From the Principal

Dear Parents,

SEABROOK’S CAMPING PROGRAM

As part of our camping program grade two children enjoyed their experience of sleeping away from home last week. Approximately 100 children participated in the program preparing them for their 2 night camp in grade 3. The children were very excited undertaking the activities and most likely were quite tired after a day at school on Friday.

Our Grade 3 students arrived safely at the camp at Phillip Island. They stopped for morning snack and are beginning their 1st activity as this newsletter goes to print.

Next week our Grade 1 students have their late stay at school. Grade 5 campers are off to Sovereign Hill on the 19th-21st November.

A big thank you to the staff and parents who take time away from their families to support this valuable program.

RUNNING IN THE COURTYARD

Staff are warning children about the dangers of running in the courtyard. We want to install in our children safety messages when moving through the courtyard with poles and concrete. We are asking the children to keep off the garden beds too. We are happy for parents to help us by reminding their children to move around safety in our courtyard by refraining from running and waiting to use their scooters and bikes once out of the school grounds. Representatives from the Calltex Petrol Station next door to the school also have concerns for the safety of our children riding scooters in the forecourt. Please remind your children about safe riding in our community.

WORM JUICE

Seabrook has stocks of ‘home produced’ liquid fertilizer. It is a natural and cheap way to fertilize your plants. It is for sale from the office or from Mr Smith in room 6. Worm Juice provides a wealth of nutrients and minerals (over 60 different elements providing many of the requirements for your plants). It is the enzyme in the worm’s digestive systems that allows all the nutrients and trace elements to become water soluble, therefore readily available for plant life. Ready filled bottles sell for $5.00 or bring your own container for a discount. We will use some on the newly developed vegetable gardens. Thanks to Barry Joyce our handy man for coupling up the water tanks and also to Melissa Boothroyd for obtaining these tanks free of charge.

CHESS LESSONS REMINDER

Endre Simon our chess teacher will start running lunch break chess lessons for children in P-2 (1:30pm – 2:10pm) and 3 - 6 (12:30pm – 1:10pm) on Wednesdays and Fridays commencing next week.

The After School Chess lessons will be held on Wednesday (3:15pm - 4:15 pm.) and on Fridays (3:15p– 4:40 pm). The fee will be $5/lesson/person.

SEABROOK BOOK FAIR

Please come and visit our BookFair form November 10th –14th. Lots of books are available for purchase.

Have a great week ahead.

Sue & Staff
Preps showing creativity

The preps have been working hard during their specialist Art classes to design a range of animals in a creative fashion. The skills that are taught to the children during art sessions are being transferred into the classroom, enabling students to show their creative side.

Thank you
Mr. Cochran
Our current inquiry is ‘The choices we make can influence our health’

We are exploring the choices we can make relating to food we eat, exercise we take part in, hygiene, rest, and the importance of family and friends for good health and happiness.

Our grade has enjoyed making and eating some yummy and healthy tabouleh, using parsley and mint we have grown ourselves outside our classroom.

We have also made two different fruit smoothies – banana and strawberry – MMmmmmm!

Last week we had lots of fun making and baking two loaves of delicious wholemeal bread. Most children thought the fresh yeast smelt “YUK” – but almost everyone loved our bread when it was finished. When we took them out of the oven we could hardly wait for them to cool down so that we could eat it!

The children in our class have been encouraged to try each dish we have made – even if they predicted that they would not like it. Everyone has been very brave and has done this, and some have even surprised themselves when they discovered that they liked what they were eating!

We love cooking in our grade!
On Thursday the 30th of October the Grade 2’s had a sleep over. The children had a great experience sleeping for one night at school. They participated in a variety of activities such as playing various sports games and watching a movie. They also enjoyed having pizza for dinner, popcorn and snacks with the movie and finally having cereal and toast for breakfast. The children also had the opportunity to be independent and responsible by setting up their own sleeping arrangements, brushing their teeth and also packing up all their belongings at the end of the sleep over. They also got to spend some time with their peers and also with the Grade 2 teachers as well as the volunteers. Thank you to all the Grade 2 Teachers and volunteers for making this event successful and wonderful for all the children.

Mrs Rima
Learning Time

Dear Parents,

Whilst we appreciate you visiting classrooms before and after school to support your child and show interest in their work some parents are lingering in the classroom after the music has started. This is impacting on learning time.

We need all parents (unless you are a classroom helper) to leave the classroom once the music starts. If you have any concerns that need to be discussed during learning time please come to the office and speak to an assistant principal.

We are very proud of the high achievement of our students. One of the reasons our children learn to such a high level is that we instil a respect for learning and utilise all available learning time.

Thank you for your understanding.                                                        Ann O’Connor  Assistant Principal

2015 MacBook 1:1 Laptop Program

Participating families in the 2015 MacBook 1:1 program should now be finalising payments at the office. As mentioned throughout the year, the previously released price estimates may fluctuate slightly, due to many factors, including the change in the Australian dollar. A final "locked in" price was issued last week in preparation for the bulk purchase of MacBooks, November 3. Please see Yvonne for your final amount.

Please note MacBooks can be ordered at any time (including next year), however, any MacBooks ordered after November 3, 2014, will not be guaranteed the latest "locked in" price.

REMINDER ALSO:
Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) or machines purchased privately outside the school will NOT be accepted at this stage. We review our ICT policies annually, and this may change in coming years. Our decision for 2015 is to NOT accept BYOD or privately purchased devices.

Machines "originally purchased" by the school, and if approved "prior" to 2015, may be able to be extended past the original three year lease term. Please note however, ongoing annual fees will be required in order to use older "pre-purchased school MacBooks" within the school, and includes extended insurance, software and VPP APP licensing extensions.

Any questions please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Black Sleeping Bag Cover

LOST If anyone has found a black bag for a sleeping bag please hand it into the office. This is missing from the Grade 2 sleepover.
Come along to the Library
Monday 10th to Friday 14th November
Book Fair times are 3:10pm - 4pm
Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Program

What is changing?

In the 2013 School Funding Reform Agreement, signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government committed an additional $5.4 billion school funding to change the way it helps low income families with education expenses. From 1 January 2015, the Government will support the learning needs of students from disadvantaged backgrounds by providing $34.5 million directly to Government schools.

Why is the EMA changing?

In 2013, the Victorian Government signed a $12.2 billion agreement for additional funding for schools in Victoria. This involves a $5.4 billion contribution from the Victorian Government over six years. The Government was able to secure this additional funding without subjecting Victoria to significant intervention by the Commonwealth, achieving an enormously favourable outcome for Victorian families. In order to access Commonwealth funding, Victoria was obliged to shift as much education funding as possible into direct payments to schools. Had the Government failed to adhere to this condition, the entire additional funding agreed to by the Commonwealth would have been paid at risk for Victoria. By making this change, and redirecting EMA payments from parents direct to schools, Victoria was able to secure this record increase in education funding which will benefit all students, and in particular those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

More information about the School Funding Reform Agreement can be found at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/vic/Pages/default.aspx (the link goes to TVLC)

When will the EMA program change?

From 1 January 2015, funding to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds will be distributed directly to schools, targeted through the Student Family Occupation (SFO) index. Funding will be provided to schools with the greatest densities of students from low socio-economic backgrounds, recognising their additional learning needs.

What funding for low income students will replace the EMA?

The Victorian Government will continue to support students from low-income families by distributing $34.5 million directly to the neediest government schools, in place of the EMA payment. This equity funding for government schools will be allocated according to Victoria’s existing needs based funding model, the Student Resource Package (SRP). The funding will be provided directly to schools via the SRP, targeted through the Student Family Occupation (SFO) index. To be eligible for SFO funding, a school campus SFO index must be greater than the statewide median SFO index. Funding for the SFO is targeted at those schools with students whose readiness to learn is affected by a range of circumstances, including prior educational experiences and family or other personal circumstances. The SFO was introduced in the 2005 SRP, based on findings from the University of Melbourne along with other key changes, in response to the need to better allocate equity resources. The SFO marker is constructed using parental occupation data that is submitted annually and weighted according to categorisation of occupations as per the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The University of Melbourne’s key findings found that student outcomes are directly correlated with disadvantage and disadvantage is concentrated in certain schools. SFO, at present, is the best predictor of educational outcomes. Funding is provided to schools with the greatest densities of students from low socio-economic backgrounds, recognising their additional learning needs. Consequently, SFO funding supports programs that focus on students at risk of not achieving success at school with particular emphasis on students with literacy problems. Victoria will allocate its contribution to non-government schools through the Financial Assistance Model (FAM).


How will students be supported by the payment?

The Victorian Government will continue to support students from low-income families by distributing $34.5 million directly to the neediest government schools, in place of the EMA payment. Funding will be used by schools to support students for school-based expenses previously covered by the EMA. These include educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

How will schools ensure the money is used for those students who previously attracted the EMA?

School principals and councils will be responsible for ensuring that students, who previously attracted the EMA, are supported to participate fully at school. Schools have complete flexibility, within their annual budgets, to address the specific needs of their students, and provide additional support, as required. While this new approach will see a change in the way the previous EMA funding is allocated, it is still expected that all schools will provide the support required for their students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Further information about the changes will be published on the Department’s website until 31 December at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/ema.aspx.

From the start of 2015, parents can direct their questions about the new funding arrangements to their child’s school.

How will schools in higher socio economic areas support children who previously attracted the EMA?

Schools have complete flexibility within their annual budgets to address the specific needs of their students, and provide additional support as required.


Access to State Schools Relief Committee support is available via the principal to assist with clothing/uniforms for families in financial hardship. The Commonwealth Government is primarily responsible for the provision of financial assistance to low income families through the SchoolKids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs. More information is available at SchoolKids Bonus.

What support will be available to schools that don’t receive additional funding, to assist low income families?


School council’s have the responsibility to develop policies and plans to allocate their overall resources in accordance with the goals, targets and strategies outlined in their strategic plan. This includes the allocation of funding provided under the SRP, any other funding provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, and locally-raised funds. Access to State Schools Relief Committee support is available via the principal to assist with clothing/uniforms for families in financial hardship. The Commonwealth Government provides financial assistance to low income families through Schoolkids Bonus.

How will families be informed about the changes?


A letter from the School Council President to parents has been included as part of the 2015 Indicative SRP circular.
FOR SALE
EMMANUEL COLLEGE UNIFORM

All preloved for a short time and in really good condition
BLAZER (95Y) - $130
Rugby top (100cm) - $40
Track pants (small) - $20
Shorts (size 12) - $15
Rain jacket (Med) - $50
White blouse (16) - $15
Call Maria – 0438 355 870
We also have some books from Yr 7 and 8.

Just ask I will check if we have them.

Call Maria – 0438 355 870
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 should 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 contact the Leadership Team.

Thank you for your support

Principal Susan Lee

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 word is..... “Andiamo”
meaning - Let’s go
Pronunciation - Undie - ar - mow

Andiamo second week running

Prescribed Medication Authority Forms

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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
For your information

**Point Cook Football Club**
**Football Academy 2014**
**FUN** **FITNESS**
**FRIENDSHIP** **SKILLS**

The Point Cook Football Club Academy is designed to give AFL players of all ages the opportunity to develop their fitness, football and life skills and to become the best that they can be. It also includes an AFL draft testing component. The 5 sessions will be held at Saltwater Reserve Point Cook on the Tuesday evenings 4:30pm - 6:00pm Nov. 18th & 25th & Dec. 2nd, 9th & 16th

Cost............$80 per child for new participants or $50 - Previous participants

**PLAYERS FROM AUSKICK AND CLUBS OTHER THAN POINT COOK ARE WELCOME !!**

Go to www.pointcookfc.com.au to get a registration form and email to lisarouvray@bigpond.com or post to PCFC Academy, PO Box 6268 Point Cook 3030

For further enquiries please contact Head Coach Peter Gardner on 0419 440 325 or email Academy Administrator Lisa Rouvray on Lisarouvray@bigpond.com

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**Cooraminta Children’s Centre Inc.**
**3 Year old Kindergarten**

Cooraminta Children’s Centre in Altona Meadows has vacancies for 2015.

For 2015 session times please refer the website: www.cooramintachildrenscentre.org.au

If you are interested, please call the centre on 9315 7677 or 0417 362 299

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**CFME**

The Results are Out! You had the interview. Are you still procrastinating getting the much needed coaching HELP for your child?

Call today: 9816 9111 or 1447 030 840

Maths / English

Prep - VCE

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**Have you downloaded Seabrook's new app Skoolbag?**

- It will provide newsletters and other school information
- Type "Seabrook Primary School" into iTunes or Google Play
- You can apply filters to direct relevant information
- We hope you find this useful

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**Point Cook French Club**

French through games, role-play and song

Learning program for 4-12yrs

4 years in Willy - now in Point Cook!

Small group environment with experienced, native-speaking teacher

Places strictly limited.

**Mondays 4.00pm – 4.45pm**

Point Cook Community Learning Centre
1-21 Cheetham St Pt.Cook

Contact Jim 0432 719 034

Jim.cailahan@icfclubs.com.au
It’s term four and we are encouraging all parents to provide a spare hat in their child’s bag for After School Care.

For any new parents interested in before or after school care, our open times are:
7:00AM - 9:00AM (Before School Care)
3:10PM - 6:00PM (After School Care)

OSHCA Program Phone: 0411 302 879
Coordinators: Katie and Amanda
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 where all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account!

Important Dates for School Banking.
Wednesday 3rd December 2014 - Last day to bank and redeem for 2014.
Wednesday 4th February 2015 - First day of school Banking for 2015.
Tuesday 10th February 2015 - Account opening day.
Please note preps will bank on a Tuesday until they start school full time and then Wednesday with the rest of the school.

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

School Banking Volunteers
# Seabrook Timeline

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**Scholastic Book Fair** 10th - 14th November 3:10pm - 4pm

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**Are you leaving Seabrook Primary at the end of 2014**

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 as soon as possible)

My child/ren: ___________________________

- Grade: __________
- Room: ________
- Grade: __________
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- Grade: __________
- Room: ________

will be leaving Seabrook Primary School:

- □ at the end of term 4 2014

and will be attending ____________________________ school.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ ContactNo. ____________________________