From the Principal

Dear Parents,

REMINDER
QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
9TH JUNE  NO SCHOOL

STUDENT LEARNING
There has been a range of exciting learning opportunities across the school as year levels delve into their enquiries. The preps have been planting, the ones building their own communities, the twos are finishing off their understandings about human emotions, the threes have been conducting experiments, the fours are exploring the importance of water and visited Skeleton Creek. The fives are discovering how art becomes a form of expression with an up-coming visit to the art gallery. Our year sixes are preparing for the Canberra tour next week, with other children learning about democracy and citizenship within the local context. We wish our year 6 children and staff a very successful week in Canberra.

CAR PARKS
We are fully aware that we have in adequate parking opportunities around our school so it is important that parents share the spaces we do have, that is, moving on to allow others in. Please take extra care when backing so you don’t hit a child or another backing car. Double parking is inconsiderate and causes a further range of issues. If in the visitor’s car park there are no spaces the driver must exit the slowly park and find another place to park. Stopping over the bike lane is against the law so please be prepared to drive on if the gate is closed or the driveway is not clear. Thank-you

SKOOLBAG
We are happy that we have 657 people and growing using the Skoolbag app. We hope you are finding this a helpful resource. If you would like to log in your child’s absence using this facility please add your child’s teacher, grade code, e.g. 6JB (year level and teacher’s initials). If your child is away for only one day for example, you insert ‘from 28 May’ to ‘28 May’. This is a 24 hour period. Also add in ‘Reason’ section for example, ‘unwell’, ‘doctor/dentist appointment etc’. If it is of a personal nature you are very welcome to contact the office by phone. This enables us to code the absence for our departmental data. If you have any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

REPORTS AND STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES
Our teachers are working very hard on preparing the mid year reports for your children. They will provide a substantial overview of the learning over the past four months at school. The children are adding pieces of work into their portfolios ready to share with you at the student-led conference day June 26. The opportunity to book an appointment time with your child and teacher will be available in June. This is a very important learning opportunity for your child and will supplement the report with some work samples of the learning journey.

Have a great week ahead.

Sue & Staff
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
On Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th} May the grade 1’s went to the Point Cook Town Centre as part of our Inquiry into “How We Organise Ourselves.” Here are some photos from the day.

The grade 1 students are also learning how to write in the Persuasive Genre. Here are some of Grade 1 GV’s first attempts at Persuasive writing.

**We have too many Shops**  
I think we have enough shops because we have Target, we have Coles, we have everything. When we went there on the excursion I saw lots of shops at Point Cook Town Centre so there is almost everything. If I want clothes I can buy them at TARGET. If I want to buy food I can buy them at COLES and ALDI. If I want to borrow books I can borrow them from Point Cook LIBRARY. My question is that if we can buy everything we need why do we need more shops?  
By Isabel.

**Shops**  
I think we need more shops. I think that because when I went to Point Cook there wasn’t many shops. K Mart was not there and a $2 shop wasn’t there.  
By Lauren.

**We have enough shops**  
We have enough shops because there will be no trees, roads, grass, water and animals if we have too many shops. If we take away some shops it will be better for the environment.  
By Ayden.

**We need more shops**  
There are no good shops. When I went to Point Cook Town Centre I got a bike but it broke. We need a shop that sells bikes only.  
By Laim.

**We need less shops**  
We need less shops because there are lots of shops. We need less banks. We need to spread the shops out so there is room for trees.  
By Dia.

We have enough shops because there's grass and trees and houses. Point Cook has nice shops we can buy things we need.  
By Chole.
The data collected is evidence of all the things that Grade 4 AU observed and learnt when they went on a scientific research to Skeleton Creek. They studied the cause and effect of pollution and the tally indicates that most of the pollution observed was cans and plastic bottles. They also collected samples of water from the creek to study the alkaline and acidic content of the water. Plants were brought back into the classroom and were identified using ITC. The bird life was identified using a local bird chart. The students enjoyed their scientific research into their local community.

- **Eco System Of Skeleton Creek 12/5/14**

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- **Testing Water Sample From Skeleton Creek**

- **Birds At Skeleton Creek That We Saw:**
  - Indian Miner Birds
  - Wood Ducks
  - Swans
  - Pacific Black Duck
  - Sparrows
  - Magpies
  - Willie Wagtails
  - Wattle Bird
  - Superb Fairy Wren (Nest)
  - Moorhen
  - Rainbow Lorikeet

- **Plants that we saw at Skeleton Creek:**
  - Thorny
  - Gum Trees
  - Reeds
  - Clover
  - Pin Tree
  - Weeds and Grass
  - Palm Trees
  - Cactus
  - Dandelions

- **Transection of landscape:**

compiled by Sophie and Natalie
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 26th May) word is…..

“MI SCUSI”
Excuse me

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

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To pay securely online or order your Digital Membership visit: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1899y72
For your information

Parents and friends
During the year we send out requests for helpers to assist with fundraisings.
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

Watch Michael: Watch this youtube clip of Michael presenting this month’s updates http://youtu.be/NFhRPoiG_Cc
Insights articles: Healthy ways for kids to manage emotions and Social Netiquette.

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
Susa J

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. 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
For your information

Super worm juice!
Are you looking to give your garden a boost?

Are you looking to boost your vegetables, fruit and general flower garden? Look no further. Seabrook Primary School is worm farming! We are turning your child’s fruit and vegetable scraps into pure organic fertilizer with the help of our little squirming friends—the worms. Our worms are busy munching away and breaking up your food scraps so they can give us back pure, organic, rich worm juice. This juice is carefully poured into bottles for your convenience.

The worm juice has wonderful benefits for any use around your garden! From enriching your soil in nutrients and minerals to kick starting your seeds and stimulating flowering.

Bottles of this juice are on display at the front reception for you to view and purchase. Bottles cost $5.00 each.

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 170 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:

Aishi Bhatia, Summer Farley, Chloe Wong, Lilli Hinz, Dillon Nerapanda, Marley Wadds, Destiny Idol, Meika Oravec, Laura Daisley, Emma Botsaris, Max Dimitriadis, Lachlan Thorpe, Lucas Mifsud, Dara Heang, Sammy Heang, Matthew Young, Samson Farley, Tra-mi Gilmore, Jim Botsaris, Jasmine Kehagias, Paros Dimopoulos and Asha Beiermann-Gilbert

Have you been to Coinland to visit the Pru, Spen, Addy Pat and Cred? They will show you the importance of saving whilst having fun. Simply go to www.coinland.com.au to join now.

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

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**Student Led Conferences 26th June**

*student free day*

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