From the Principal
Dear Parents,

Hopefully all our mothers and grandmothers were spoilt last weekend for Mother’s Day. It is nice to set aside some extra special time for families to get together and celebrate these very important people! It certainly was a lovely sunny day to make the event very pleasant.

Many thanks go to the wonderful parents who ordered a nice array of gifts for the mother’s day stall. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped on the day. Your support and time is most valued.

ABSENCES
When your child is absent or late to school we are required to request a reason for the absence. You are welcome to write a note to the class teacher brought to school by your child on their return. There are other avenues to inform us including a phone call into the school after 8.00 am, a message via the website, Skoolbag app, school email or fax. It is very important that children attend school every day except if they are unwell or in extreme instances.

BOOK FAIR
Book Fair was a great success again. Mrs Gramsbergen did a terrific job in setting this event up and was supported by staff assisting with the sales. It was wonderful to see so many families visit the display. As a result of the sales the library made $2,687.86 to purchase new materials. Another book fair will visit Seabrook just before Christmas offering another opportunity to purchase gifts and books.

NAPLAN TESTS ADMINISTERED THIS WEEK
Year 3 and year 5 students have undertaken the national tests in literacy and numeracy this week. The children were pleased that they were familiar with the formats and felt prepared. Our hope is that they feel comfortable with the testing regime so they can perform their best. We are proud of the mature way the children have approached the challenge with greater confidence. Individual results are forwarded to parents and schools later in the year.

EXCESS STUDENT CHAIRS
This week Seabrook Primary donated approximately 200 chairs to the 2014 Rotary Donations in Kind program. School chairs and desks are being donated from various organizations and are then shipped to children in East Timor. This donation in kind project has been running across the country by Rotary for approximately 15 years and Rotary is well on its way to its promise of every student in East Timor having a chair and table for their schooling. What a great way to share excess resources - an example of effective action!

Have a great week ahead.

Sue & Staff
On Monday, the Grade Fours walked to Skeleton Creek to study the creek’s ecosystem and the effect water has on life. The current unit of inquiry is looking into the central idea that water is essential to life. Students discovered that a large variety of plants, animals, and insects depend on the creek for food, water, and shelter. They also discovered that our waterways become polluted with rubbish and chemicals.

Skeleton Creek Observation

**Skeleton Creek as a resource**

Ahmed:
I learnt that Skeleton Creek provides a home for living things like ducks, insects and plants. Ducks live there to get food from insects and plants.

Reign:
Skeleton Creek provides a natural resource for all living things such as, ducks and swans. Snakes live there because of the long grass, and birds because there are trees for them to build their nests. Many other animals live at Skeleton Creek because water is essential to life.

Srija:
I saw that there was pollution at Skeleton Creek. There was rubbish, plastic, graffiti, chemicals, cardboard, and even a chair!
Sports News

District Cross Country

Well done to our 35 students who represented the school at the District Cross Country on Friday. It was held at Queen of Peace Primary School and the 100 steps area nearby. We had some fantastic results with 24 students progressing to the Divisional Competition on Tuesday May 27th at Presidents Park in Werribee.

Of the six races on the day three of our students came 1st – Shayla Curry-Hughes (12yrs), Abby Chappell (11yrs) and Andreas Weickhardt (10yrs), which was a great effort!

We also had four 2nd places - Luna Simon (12yrs), Josie Erbsland (11yrs), Mia Fynney (10yrs) and Johnathan Curry-Hughes (10yrs).

Cleo Simon (11yrs), Cody Siborowski (11yrs), Braxton Simms (10yrs) and Angelique Pitcher (10yrs) all came 3rd in their races.

Kimi Widjaja (12yrs), Keenan Green (12yrs) and Coby Smith (10yrs) all came 4th

Sanjana Jaiswal (12yrs) and Adam Allwood came 5th in their events.

Noah Sharpe (12yrs) came 6th which was a fantastic effort as he is only 9yrs old this year and was filling in for the higher age group.

Lorita Seifeddine (12yrs) also came 6th

Jade Hunter-Pendlebury (10yrs), Jade Pedler (11yrs), Jacob Taylor (12yrs) and Andrea Setjadiningrat (12yrs) all came 7th

Mahammed Dramay (12yrs) came 8th which was also a great effort as he is only 10yrs old this year.

Jacob Serra (11yrs) was our final qualifier finishing in 10th spot.

Jim Botsaris just missed out on qualifying as he came 11th

Holly Wedding 13th

Isabella Nixon, Seth Lockwood and Zak Alobaidi 14th

Amelia Kakenis 15th

Charlie Taylor finished 17th

Abigail Ryan-Evers came 20th

Jasmine Farrugia 27th

Victoria Edwards and Dion Sokolis both 28th

Well done to all students on their performances.

Thanks to some of our parents who assisted by being marshals out on the course or cheered on the kids and Ms. McClure who helped look after our students at the event. Good luck to all our children running at the Divisional level.

Grade 2 Swimming:
The Grade 2 swimming program commences this Monday 19th May at Shawn's Swim School in Hoppers Crossing. A reminder that final payments need to be finalised as soon as possible so children can attend the program. A note will come home detailing the groupings, venue details and reminders about what to bring etc however the groups and session times are as follows:

Group 1: 2MS & 2SL (11.30am lesson)
Group 2: 2RE & half of 2KS (12.30pm lesson)
Group 3: 2KA & half of 2KS (1.30pm lesson)
Hi Seabrook Community!

Last week I participated in the Live Below the Line campaign, where I could only spend $10 on food for the whole week! I had to say goodbye to my morning smoothies, delicious salads and going out for dinners.

My diet consisted of porridge, basic pasta and sauce, packet soup and a few bananas. From Monday to Friday I ate very little, I had very little energy and very little concentration.

This experience has provided a great opportunity to witness and live how so many poor families live each day. I want to thank those who have donated to my team and kept me on track because it was definitely hard to sit in the staff room watching so many delicious meals.

I have nearly reached my goal of $400. You can still donate right up until July. Jump online and search Noni McClure and donate to 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

A huge thank you to every one who supported the Book Fair last week. We sold $7669.60 worth of books and merchandise. This means that our commission is $2687.86 to spend on books from Scholastic.

A special thank you to Joel and Flynn Boothroyd who bought books and then donated them back to the library.

Also to the Grade 5 team who used their donation from the International Book Dress up day to buy books for the library.

Thanks also to the staff members who came across and helped out. Raelene

Italian Word of the Week

Each week all the grades at Seabrook Primary School will be introduced to a new Italian word/s/phrase to be used in the classroom, at specialists and around the school. To encourage the learning, parents and family members could also use and practise the language at home with the students. This week’s (Week beginning 12th May) word is…..

“Prego”

You’re welcome
**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

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**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

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**Watch Michael:** Watch this youtube clip of Michael presenting this month’s updates http://youtu.be/NFhRPoIG_Cc

Insights articles: Mother’s Day Tribute, Healthy ways for kids to manage emotions and Social Netiquette.

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For your information

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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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**Active kids are healthy kids**

**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

Friday 23 May 2014

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www.parentingideas.com.au
Keep up to date with all that is happening at Seabrook Primary by downloading the skoolbag App

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

School Banking

Well done to the 193 students who banked last week.
Remember to bring you banking wallet each Wednesday to be in the Seabrook School Banking Competition.
For the 1st time 200 students bank in one week.

Congratulations to the following students that have received their bronze certificate:

Thank you to all the students that participate in Seabrook School Banking. Not only are you learning the importance of saving, each and every deposit that you make earns much needed money for the school. Every new student registered with Seabrook School Banking the school receives $5 and every deposit (up to the value of $200 for a single deposit) the school receives 5%.

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

Seabrook School Banking Volunteers
**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](http://www.asthma.org.au)

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**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.

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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 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
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**Drop-off and Pick-up services.**

I also provide Before/After school care.

Eligible parents will get Centrelink benefits (CCB & CCR).

Contact: 0433667708 or tanzimtonny@gmail.com

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- Point Cook, Seabrook and Sanctuary Lakes

Qualifications:

- Certificate III in Children Services
- Police and Working with Children checks
- Certificate in First Aid

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Contact: Sabeen Phone: 0478 178 098

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