From the Principal

Dear Parents

WALK-A-THON REMINDER
Our whole school walk-a-thon will be conducted on Friday April 19. We invite family members to join us as we walk to Comben Reserve. The children will walk in their grade groups and the groups leave the school in staggered time blocks. We will be able to notify parents of the leaving times closer to the date. Preps to year 2 will walk for approximately 45 minutes in total and the years 3-6 for a total of 90 minutes. Each group will have a break at the reserve before returning to school. As this is a fund raising event we would hope the children will use the Easter break as a time to gather sponsors or donations from friends and family. We must stress that we do not want children to approach strangers and door knock for sponsors. Let’s hope for good walking weather on the 19th.

PARKING AND CAR PARKS
We are still receiving complaints from residents and pedestrians about poorly parked vehicles in and around the school. We accept that we simply do not have enough car parking areas but must remind drivers of courtesy to residents and others road/car park users at all times. If you are using the visitors’ car park please be considerate and move on quickly to enable others to park. Please be aware of children and others who may be crossing when backing in the car park. We want everyone to be safe.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all the Seabrook children who completed in their events at Werribee Pool last week. The support from the parents and families was terrific urging the children to perform well. A full report follows in the sports report and again we thank Sue Joyce and Blair Ganley for their valued time in supporting the children to have a positive experience in their events. Seabrook took out 6th place in the big schools division. Well done to all!

DOGS
We have had a concern from a parent regarding dogs left at the school gate at the end of the day. Some pets that are tied up and left unattended appear frantic and agitated. Please consider the safety of the children and well-being of your dog. Perhaps your child could meet you and your dog near the rear gate. We thank all the families who are walking to and from school. This is a healthy and enjoyable time for you and your children and also eases the traffic congestion around the school.

NOTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM DAYS FOR 2013
School Council has approved the following dates for reporting and staff professional learning for this year:
Term 2 Thursday June 27 - Student led conferences
Term 3 Monday July 29 - Technology and Mathematics
Term 3 Friday August 23 - English

Please make a note of these dates, as children do not attend on these days.

PARENT AND TEACHER MEET AND GREET
Teachers enjoyed meeting parents this week in our first formal parent/teacher meetings. It makes a huge difference when all parties are working together. Prep parents will have further opportunities to get to know more about the prep curriculum evening Tuesday March 12 from 6.30 – 7.30.

TENNIS TERM 2
Lessons will be offered to Seabrook students commencing term 2. Information will be provided in the newsletter and on the website.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Nominations for School Council positions from the parent category must be lodged at the office by 5.00 p.m. Thursday March 7.

Have a good week.

Sue & Staff
School Council Elections 2013

Information for Parents

School Council Elections 2013

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on school council?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category** - more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category** - members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- **An optional Community member category** - members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- Standing for election as a member of school council.
- Encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

BIKE EDUCATION PROGRAM – Help Required

Each year, Seabrook PS. offers a BIKE ED. Program to small groups of students from years 2 to 4. This program teaches both essential bike riding skills, road safety awareness and basic road rules/laws. Parent helpers are required to enable the program to extend beyond the school grounds to utilise bike paths in the surrounding area.

This year the program will operate on Tuesday afternoons between 1.10 and 3.00pm. If you are available for one or both of those hours on a semi-regular basis and are interested in assisting staff with this program or would like more information, please contact Paul Cochran at Seabrook: cochranch.paul.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

SOMERS’ OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

Congratulations to the 14 boys and 6 girls from Years 5 & 6 who have been selected to attend the Education Department’s Outdoor Education program at Somers later this month. Final information regarding what to bring and transport details will be available in the next few days. I’m sure that these students will prove to be excellent ambassadors for our school during their nine days away.

Paul Cochran
The children in Grade 1MC have been exploring positional language during some of our numeracy classes this week. We have been describing where objects and people are, and using this language to give and follow directions.

We created a mindmap of words that describe the position of something, and then we took photos of all of the students in different positions to demonstrate our understanding of the language.

These photos were used to create a Powerpoint file, and our class worked together to add our own text. We have printed this and compiled a class book which each of the students will take home to read with their families.

In 2MS our literacy focus has been on recounts. Students have been writing a recount of their weekend focusing on a recount structure and using sequencing words. Here are some examples:

On Friday night, I went to my friend’s house and we played basketball. I went to the TAB with my next door neighbour and we had drinks (coke). We also got a toy with our chippies and sauce. I had fun and it was cool. Kai Vale

On Saturday afternoon, my family and I headed into the city to go to my netball game at the netball and hockey centre. We watched three games of netball while we were there. Soon after we had some food and Eloise and I played some games. After the netball we went home and I went straight to bed. I dreamt about the netball and about how much fun it was. Olivia Dowling

On Saturday morning my family and I went to the beach and as soon as we got there my brother and I went into the ocean. After playing in the ocean, we made a hole to sit in and made a sand castle together. When we got home I had a milo and played in the pool. I had lots of fun. Chloe Lamb

District Swimming Carnival

Well done to our 30 students who represented the school at the Laverton District Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. There were 10 schools competing in two divisions and all our swimmers did very well. The following children have made it to the Western Region Divisional Swimming Championships at Werribee Outdoor Pool:

- Jonathan Curry-Hughes in the 9/10yr Boys Freestyle and Backstroke.
- Hasanayn Ashraf in the 9/10yr Boys Breaststroke and Butterfly,
- Anna Quinque in the 9/10yr Girls Breaststroke and Kimi Widjaja in the 11yr Girls Breaststroke.

Well done to these children and we wish them the best for the next competition.

Well done to all the following students who competed and many of whom won or were placed in their races:


9/10yr Boys: Archer Nicholls, Bowen Ware, Bashaar Sheik Taleb and Basir Sheik Taleb.

11yr Girls: Shayla Curry Hughes, Tamara James, Taja Batinovic, Sanjana Jaiswal and Lorita Selfeddine.

11yr Boys: Blake Nicholls and Sreekar Thimmareddy.

12yr Girls: Taylor Burke.

12yr Boys: Bishr Sheik Taleb, Connor Williams and Sajjad Aloabaidi.

In the final scores Lumen Christi came first by a couple of points from Queen of Peace, Point Cook who were just a few points ahead of Seabrook, then Carranballac. We had lots of children in the 9/10yr age groups and not as many in the upper year levels, where we often had a 9/10yr girl compete in these age groups. Some even swam in the 12yr boys races to help fill the gaps. Stella Maris PS won the small schools division ahead of Altona Green.

Blair Ganley
Health and Physical Education Teacher
The Select Entry Learning Program at Werribee Secondary College

This program, is designed to meet the special needs of more able students, providing them with a curriculum which is more challenging than that for mainstream classes. The program caters for students who may excel in verbal and literacy skills as well as for students who excel in mathematics. Modifications to the curriculum ensure that students are stimulated towards attaining the potential which they possess.

Outside the classroom, students participate in a number of enrichment activities aimed at broadening their horizons, stimulating their interests and building their confidence. These activities include (amongst others), a Guest Speaker program, Public Speaking program, Debating and National subject competitions.

Werribee Secondary College has the only accredited, Department of Education, Select Entry Learning Program in the Wyndham District. The College is very accessible to students from a wide area, being conveniently situated just several minutes' walk from Werribee Railway Station, and serviced by many bus routes.

In order to enter the program, students need to apply and sit for a written test which is conducted at Werribee Secondary College in May - pre-registration is essential. For more information and/or to make an application to have your child enter the program, contact Werribee Secondary College on 9741 1822 and ask for an information pack to be sent out to you.

William Hatzis
Assistant Principal and SELP Manager
Werribee Secondary College

Angela Callea
Special Programs manager and SELP Co-ordinator

Senior Learning Community News from 6EH

Breaking news!

Students in 6EH have recently been transformed into PYP Superheroes! They may look like your everyday Seabrook Primary School students but they are in fact PYP superhero leaders of the school. While no one has seen their costumes and capes, it has been reported that students have been seen demonstrating essential PYP attitudes, both inside and outside of the classroom. Some of their known behaviours include empathy towards others, confidence to take risks towards their learning and respecting their peers.

To acknowledge these remarkable achievements, 6EH have created a superhero chart in our classroom that recognises these heroic attitudes. We want to celebrate the success of our grade 6 leaders by documenting their heroic behaviours and encouraging others to contribute to our board. So stay tuned and hopefully you can catch one of the 6EH superheroes in the act!

The Select Entry Learning Program at Werribee Secondary College

Dear Parents and Students

Please Note for the remainder of Term 1 - every Tuesday Lunch order will go into a draw to win a prize.

Among other items - For Recess we offer Chicken Fingers and Chicken Balls for 50 cents each. Recess food is not available for window sale at lunch. If you do want these items for lunch they need to be ordered in the morning. For the full list of available recess items please see the Menu available on the Seabrook PS website under Communities.

While we prefer correct monies for orders we will give change - if it is just a couple of coins we sticky tape the change onto the front of the lunch order bag - if it is more we put change into small plastic bag and staple it to the inside of your child's bag. Please make sure all coins are Australian currency. We, do not accept foreign coins even - New Zealand coins are not accepted.

Coming soon is new Menu for Term 2

Sonja Wolff
Canteen Manager
Getting The Numbers Right

Maths is part of our everyday experiences. We need to know how much things cost and how much we have to spend. We need to know how things fit together and the weight, shape, size and area of objects, especially when packing things like school lunch boxes and bags. And we all need to know the direction to take to get to school, work or the shops and to estimate how long it will take us to get there. These are just a few examples of how we use our maths skills every day, whether we think of ourselves as being good at maths or not.

Just like learning to read, your child will have already started to develop the math skills needed as they experience the world around them. These skills will be further developed this year at school by manipulating and playing with objects that develop links between their immediate environment and everyday language.

Your child will also learn to count forwards and backwards 0 to 20, whether they start counting at 0 or 11. They’ll also build on their child care and kindergarten learning by participating in activities that help them identify and name different shapes (squares, circles, triangles) and to describe things in terms of bigger, longer, heavier or shorter. They will know terms like ‘yesterday’, ‘today’ and ‘tomorrow’ and be able to name the correct day (yesterday was Tuesday, tomorrow is Thursday). They’ll also be asked to follow simple directions (clap hands, stamp left foot, step to the right) and they’ll spend some time solving puzzles and grouping different shapes together (all blue squares and red circles).

Your child may not be able to do all this right now, but they will practice and develop these skills throughout the year.

Some of the things you can do at home to encourage your child to think about and explore maths include:

- ask your child to talk about or name the number of things in their picture story books
- go on a number hunt with your child; for example, get them to look for and identify cars with a number plate that has the number 2, or to look for and identify house or unit numbers with a 4
- collect a selection of different coloured everyday objects (pegs, blocks, beads or cutlery) and have your child sort them into groups of the same colour. Alternatively, start a repeated pattern (blue, red and orange, blue, red and orange) and get them to continue the pattern
- encourage your child to count while they play – like how many times can they jump, bounce a ball or hear a particular sound
- when you are out and about, talk with your child about the size and shape of things they see. Get them to look for particular shapes and count how many times they see them – how many times can we see a circle, the number of windows in houses along your street, or the shape of your roof.

Presently Prep teachers are interviewing each child to gain an understanding of their mathematical thinking and knowledge. This will help the teachers plan engaging maths learning activities for each child. Staff have recently undertaken professional development with a maths expert Michael Wymer. An important point he emphasised was the need to do less but do it more thoroughly to ensure children have a deep understanding of the number system. He also mentioned how anxiety about mathematics can begin in the early years and it is important to make maths enjoyable, clearly understood and relevant to the child’s level of development.

As well children will have brought home a matheletics card so they log onto this program and complete some engaging, challenging and enjoyable math activities.
School Banking Day is Wednesday, Tuesday for Preps only.

Well done to the 151 students that banked last week.

SCHOOL BANKING 2013 REWARDS

Dollarmite Money Boxes Available All Year
Wallet Available Term 1 and Term 2 2013
Handball Available Term 1 and Term 2 2013
Knuckles Game Available Term 1 and Term 2 2013

All Students in the school should have received a parent pack with the information for the new rewards. To avoid missing out please redeem your tokens as soon as possible as once the terms are over the product will no longer be available.

Please remember it is not too late to join the school banking program. Go into any Commonwealth Bank branch with your driver licence and child’s birth certificate and a Youthsaver account can be opened on the spot.

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

MISSING BOOKS FROM SCHOOL LIBRARY

Can parents please check at home for ANY Seabrook library books. There are many books outstanding and we would appreciate them returned for other students to access. Thank you for your assistance in this urgent matter.

Raelene Gramsbergen

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLAN 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian,

If you have a child/children enrolled at Seabrook Primary School who has asthma could you please return your child’s Asthma Management Plan and medication as soon as possible.

Our records indicate that we have over 120 students with asthma, however I have not received the same amount of Asthma Management Plans for 2013.

Asthma Management Plans can be collected from the office or downloaded from the school website.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at the office.

Asthma Trainer/Educator - Susan Joyce

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Hello everyone,

This term during after school care we will be running Active After-School community coaching clinics.

- Tuesdays - Taekwondo
- Thursdays - Rugby
- Fridays - Bocce

To attend the above clinics, children may be enrolled and booked in to the program to attend on that day. Numbers are very high at the moment and we have been booking out.

If you have booked in to attend the program on any particular day and you now do not require care, please remember to cancel your booking as someone else may be on our waiting list.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Carolyn - Co-ordinator OSHClub
**REMINDER:**

**THURSDAY 28th MARCH**
**END OF TERM 1**
**EARLY DISMISSAL  2.30PM**

**MONDAY 15TH APRIL**
**FIRST DAY TERM 2**

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**VISITORS PASS**

Occupational Health & Safety Regulations, require any person working at Seabrook PS including Parent Helpers to **SIGN IN**
**COLLECT PASS**
**SIGN OUT**
and return the Pass when leaving.

If you are working in the Grade 1 area, you can sign in/out in the Grade 1 Building.

All others are asked to come to the office.

Thank you for your co-operation.
**Emergency Evacuation Drill**

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1ST DAY TERM 2

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For further information Contact Vanessa on 0422 095 018

**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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