From the Principal

Dear Parents,

ELECTION DAY BBQ AND MARKET
Seabrook is looking for community members to run a stall at our community market on September 7th coinciding with the Election Day. (Please fill in your details on the next page and return to your teacher)

We are also looking for parent helpers on the day to cook and sell hot dogs, sausages and to serve drinks and soup to the voting public. This is being run by members of our School Council. Please feel free to put your name and contact details on the form on page 2 indicating your availability. Time slots are 1.5 hours. We would be very grateful to have plenty of helpers on the day.

GASTRO
Unfortunately we have had a large number of both students and staff away suffering from gastro-like conditions. Can we please remind everyone about regular hand washing and that your children should not attend school if they are sick.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS
Term 3 Curriculum Overviews will be available from our website by the end of the week.

UP-COMING EVENTS
Grade 4-6 Athletics Day - Thursday August 15th
Chocolates and money last day – Friday August 16
Werribee Zoo Excursion - Preps Friday August 16th
Chess – Week 2 Wednesday 21st August
Singing and guitar performance – Monday August 26, 9.10 am
(during Grades 2 & 3 assembly)
Prep Incursion - Ambulance Visit Tuesday August 27th
Grade 4 camp – August 28-30 at Halls Gap
Fathers Day Stall – August 29th
(Grade 4 students on camp will have the opportunity to buy their $5.00 present on the Thursday prior to camp)
Prep Incursion - Ambulance Visit Tuesday August 30th
Rehearsal school lock down – Thursday September 5th
District Athletics Carnival Monday September 2nd
Election Day BBQ and market stalls – Saturday September 7th
Prep Incursion - Fire Brigade Visit Monday September 9th
Preps late stay games afternoon - Tuesday September 10th
Singing and guitar performance – Friday September 13th
(during Grades 4, 5 & 6 assembly)
Graduation photos – Friday October 18th
End of term hot dog day – Friday September 20th
2014 Prep get-to-know-you BBQ – Tuesday October 15th
PYP community evening – Wednesday October 30th between 5.00 – 8.00 p.m.
Seabrook PS working bee – early October

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This Wednesday Seabrook hosted two councillors from the Hobsons Bay Council here to build connections with schools, business with local council. Deputy Mayor Luba Grigorovitch and councillor Colleen Gates toured the school after talking to Mrs Anne Marie Lloyd, School Council President. The councillors spoke to our year five students about the three tiers of government. Representatives of the year six leadership team members asked further question about the councillors’ responsibilities. Both Lubu and Colleen have offered to return to the school to help where they can.

Have a good week.

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**Lost School Jumper**

Summer Farley from Grade GV has lost a size 12 jumper, this jumper is clearly labelled twice. Please return to her class or phone Tracy Farley on 0437 862 809.
**Preps**

**Endangered Animal Inquiry Unit**

During Term 3 our Preps have been learning about Endangered Animals. Part of our study has involved learning about litter and how it affects our environment, and more importantly how it affects the animals. We have brainstormed ideas on how we can help save the animals and prevent littering in an activity called “Lenny the Litterbug”

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**Junior Learning Community - 1MC**

As part of our current inquiry – How the World Works - Grade 1MC has been learning all about the seasons and weather, thinking particularly about how our lives and our environment are affected by changes in weather. We worked together to make a fabulous mural on the wall of our classroom to illustrate the water cycle, and we’ve been singing a fun song to help us remember the tricky words related to this such as evaporation, transpiration, condensation and precipitation. We are getting very clever and can explain how the water cycle cleans our water over and over again!
‘Robots come to us’

2KS displayed a lot of PYP attitudes during an interactive incursion – ‘Robots come to us’. Their task was to design, build and evaluate a robot to help us in our classroom. We had a lot of fun examining the transdisciplinary theme of ‘How the World Works’ through the central idea of ‘scientific knowledge changes the way that we live’.

James and Brodie

We showed creativity when we designed a robot to help us in our classroom. His name is King Julian. With his scorpion claw he can grab the whiteboard marker for Ms Strong. He can pick up chairs and put them away. He can dust the floor and he can also paint the walls. This is a robot you will definitely want to buy! We showed cooperation when we put the robot together.

Sami & Julian

We showed commitment when we got our robot finished. We showed confidence when we tried to make a robot. Our robot’s name was Eddie. Our robot picks up rubbish and rubs Ms Strong. Our robot also has a jet pack so if there’s a really dirty place he can fly over there and pick up the rubbish.

Holly and Eleena

We showed cooperation by working together to decide what materials we need. We showed confidence because we worked together to make the robot look good. We showed enthusiasm by wanting to learn more about how robots work. Our robot’s name is ‘Robbaben’. He can suck up rubbish and give the whiteboard markers to Ms Strong. Our robot can play music while we are working. Our robot rocks!!

Alice and Breanna

We showed cooperation and creativity. We showed cooperation because we both agreed on the invention that we both wanted to make. And we showed creativity by designing our robot. Our robot can clean the classroom and polish it. Our robot is called the rubbish dumper and washing robot.
During the next few weeks, Yassan, Kara, Suvitar, Kaea from the “PYP in Action” leadership group will be selling wrist bands for the ride to conquer cancer. Miss. Oldfield is riding 200km at the end of October and is trying to raise $2500 for the Peter MacCallum foundation. All the proceeds benefit cancer patients and research as it’s the only public hospital in Australia solely dedicated to cancer. The wrist bands are $2 each and we would appreciate your support.

Thank you, Yassan, Kara, Suvitar and Kaea
During our inquiry into ‘Water is essential to life’ students explored how access to water differs around the world. Students have committed themselves to gaining a better understanding of different water sources and the importance of conserving water. Last week, after reading a case study on Niger, students wrote a letter to the Seabrook Community in response to the difficulties faced by them as well as many others throughout the world.

My Letter

Friday 2nd of August

To: Seabrook Community

Many places in the world don’t have enough access to clean water and the population is getting larger every second.

Water is our world’s most basic need. But many places in the world don’t have enough access to clean water. The UNDP (United Nation Development Programme), in its annual human development report, argues that 1.1 billion people do not have access to safe water and 2.6 billion suffer from inadequate sewerage. Not because of water shortage, but inequality and government failure. They say the poorer you are, the more you pay. How would you like it if your child didn’t have access to clean and safe water? There is a water crisis today. But the crisis is not about having too little water to satisfy our needs. It is a crisis of managing water so poorly that billions of people, and the environment, suffer severely.

In Africa women and children are responsible for collecting water while boys go to school and men hunt for food or go to work. So that means children, particularly girls, don’t receive a good education. It may take as much as four hours just to collect water from the nearest well, lake, or river. Sometimes it is too late and the water has already evaporated. Unfortunately this means that women must walk to another village and the water needs to be bought from there. When that is done, the walk must start again. It is not easy walking back. There are many hazards out there waiting for them in the hot, boiling sun and the amount of about 18 kilograms of water hurts their back and arms. Some return hurt from being attacked. All this time should be spent on learning, but it is spent on water collection.

Some parts of Africa, Latin America, South East Asia (and other areas of the world) suffer from droughts, which affects every living thing. A drought can be defined as an extended period of time with no rainfall. How can we expect people, animals and plants to not be affected by this? Other problems associated with water are diseases. Some families know the water may cause illness, but what choice do they have? It’s the only thing that is available to them. Most people in Africa (and in some other countries around the world) suffer everyday and alarmingly, every 19 to 21 seconds a mother will lose a child due to a water related disease.

It’s time to take action; these problems have solutions and can be easily solved! We could fundraise, donate the proceeds to a charity, and build water systems. Just $20 dollars could give one person access to clean, safe water. But water is not the only benefit. It would also provide the person with a good education, and therefore a lifetime of opportunity. It could change the whole world.

Yours sincerely,

Ileana J

When writing my letter I felt guilty that we in Australia are lucky enough to have access to safe, clean water and yet some of us choose to waste water or to not even drink it! For example, some people drink soft drinks instead of water. I also feel empathetic towards people who aren’t lucky enough to have a proper water source near them. We all need to stop wasting water and try and conserve it. To help others that don’t have water we could donate money to charities.
ATTENTION NEW SEABROOK FAMILIES

Seabrook Primary School provides free membership to Mathletics for all of our students for use both in the classroom and at home. This powerful internet based, award winning mathematics program is an exceptional tool in promoting increased confidence, understanding and enjoyment of mathematics in our students.

Mathletics in an important resource in our classroom numeracy programs. Teachers receive a great deal of useful data from Mathletics regarding individual student’s participation and progress through the different topics completed both at school and home. Teachers can individualise Mathletics to suite each student’s ability, interests and learning requirements.

Parents can ensure that your children gets the most out of Mathletics by:

- Taking an active role in your child’s mathematics progress,
- Encourage your child to use Mathletics at least 3-5 times each week,
- Encourage a balance between the Full Curriculum section and Mathletics Live,
- Take time to work together with your child. The Support Centre in each activity will help show how to solve a particular problem,
- Encourage your child to complete activities that challenge, rather than those he/she finds easy,
- If the level your child is working at is too easy, speak to the class teacher about setting a different default level for your child,
- Celebrate your child’s success, print the certificates out and display them at home.

If you are a new Seabrook family and don’t yet have access to Mathletics at home, please contact your child’s teacher for username/password details.

Paul Cochran- (Mathletics Administrator)
You can draw exotic animals

Celebrate Book Week by spending an hour with Marc Martin exploring the world of exotic animals. Learn to draw aardvarks, flamingos, macaws and more with one of Australia’s most exciting young illustrators.

The Friends of Altona Libraries' 2013 Illustration Competition will be launched at the event.

Wednesday, 21st August
4.30pm to 5.30pm
Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre

Bookings: via library website or
Phone 1300 HOB LIB / 1300 462 542
National Relay Service 133 677

Suitable for primary aged students.

OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

We have started a cooking club at the program, this will run every Wednesday afternoon and occasionally on a Thursday afternoon.

Active After-School Coaching clinics are run 3 times a week between 3.45pm – 5.00pm.

The children have been requesting Dress ups. If you have any old costumes, shirts that you no longer need please let us know.

If you have any quick and easy cooking recipes that we can use please drop into the program.

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHCl b program phone: 0411-302-879
Coordinator: Carolyn
Assistants: Katie, Amanda, koula, Jessica, Michelle, Amy.
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it’s true.

The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it’s often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It’s hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child.

In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That’s not a reason to be away!

It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go to school today because aunty is coming to visit!”

Nice try. But the answer should be “No!”.

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.
Calling for volunteers - we need your help!

We need some more volunteer parents or grandparents to help out and yes siblings are welcome. This only takes an hour and a half of your time on Thursday mornings and if you cannot come every week that’s ok. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills while you meet some new people from the school. Please email seabrookschoolbanking@gmail.com or meet at the office straight after drop off on Thursday mornings.

Well done to the 145 Students who banked last week.

Congratulations to the following students that received a bronze and silver certificates this week.

**Bronze Certificate 10 deposits:**
Andi Mavrou, Daria Yoon, Marley Wadds, Orlando Cornejo, Scott Daisley, Cady Parker and Rishi Deshmukh.

**Silver Certificate 20 deposits:**
Jacob Lowes, Flynn Boothroyd, Joel Boothroyd, Nithika Ashok, Justine Pinyerd, Andreas Weickhardt and Sebastian Weickhardt.

The Term 2 competition has been draw and the lucky major prize winner is Hunter Christian School in NSW.

Another exciting competition will be starting next week so watch this space.

Remember to bank each week to be in the draw on the week that Seabrook Primary reaches 200 deposits in one week for the first time.

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.

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

Seabrook School Banking Volunteers

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Election Day Community Market - Expression of Interest

Seabrook Primary School is seeking expressions of interest from community members who may like to book one of 40 stalls on offer to be held on the day of the federal election.

The school will be providing food stalls and welcomes expressions of interest from all other stallholders. The school’s fundraising committee is seeking a balance of products, activities and goods and will have the final say based on variety of stalls.

A stall site is $25.00 for the day and stallholders are required to provide their own fold-up table and chair. The stalls can operate between 10.30a.m. – 3.30p.m. on Saturday the 7th September within the school courtyard and basketball courts weather permitting.

Please complete the form below and forward to the school expressing your interest and type of stall proposed.

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**
Seabrook PS Election Day – 7th Sept

**NAME:**

**STALL TYPE:**
(e.g. items for sale)

**PHONE NUMBER:**
Are you leaving Seabrook Primary at the end of 2013
This helps us with our planning

If your child/ren are not returning to Seabrook Primary school next year (excluding our current Grade 6 students), can you please fill in the details below and return to Mrs Susan Joyce. (at the office)

My child/ren  Grade ________ Room ________
__________________________________  Grade ________ Room ________
__________________________________  Grade ________ Room ________

will be leaving Seabrook Primary School:

☐ at the end of term 4 2013

and will be attending ____________________________________________ school.

Parent/Guardian Signature:______________________________ Contact No.______________________

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Discover - The excellence in you

City West Taekwondo offers students the opportunity to learn a martial art for life. With programs for ages 5 to adults, City West Taekwondo is a community club that not only provides mental and physical stimulation, but also encourages and promotes confidence through member participation in demonstrations and competitions from club level, through to International and Olympic level.

Bookings for term 3 are now being taken.
Phone: 9748 8833 or 0431 761 958
**SEABROOK TIMELINE**

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**GRADE 4 CAMP HALLS GAP 28TH - 30TH**

**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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**F.L.'S PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

- Repair leaking shower recess without removing original tiles
- Glass protection for glass shower screens
- Non-slip for tiled floor areas
- Leaking balconies
- Roof leaks, pointing of moving roof tiles
- Painting (internal & external)
- Pressure cleaning (paths & driveways)
- All general building maintenance

Qualified tradesman – 25 years experience

Licence number: 19797c

MOBILE NUMBER: 0427 644 251