From the Principal

Dear Parents,

TELSTRA GRANTS

The School Council Grant sub-committee is happy to have received two $1,200 grants with the help of two Seabrook PS parents who are Telstra employees. We are one of 625 community non-profit organisations across Australia that will share in $750,000 of Telstra's Kids Fund grants available through the Telstra Foundation. The grants offered help boost children's connections to their local communities by providing improved facilities, programs and equipment across Australia. Initiated by Telstra employees, Val Djorseski and Bianca Miskovic the Telstra's Kids Fund has enabled us to partially fund our community vegetable garden, currently in the planning stage, and also to supplement costs required for new shade structures.

Other recipients of the grants include art and culture groups, sport and recreational clubs, disability services and environmental organisations. To find out more visit www.telstrafoundation.com. We are grateful to Val, Bianca and the grants committee for their efforts. If parents are aware of other grants our school might access please leave any details at the office.

WHOOPING COUGH

There are have been some reports of whooping cough in the area. Please see your doctor if you are unsure and kindly let us know so we can inform other parents.

NUT ALLERGIES

This is a reminder to our community that we have a number of children at our school who suffer from severe to life-threatening allergies. To support these children we ask that you keep nut based products for weekend snacks. These include Nutella products, foods containing nuts and seeds like muesli bars etc. This will put childrens parents and staff at ease knowing that our school community is showing consideration by reducing risks of cross-contamination for these children.

BOOK DONATION

Many thanks to Zoe, Tayla and Emily Kalevski for donating a range of books they no longer need. These will find good homes in our classroom libraries. We always happily accept donations of this kind.

SEABROOK STAFF BABY NEWS

Over the past five months we have welcomed 9 Seabrook staff babies. Congratulations to Mrs Kovacevic who delivered twins in January, to Mr Brown and family on the birth of a daughter Stella, Mrs Dobson’s family welcomed Sahara, Mr Trott has twins Katherine and Xavier, Mrs Moore had twins, Zoe and Noah and most recently Mrs Macauley who gave birth to a daughter Kate. Twins are in vogue at Seabrook with 5 staff members having twins over the past 2 years!! That could be a record. We wish everyone well.

DEAR PARENTS

We have been asked by the Parking and Local Laws Officer from Hobsons Bay Council to remind parents to observe the no standing signs outside the school along Mintaro Way. Motorists will also be booked for hovering outside the visitor’s car park in the bike lane and turning against the arrows on Point Cook Road. For the safety of our children and in order to comply with the law please drive past and use the roundabouts. The law enforcement officers will be taking registration numbers and fining motorists. The minimum fine is $144.00. We are all aware of how the traffic bank-up cause considerable trouble around the school so please allow additional time to park nearby and walk. We don’t want any pedestrian or motor accidents at our school.

Have a great week ahead.
STUDENT LED CONFERENCES June 26th

No school for students

We are pleased to be running student led conferences on Thursday June 26.

Teachers have spent considerable time and effort writing very detailed and descriptive reports outlining what the children have achieved and what their future learning goals will be. Together with the students comprehensive learning portfolios have been collated.

The learning conferences are a time when children can clearly describe their goals and achievements from Semester 1 and discuss with their parents and teacher their goals for Semester 2.

Advantages of student led conferences include:

- Greater accountability by students for their own learning
- Increased pride in achievement among students
- Increased confidence by students
- Increased learning independence by students
- More positive student teacher relationships
- Increased parental participation
- Increased communication with parents resulting in a deeper understanding and confidence in what happens in school

Each year level and class structures the conferences according to the needs and developmental level of the children. However, in most rooms you can expect to see students sharing their portfolios with their parents, several families in the room at once, a teacher talking to students and families and moving around, children showing their parents around the room discussing displays and work, sharing games, learning activities or computer learning. We expect parents will be in the classroom for 15-20 minutes and that each child will have the opportunity to fully discuss their portfolio and learning. Teachers and parents may spend a few minutes discussing reports but we believe the reports are comprehensive and informative and that the focus of the student led conference is for the child to discuss their learning.

As well as visiting the classrooms you may wish to make a booking to see a specialist teacher. For some children this is a real highlight of their learning- going to the gym to demonstrate a physical skill, visit the art room to share their creativity or going the Italian room to reveal their flair with Italian. Try to make the time to visit our specialist teachers.

Student led conferences are an important and valuable part of the rich learning that occurs at Seabrook. I urge you make the most of this opportunity. Please give constructive feedback to your child- teachers may have sentences starters, questions or prompts to help facilitate the discussion.

Details to follow on how to book a time for the conference. Remember you must bring your child to the conference.

We look forward to a most rewarding and positive exchange about your child’s learning journey.

Ann O’Connor
Assistant Principal
The children in Prep VS have been investigating the 'connection' between plants, the sun and water through our inquiry focused on The Garden. We have also been inquiring into the 'connection' between plants and the creatures that live in our gardens.

They have been interested to see that birds and insects have been seen around the garden beds. This is reinforcing the concept of 'connection' as they now understand that the birds and insects need the plants for food and shelter. We are hoping that the birds and insects leave enough lettuces for us to harvest.

This week we planted a variety of lettuces and some flowers in the raised garden beds in the courtyard. The children learnt about the correct planting techniques and determined that our plants require both sun and water to grow.
In Grade Two we have been working very hard on becoming thoughtful readers by employing a variety of comprehension strategies to help us make meaning from a text in many ways. We have been learning to make logical predictions using text clues as well to ask and answer different types of questions before/during/after reading. Most recently we have been working on the strategy of visualisation, through the use of poetry and fictional texts. Below are some student comments and work samples linked to visualising!

We can use words like adjectives and verbs to help us visualise.

Sienna

We can use our five senses to help us add more detail to the pictures we make in our mind.

Hayley

Visualising helps me to picture what a character looks like and how they might act.

Matthew

We can change or add to our mental images as we keep on reading.

Taylah

Visualising helps me to imagine parts of the story especially when there are no pictures.

Filip
MSJ 2015
Limited places are available for 2015. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
29th May, 19th June, 31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014

MSJ Open Day 2014
Sunday 12th October, 11am – 2pm

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 19th May) word is…..

“Mi dispiace”
I’m sorry

MSJ 2015
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
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

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

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
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

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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/onegoal.

Sundram Moodley       Acting Assistant Principal

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School Banking

Well done to the 164 students who banked last week.
Remember to bring you banking wallet each Wednesday to be in the Seabrook School Banking Competition

Congratulations to the following students that have received their bronze certificate:
Natalie Lowes, Mia Fynney, Yusef Farooq, Isabella Enzerink, Riaan Lalwani, Atharva Halapeti, Alexia Pandazopoulos, Charlotte Byrne, Alexandra Smith, Claudia Tippett, Eloise Dowling, Alicia Wong, Genevieve Lee, Olivia Dowling and Daria Yoon.

All students in the school received a brochure on the fantastic competition being run for term 2. It is never too late to join school banking and still time to be eligible for the competition. Not a member of school banking yet? It is very easy to open a Dollarmite account:
1) At your local Commonwealth Bank branch,
2) Via Netbank if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank Customer,
3) Call 13 2221.

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

Seabrook School Banking Volunteers
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**SEABROOK TIMELINE**

May / June 2014

- **Grade 5 Camp Sovereign Hill 21st - 23rd**
- **Mon**
  - 9am Assembly Grades 5 & 6
  - Grade 2 swimming
- **Tue**
  - School Nurse attending for the preps
- **Wed**
  - Evacuation Drill at 12:00
- **Thu**
  - Grade 1 Assembly 2:30pm - 3pm in gym
- **Fri**
  - Grade 1 & 5 Incursion - Naidoc
  - Prep Assembly 2:30pm - 3pm in gym

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