter it.

Written by
Lili Siketa and Angad Ryiat

I wonder what is water made out of?
Ava

Why is water so important to life?
Andy

I wonder how water is formed as it is?
Mia

We do wonderings because we want to learn about things in our inquiry.
Josh Goodland and Andy Truong

How is the ocean like it is?
Josh

We create wonderings because we are curious about our inquiry. Our wonderings can help us study a specific topic that we wonder about!
Ava Burke and Mia Elkington

In 4EP we have inquiring into how ‘water is essential to life’. Students have connected with our inquiry through wonderings. We use our wonderings to think more critically about our inquiry and to become more knowledgeable. Last week we discussed the importance of safe, clean drinking water that is accessible to all. Students conducted experiments aimed at filtering water.
Year 2’s Inquiry is based on emotions and the central idea is ‘Time and place can cause a range of emotions’. Students brought in artefacts to represent the central idea and presented their artefact to the class explaining what it is and how it makes a connection to our inquiry. 2MS students showed their ability to think outside the box when linking their artefact to the central idea.

Charli Archer made a visual poster imitating a range of emotions and writing a small explanation to describe emotions in detail.

Mia Bibby made a strong connection by linking her personal experiences to our inquiry.

Bella Enzerink brought in a family photo where members expressed different facial features when feeling the same emotion.

Amna Irman brought in coloured pieces of fabric and related emotions to colours.

Transdisciplinary Theme: How We Express Ourselves
Central Idea: Time and place can cause a range of emotions
Lines of Inquiry:
• Different emotions that people feel
• The causes of people expressing different emotions
• Time and place can change the emotions that people feel
The grade 6 students have been inquiring into maps and networks, particularly scale.

They went into the playground to measure and draw scale maps.

Here are some photos of them measuring the playground and some samples of the work they created.
Sports News

Inter School Sport

Well done to all our Interschool sport teams who competed last week. On Wednesday we had T20 Cricket and Rounders. Rounders came 5th overall (won 1 v Laverton, 1 draw v Altona Meadows and 2 losses v Queen of Peace and Altona Green). In Cricket B- came 7th (won 1 game v St. Martins) and Cricket A came 8th place and unfortunately they didn’t win any of their games but were close in a couple like against Altona Meadows where we lost by 2 or 3 runs only. Special thanks go to Adam Frost who helped organise one team for Ms. Bradshaw. On Friday we had Basketball and Softball. In the Boys basketball, they won all their preliminary games (27-15 v Altona Green, 21-9 v Queen of Peace and 30-18 v Altona Meadows. Then in the Grand Final they played Altona Green again and it was a competitive match. We ended up winning 30-18 and will get to represent our District later in the year. In the girls games we lost 28-10 v Altona Green and they ended up winning the girls section. We won 18-2 against Queen of Peace and then lost 14-4 against Altona Meadows. Then in the 3rd v 4th final we played Queen of Peace again and it was a good game. Our girls used good team work and passed the ball well and ended up scoring 16-5 to claim 3rd place on the day. Well done to Ms. Paten and Mrs. Tsapatolis for helping with scoring and coaching.

In Softball, it was a bit cold wet at the start but slowly improved as the day went on. In our first game we played Altona Green and had a close game. It was 7-6 after the first innings, then we kept them scoreless in the 2nd innings whilst getting 6 home runs to make the final score 13-6. In the 2nd match we played Queen of Peace and was also a competitive game. The scores were 13-7 and Aidan and Valeriya did some excellent pitching in game. Our final match was against Altona Meadows A. We scored 6-0 in the 1st innings and when they got no home runs in their 2nd innings we stopped there so we could have a bit of a lunch break before the finals. We met St. Martins in the Grand Final for 1st v 2nd and it was very tight in the 1st innings being 5-5. We got a couple of good tags and catches in the 2nd innings and prevented them from scoring in that innings. We then got 6 home runs of our own to end up winning 1st place with 11-5 being the final score. The team played well all day and supported each other in the field and will also represent our district later in the year. Great effort to all students who displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout both sport days.

State Team Trials

Congratulations to Josie Erbsland from grade 5AC, who has just been selected in the State Primary School Hockey Team, that will travel to Tasmania around August. This is a great achievement for Josie and her family and we wish her the best with Victoria as they take on the other states. Also Paul Tsapatolis from 6EH is still involved in both Basketball and AFL Football trials as is Shayla Curry-Hughes (6CP) in Soccer. They are up to Regional level at the moment and we’ll provide an update when they have their next trial. Also Tamara James-Millar and Tess Meiers were involved in Netball and Hayden Lawlor in AFL Football, however they missed out on progressing to the Regional stage. Well done to all students on their efforts.

Grade 2 Swimming

Just a reminder that this Friday 9th May is the cut off for families to decide if their child will attend the Grade 2 Swimming program. Numbers are looking good but after Friday a spot may not be guaranteed if the groups fill up. You will need to return the permission slip and at least a $20 deposit by this date to ensure a spot. If there are spots available with your child’s grade or another grade early next week, we may be able to accommodate you.

District Cross Country

Good luck to our 34 students who will compete at the District Cross Country event Friday May 9th at Queen of Peace Primary and around the 100 steps area. We have 2km and 3km races and there will be 6 schools competing on the day. Our students have been training and doing trials over the last few weeks and should do well.
For your information

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions, such as being easily fooled or tricked into doing something. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers.

To participate go to:
http://tinyurl.com/childsvq

Or for more information please contact
Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

Super worm juice!
Are you looking to give your garden a boost?

Are you looking to boost your vegetables, fruit and general flower garden? Look no further. Seabrook Primary School is worm farming! We are turning your child’s fruit and vegetable scraps into pure organic fertilizer with the help of our little squirming friends-the worms. Our worms are busy munching away and breaking up your food scraps so they can give us back pure, organic, rich worm juice. This juice is carefully poured into bottles for your convenience.

The worm juice has wonderful benefits for any use around your garden! From enriching your soil in nutrients and minerals to kick starting your seeds and stimulating flowering.

Bottles of this juice are on display at the front reception for you to view and purchase. Bottles cost $5.00 each.

Hi Seabrook Community!

I am participating in this years live below the line! It is an Australian initiative to help extreme poverty in Australia. I am taking up the challenge to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner for 5 days for only $10.

I am hoping to raise $400 towards the campaign and would love your support. You can donate how little or how much you like. All you have to do is jump online and search Noni McClure and donate to my team.

You can also jump on board and become apart of my team.

https://www.livebelowtheline.com.au

Thank you,
Miss Noni McClure 3NM

Seabrook Primary School is seeking an experienced and motivated Grounds Person for a permanent part time position.

The position amounts to 16 hours per week, 7am to 11am four days per week. You will need to have demonstrated skills in all aspects of grounds maintenance including horticulture, irrigation and the operation of different types of gardening and lawn mowing equipment including ride on machines.

Applicants must hold or be willing to immediately apply for Working with Children and Police Checks.

Remuneration to be negotiated according to qualifications and experience.

Apply for this position on seek.com under the category - grounds position
Applications close on 30th May
For your information

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

Kerrin on 0414 199 877

Our fabulous NEW Parentingideas Magazine is now being distributed to a world-wide audience through the Apple App store. The cost is $2.99 per issue, which is great value. BUT it’s even better value for Parentingideas Schools such as ours, as every parent in our school can get their own copy FREE. Visit http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html

INCURSION / EXCURSION / FUNDRAISING MONEY

When sending in money for incursions, excursions, fundraising etc., please send in the correct money and ensure that you have separate envelopes for each separate activity/event. We cannot accept foreign coins, as they are rejected by the bank, so therefore will be returned to you. Please check you have included Australian currency only. Money is not kept in the office so we cannot provide change.

Parents need to give the correct money in a clearly marked envelope, in the mornings only, to the classroom teacher. Teachers are unable to accept money at the end of the school day as they are unable to leave money in the classroom. Cash payments are not accepted at the office. Parents are welcome to call into the school office to collect a few school payment envelopes to leave at home for this purpose. Alternatively, please ensure that the money is in a clearly marked envelopewith student’s name, grade and amount and activity/event.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yvonne Golomb Administration
For your information

School Banking

Well done to the 178 students who banked last week. Remember to bring you banking wallet each Wednesday.

Congratulations to the following students that have received their bronze certificate:
Nithika Ashok, Sahana Ashok, Jack Downey, Titus Lai, Olivia Gliguroski, John McGill, Emily Byrne, Zaria Muhamad, Dylan Cheah, Madison Stanley-Smith, Jacob Lowes, Jemima Bamford and Ethan Gilmore.

Win a share of the sunken treasure from the Lost City of Savings!
Simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you will be automatically entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes.
For more information visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

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

Seabrook School Banking Volunteers

One Team, One Goal – Celebrating Diversity

At Seabrook Primary we always encourage students to be respectful and supportive of each other.

We are excited to be participating in a new AFL and Victorian Government competition using football as a way to celebrate multiculturalism and diversity.

In the competition – One Team, One Goal – Celebrating Diversity – our school can win a $5000 grant, a football clinic with an AFL footballer, tickets to an AFL match during Multicultural Round and limited edition AFL footballs.

To enter, students need to design a poster about multiculturalism, teamwork and diversity that will be printed in the Football Record.

This is a wonderful opportunity to talk to your child/children about diversity.

Students will have the opportunity to work on their poster (A4) at school, and this is also an activity that they can complete at home with your support. Closing date for entries is Friday 23rd of May.

The competition website has more information about how to enter: www.education.vic.gov.au/onesteam.

Sundram Moodley Acting Assistant Principal
Asthma and Medical Information

Coughs, Colds and Asthma
Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.

If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.

Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found here and can also be determined by your doctor.

Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

Parent and Carer Asthma Information Sessions
The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is funded by the Federal Department of Health to provide free asthma education sessions to groups of parents and carers. These sessions can take place at the school or at a location of your choice.

The session runs for approximately one hour and covers:

- Asthma triggers
- Signs and symptoms
- Asthma action plans
- Asthma medication
- Asthma First Aid

If you are interested in attending a parent and carer asthma information session, please contact Susan Joyce (Asthma Educator and Trainer) at school on 9395 1758.

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

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
### SEABROOK TIMELINE

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**Book Fair 3:10 pm - 4pm in the library Monday 5th - Friday 9th May**

- **9am Assembly Grades 5 & 6**
- **Grade 1 excursion 9am Point Cook Town Centre**
- **Grade 2 swimming**

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