From the Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome to term 2. We hope all our children have returned after the break feeling refreshed ready for this eleven week term. As usual the staff have planned many valuable learning experiences to enhance learning and support each child to develop the qualities of the PYP learner profile.

WALK-A-THON THIS FRIDAY

This Friday we have our annual walk-a-thon to promote healthy activity and help raise much needed funds to continue our grounds work. We hope the children have used the holidays to capture some sponsors and donations. Children in years prep, 1 and 2 will depart from the courtyard at 9.10 a.m. and children in years 3-6 will leave the courtyard at 10.30. We hope many of our parents and friends will join the children for the walk and activities at Comben Reserve.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday 29th April. Order forms have been distributed through the classrooms for class and individual photos and order forms for photos of siblings can be collected from the office. Parents have the option of ordering and paying on line and details are listed on the flier.

We are requesting that in keeping with our uniform policy children wear the official winter uniform, with navy or burgundy hair accessories and black footwear. Parents indicated last year that children wearing white and irregular coloured footwear detracted from the smartly dressed children in the photos.

Grades will be called for their photos based around the school timetable and school events with preference made for the junior grades to have their photos taken as early as possible in the day. Siblings will be called out from their classes during the day and the photographers will be returning in October to take grade 6 team and graduation photos.

GROUND WORK

The team from Tupelo Landscaping have worked hard over the past weeks to get the grounds project finished and it is looking fantastic. We have had an irrigation system installed and a range of plants and trees planted. We expect with some watering both the trees and new grass will become established soon enhancing the north area of the school. With the car park being moved it means this area will be much safer for the children and also will provide more friendly areas to play with shade.

Schools get very limited funding for grounds work from year to year. However, as part of the economic stimulus packages offered a few years ago we were able to erect verandahs behind the original/permanent buildings, lay artificial surfaces, have some external painting done and improved lighting. We also helped fund the $60,000 for the re-laying and marking of the asphalt basketball areas which is used in a variety of ways that had become unsafe over time.

Everything else we have achieved has been with the help of funds raised through the school community. Costs for installation of air conditioning is a school responsibility. We have also installed these using money raised through our fund raising activities over the years to make the learning areas comfortable to support learning. Any family establishing and maintaining their own gardens and setting up a new home will know how the cost of these projects add up. Our latest project costs include features you don’t see, for example the drainage works, ground preparation and removal costs of unusable soil and large scale irrigation works.

As we raise more money through all our upcoming fundraising projects we will tackle another area of the grounds as per our master plan. Thanks to all the workers and members of the Grounds and Buildings committee for their assistance with the quotation process, research and planning over the past year which takes a good deal of time and negotiation. I’m sure in a short time everyone will be pleased with the progress so far.

VOLUNTEER PARENTS

We value enormously the work that our parents and friends do to make things special for all our kids at school. It is wonderful to see many parents offering their time in classrooms assisting with learning, and also with out-of-school excursions including the swimming programs. Besides fundraising we have a team of dedicated parents who plan and do the legwork for other activities. Again a big thank you to all the parents who assisted with the end of term one hot dog day. The children look forward to this event and it is made possible thanks to the many parents who support it. The parents and friends team will call through seabrookhelpers@live.com.au and our school newsletter for helpers to support the Mother’s Day stall in early May. There will be other occasions when parents might like to volunteer their time, and this will be mentioned in future newsletters.

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EXTRA CURRICULA
Chess, keyboard, guitar and singing lessons will be offered again this term.

Parents will have been notified by TMT Music of their program for this term. It is advisable to check with Primary Music if you wish to stop keyboard lessons as they tend to carry over their students over each of the holiday breaks including Christmas.

Chess lessons will continue this term with 2 x ½ hour lessons at lunchtimes ($5.00) and 1 hour after school session ($5.00) will operate on Wednesdays at 3.15 – 4.15, payable directly to Endre the chess teacher. Open lessons (free of charge) are also conducted to excite children about the fun and challenge of chess during breaks.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Sue & Staff

World Creativity & Innovation Week
Seabrook is a great school. We obtain excellent results in Naplan testing, positive feedback from secondary schools and pleasing results from our own assessments. However, at times we read in the media about a crisis in Australian education. Some of this comes from comparisons to schools in countries where children start school at age three, attend school from 8am - 6pm and the curriculum is very focussed on scoring well in formalised testing. A Principal in a Shanghai school commented that under their system they are unlikely to develop a Bill Gates or Steve Jobs.

At Seabrook our mission is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who will help to create a better and more peaceful world. We believe that as an International Baccalaureate authorised school delivering the Primary Years Programme we are developing students who will continue to be creative and innovative lifelong learners. We focus on thinking skills, problem solving and being active inquirers.

So while we are proud of our results in formalised testing we are striving to deliver a curriculum that is relevant, significant, engaging and challenging. We are much more than data from pen and paper tests. We truly value the deep and rich learning our students display and the wide range of values and skills they are developing. We have a great deal to be proud of.

Australia has developed many creative and innovative people. The following inventions are from Australia.
1. Black box flight recorder
2. Spray-on skin
3. Electronic pacemaker
4. Google Maps
5. Medical application of penicillin.
6. Polymer bank notes
7. Cochlear implant (bionic ear)
8. Electric drill
9. Winged keel
10. Permaculture
11. Wi-fi technology
12. Ultrasound scanner
13. Plastic spectacle lenses
14. Inflatable escape slide and raft
15. Permanent-crease clothing
16. Gardasil and Cervarix cancer vaccines
17. Frazier lens.
18. Triton Workcentre
19. Racecam
20. Tank-bred tuna system.

So let’s celebrate World Creativity & Innovation Week and be proud of our education system, Seabrook Primary and celebrate the learning our children demonstrate every day.

“One of the myths of creativity is that very few people are really creative,” said Sir Ken Robinson, Ph.D., an internationally recognized leader in the development of education, creativity and innovation. “The truth is that everyone has great capacities but not everyone develops them. One of the problems is that too often our educational systems don’t enable students to develop their natural creative powers. Instead, they promote uniformity and standardization. The result is that we’re draining people of their creative possibilities and, as this study reveals, producing a workforce that’s conditioned to prioritize conformity over creativity.”

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on Monday 29th April

PHOTO DAY TIPS:
Dress: Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines
Hair: Neat and swept off face
Orders: Complete your order form and return to school prior to photography day (or as directed by school staff)
Pre-orders: To preorder online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au
ZEN GARDENS

During the first inquiry, grade 4RM made their own ‘Zen gardens’. A Zen garden can either be built in your garden as a place to relax, or you can make a small one to sit on your windowsill or desk at home. Its purpose is to stimulate your senses and relax your entire body, mind and soul. It connects to our inquiry: values and spiritual beliefs affect our personal identity because a lot of people value meditation and inner peace such as people who belong to the Buddhist belief system. We made our Zen gardens with sand, black and white pebbles and a shoe box lid. Then we raked the sand into smooth lines with a plastic fork. The lines are meant to represent the ripples in the ocean.

An example:

Here are some Zen gardens the children made:

They were very intent on creating calming and visually stimulating rock gardens.

By: Cat Walters

CANTEEN NEWS

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back. We hope you enjoyed the holidays. Please note that the menu has changed, soups and hot chocolate are back, among others. Combos have also changed. We hope you like the changes. Please feel free to give us some feedback and tell us what you would like to see on the menu, we can always make it a monthly special. The menu is available online on the school’s website under the Community tab and then please follow the links. We also have copies available at the canteen window so come by and see us.

Sonja Wolff - Canteen Manager

SCHOOL BANKING - EVERY WEDNESDAY

SCHOOL BANKING IS WEDNESDAY

Due to the Anzac Day Holiday there will be no school banking on Wednesday 24th April 2013.

Well done to the 109 students that banked on the last week of term 1.

Make sure that you redeem your rewards as soon as you have saved 10 tokens. This year the fantastic rewards are only available for a limited time and you will be disappointed if you miss out.

Rewards available:
- Wallet - Term 1 & 2
- Handball - Term 1 & 2
- Torch - Term 2 & 3
- Money Boxes - All year
- Knuckles Game - Term 1 & 2

Watch this space for an exciting new competition that will be starting very soon. Remember you have to be in it to win it!

Thank you for supporting our School fundraising efforts and teaching your child how to save. Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you are saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your deposit book each Wednesday.

Seabrook School Banking Volunteers

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 envelope with student’s name, grade and amount and activity/event. Thank you for your co-operation.

Yvonne Golomb - Administration
**SEABROOK TIMELINE**

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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 Rebecca on 0412 311 009 or sdraw@primus.com.au and Kerrin on 0414 199 877 or kerrins@maxnet.co.nz

**OSHCLUB**

Welcome back to Term 2. We will update next week on the activities that will be happening during term 2

**Free Lesson Token**

This token entitles your child to one FREE 30 minute trial lesson! Come along and have a look at the gym, meet our friendly staff & other gymnasts.


**F.L’S PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

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**DANCE INITIATIVE PRODUCTIONS**

Dancing for all ages at the Seabrook Community Centre

Friday evenings:
- Teenagers Hip Hop,
- Adult Jazz/Lyrical & Ladies Burlesque Dance

Saturday mornings:
- Fairy Dance for Children from 2 to 7 years
- Ballet/Jazz for ages 8 to 12

www.danceinitiativeproductions.com

Ph. 04 1817 9871. Enrol today - start this week!