From the Principal

Dear Parents,

GET-TO-KNOW PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS
We hope you have been able to meet your child’s teacher and some of the specialist teachers your child will be working with this year. If you missed the on-line booking process you are welcome to contact the teacher to make a mutually agreeable time to meet. The teachers have commented on how supportive Seabrook parents are and that being able to meet parents sets up a good start to the year. Just a reminder for parents of prep children that you are invited to join your child’s teacher for a one hour information session in your child’s classroom on Thursday the 12th of February starting at 6:30 - 7:30pm.

A REMINDER ABOUT PARKING IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL
As there is limited parking in the visitors’ car park, parents will need to park around the school. When doing so please observe the parking restriction signs and yellow lines. It is so important that we each show courtesy to one another and respect our local neighbourhood. We suggest that parents are prepared to allow extra time to park a few streets away where there are no restrictions and walk into school. Please also consider the safety of the children and adults crossing roads.

In recent years we have received numerous complaints from our neighbours about Seabrook parents parking across their driveways preventing them from entering their own properties before and after school. The local authorities will record registration numbers and book motorists. We don’t want our community booked.

If parking in the visitors’ car park please be aware that drivers driving and parking on school property do so at their own risk. Please observe the turning lane signs in and out of the car park and never leave your car double parked.

Thank you for your consideration.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA TOUR
Mr Bell advises that there are still some vacancies for this tour being held August 3rd-7th for year 6 students. Please contact the school if you and your child are interested. A $50 deposit will secure a place.

BIKES HELMETS
We encourage children from grades 3-6 to ride to school and younger children accompanied by an adult. Parents, can you please ensure your child wears their safety helmet and are familiar with the safest route to school? We have ordered additional bike racks to ease the over crowding of those outside the kitchen/science lab.

EXTRA-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES
MVP Music Tuition - singing and guitar - lessons have begun on Tuesday’s.
Chess Club - lunch time and after school - lessons have begun on Wednesday and Friday’s.
Primary Music Institute - keyboard – lessons have begun on Monday and Tuesday’s.
Fit 4 Life Health and fitness program – after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday’s.

USING THE SUPERVISED CROSSING
We would like to remind parents the importance of modeling safe walking practices by using the school patrolled or pedestrian crossings. Parents and children have been seen darting across busy Point Cook Road. This can be very distressing for drivers and sends a poor message to children about crossing the road safely. Fred and Alf are there daily at the crossing to support all our community when crossing the road.

continued report on the following page

All editions of our newsletters have the students first name and their initial of their surname, this is to provide personal security on the web.
Continued report from Susan Lee

It’s school council election time again

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL
School Council Elections 2015

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 statewide 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 the 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 coopted 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 the school council
• encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do 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.

Please come to the office to collect either form 5A Self-nomination form for Parent Member Category or 5B Nomination for Parent Member Category if you wish to nominate another.
Nominations must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday 23rd February.

SHADE PROTECTION IN THE PLAYGROUND
School Council is currently consulting to make a selection on the best type and quality shade structure to be erected over the adventure playground equipment. Over the past couple of years the school community has been raising money for this project. We have now reached our target and hopefully work on this project can start once the final details are decided. Thank-you to everyone who has helped raise this money. A new project will be announced shortly for our next fundraising efforts.

DOGS IN THE SCHOOL
School Council would like to remind our community that due to health and safety reasons we do not permit dogs in the school grounds or support pets being tied to the school fences. An exception may be made in the case of 'show and tell' arranged with the class teacher. Thank you for your understanding.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLOGY TO MEMBERS OF THE STOLEN GENERATIONS
On the 13th of February 2008 the Australian Parliament made a formal apology to members of the Stolen Generations. To recognize the anniversary of the occasion and in recognition of the Indigenous Australians Aboriginal the Australian Aboriginal flag will be displayed in our school foyer.

Have a great week ahead.

Sue & Staff
Caltex is supporting Seabrook

This is a promotion we are doing with Caltex (next door to the school) as part of our fundraising efforts.

This pamphlet can be taken into the Point Cook Road service station to get 1% off fuel and 5% of store items, as many times as you like before expiry 28th February 2015.

The discount on your purchases of fuel and goods will go to our school. We have the ability to earn $1000 for the school by the end of this month, however an extensions is likely.

We hope you will take advantage of this offer. We have been told your Seabrook Skoolbag App can also be shown at time of purchase.

Thank you for supporting our local business and in turn our school.

Please retain your receipts and place them in the green Caltex box in the office area. Thank-you

Dear Parents/Guardians

Have any of your home details changed and or emergency contact details? To keep your details up to date make sure you come into the office and supply Susan Joyce with your updated details.

Change of details form is on the following page. Thank-you

Many of you will know that on April 12th 2014 our gorgeous twins were born (Xavier and Katherine). What you may not know is that our little boy was born with a severe congenital heart defect known as HLHS. When he was 5 days old he underwent major heart surgery at the Royal Children's Hospital and has had follow up surgeries since. He has been through a lot but thanks to the staff at the hospital he is thriving and it's time that I give a little back in return for his good health.

I have decided to make a difference by taking part in Run for the Kids and raising money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could support my efforts by making a secure online donation and leaving a message of support. The run itself is a 15.5km run and will be a huge effort for me, so dig deep everyone.

Here is a link to my fundraising page: http://www.gofundraise.com.au/page/DavidTrott

You will receive a receipt immediately and you can even leave a personal message on my page too - please be nice! : )

Thanks for your support!

David Trott

Caltex will honour this coupon until the end of the month, simply cut out this flyer and present it at the counter.

Thanks for your support
SEABROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHANGE OF DETAILS FORM

Child's Name: .................................................................

Grade: ...........................................................................

Telephone Home: ..........................................................

Address: ...........................................................................

Mother's Name: .............................................................

Contact Numbers
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Father's Name: .............................................................

Contact Numbers
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Emergency Contacts
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   Relationship to child: ......................................................

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   Relationship to child: ......................................................

Signature: ........................................................................ Date: ..........................................


1LJ’s Classroom Library

The New Year has begun and the students of 1LJ have been busy organising their classroom library and choosing ‘Just Right’ books!

“A ‘Just Right’ book is a book you can read. I like to read Snow White, Frozen, Cinderella and Beauty and the Beast”.

Rachel 1LJ

“To choose a ‘Just Right’ book you need to read a page. If you can read all the words then the book is too easy. If you can’t read three words then the book is too hard for you. If you get two words wrong then the book is good for you to read.”

Afnan 1LJ

“In our classroom I like to read Zac Power, Toy Story, Dr Seuss, Mr Men and Ghost Pirate. I like these books because I like to read harder books and they are cool.”

Archie 1LJ
On 7th of February, one of Australia’s best selling authors, Andy Griffiths, was spending the day signing books at the Robinsons Bookshop at High Point Shopping Centre.

Many students from 5JB and Seabrook Primary School were very excited about meeting Andy Griffiths. His books can be found in our school library, as well as in many classroom libraries.

**Aneesh J from 5JB** was one of the students who was fortunate to see Andy Griffiths at High Point Shopping Centre on Saturday morning.

“Well when I was in the line I had butterflies. I couldn’t contain my excitement that was rumbling in my body. The closer we got, the more it rumbled.

Then, finally we entered the shop. My dad was kind enough to buy me an extra book to get signed. Once he was in sight, my heart was pounding. But finally we get there. The first thing I said was ‘hi’.

Then when he was signing my book, the magic started. I asked him how he gets his ideas, and there it was the secret told to me by the master.”

“He said that he made dot points and then chooses the best ones and for the ‘Just Series’, he chooses a topic and then dot points related to the topic and he would just write about the dot point. For example Just Disgusting, he thought of disgusting things and then writes about the disgusting things as a story. As we left the shop I was speechless and could not talk for ten minutes!”

**Aneesh J, Age 10, 5JB**
Dignity and Respect Statement

The Department of Education is committed to providing safe and supportive work environments where diversity is valued and everyone is treated with respect, fairness and dignity.

Discrimination, sexual and other forms of harassment, bullying, violence and threatening behaviour are unacceptable.

All employees, students, parents and visitors in schools and other DoE workplaces are expected to act accordingly.

The Department (which includes schools) and school councils, will act to ensure that the safety, security, health and wellbeing of all employees, students, parents and visitors in schools and other DoE workplaces are protected.

Prof. Peter Dawkins
Secretary
2006
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 envelope with student’s name, grade and amount and activity/event.

Thank you for your co-operation. 

Yvonne Golomb Administration

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**EMERGENCY ALERT. BE WARNED. BE INFORMED.**

If there is a bushfire, flood, severe storm or other major emergency near you, the emergency services may choose to warn you by text to your mobile or a voice message to your home phone.

**Emergency Alert** is the national telephone warning system. It uses the address where your phone is registered and the actual location of your mobile to reach you:

- when your home or school is near an emergency
- when you are travelling with your mobile near an emergency.

When the emergency services use the telephone warning system:

- a home phone within the warning area may receive a recorded voice message that begins with “Emergency, Emergency”, and/or
- a mobile phone that is switched on and in an area of mobile coverage may receive a text message.

The service is free and you do not need to register.

**The warning message will tell you:**

- which emergency service sent the message: eg CFA
- about the emergency and where it is
- what you should do to stay safe
- where you can get more information.

All telephone warnings come from the official number: +61 444 444 444

**Example Text Alert**

From: +61 444 444 444

**EMERGENCY WARNING FROM CFA**

Fire in Pohlners Road area. Visitors to Grampians National Park should leave now. Check local radio or visit emergency.vic.gov.au

**Talk to your child about the Emergency Alert system.**

If they receive a warning message on the home phone or a warning text on their personal mobile, encourage them to stay calm and show or repeat the message to a responsible adult they know, such as a relative or teacher.

If adults are not around, encourage them to follow the action given in the alert.

For more information about the system, visit emergencyalert.gov.au and watch the video (it’s in 30 languages).

**In an emergency, do not rely just on your telephone for a warning.**

- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Listen to local radio
- Visit emergency.vic.gov.au
- Download the FireReady app
- Go to facebook.com/cfavic
- Follow @CFA_Updates on Twitter
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Maureen Murphy on 9395 1758 or email murphy.mary.d@edumail.vic.gov.au
**For your information**

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**Tweens to Teens 12 week course**

**Course Contents**
- Skin Care
- Hand and nail care
- Hair-care and styling
- Health & Well being
- Healthy food choices
- Learn to make some healthy bee healthy snacks
- Dealing with bullying and teasing (personal and cyber safety)
- Speech and the art of conversation
- Personal grooming and presentation (posture, appearance, personal hygiene and gender knowledge)
- Wardrobe: Dressing for your body type
- Department-feature and how to shop in teens
- How to pose for a photo

Our trainers are experienced professionals who are dedicated to enhancing your child’s confidence and personal image, whilst teaching them the skills and techniques through everyday habits and pressures. We encourage a happy learning and non-competitive environment and our small numbers per class ensures that your child is not left out in the crowd and will be provided with personalised help and support.

**Classes start Friday February 27th**

Call 0434-216-567
Email: info@thewholesomekitchen.com.au
Website: www.thewholesomekitchen.com.au

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**Bunches of Lunches**

Making quick, healthy and yummy school lunches

Saturday February 14, 11am-2pm
Altana P-9 College - Corner Grieve and Civic Parade, Altana

Book at Eventbrite: http://tinyurl.com/BookingsBunchesofLunches

This workshop will show you how to make a week’s worth of healthy food options for school lunches that are simple to prepare. Participants will take home 5 lunch items (please bring plastic containers for these items), recipes and lots of inspiration from this workshop which is being run as part of the Altana P-9 College’s Seed Savers and Beyond garden program which covers food sustainability, seasonality and healthy, delicious meals to grow and eat.

This event is entry by suggested donation ($5 per person) to go towards the use of the College’s kitchen facility.

Refreshments provided. Contact office for queries:
(03) 9250 8050

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After school session hold at Featherbrook Community Learning Centre
33-35 Windorah Drive, Point Cook. ph:03 9088 0750  mob:0402 547 227

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- GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING
- PAINTING (INTERNAL & EXTERNAL)
- PRESSURE CLEANING (PATHS & DRIVEWAYS)
- ALL GENERAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE

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MOBILE NUMBER: 0432 955 176
Welcome back to School Banking for 2015!

All students have been sent home a copy of the new parents pack for 2015. The pack includes a new rewards card and a tracker to keep count of how many deposits you have made and how close you are to earning your next out of this world reward.

2015 Outer Space Savers Rewards

We’re excited to launch the new reward items for 2015 from our Outer Space Savers range.

- ET DVD and Planet Handball, released in Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen and Intergalactic Rocket, released in Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System and Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released in Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box and Lunar Light Band, released in Term 4
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***Nominations for School Council closes on Monday the 23rd of February at 4pm***

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**ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK**

This week's word is - “Ben Tornati”
Meaning - “Welcome Back”
Pronunciation...Ben Tornarty

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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

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**2015 advertising prices for our weekly newsletter**

$5.50 including GST for a business card size advertisement
$22 including GST for a 1/4 page advertisement

Contact: Maureen Murphy on 9395 1758 or email: murphy.mary.d@edumail.vic.gov.au