From the Principal

Dear Parents,

BUILDING RESILIENCE

As parents and teachers, we are all working constantly to assist our children in learning social conventions and how to be good citizens. As everyone is aware some children need a little more time and encouragement than others in developing these qualities. Teachers are constantly reinforcing and modelling the PYP attitudes and dispositions of the learner profile to help develop in children independence and self management. Sometimes children have issues with one another and teachers spend time daily discussing social strategies and appropriate ways to respond. We rely on our parents acting as role models and also talking to their children about peaceful ways of solving conflicts and avoiding misunderstandings. If there are issues at school we don’t expect parents to chastise children in the playgrounds. Please let us know as it is our role to talk to the children about their behaviour at school. Here are the qualities of the Learner Profile and Attitudes each class reviews and encourages and we hope parents will adopt these too and discuss them at home.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS

Nominations for school council are still open. We have 3 parent representative positions available. Please return form 5A or 5B to indicate your wish to be nominated. Nominations close on Monday 23rd February.

NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS ABOUT INSURANCE AT SCHOOL

It must be noted that parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. It is also my task to remind parents/guardians and staff that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

YARD SUPERVISION

Our playgrounds are supervised by staff before and after school each day. Please note however, that staff will patrol twenty minutes before the start of the day and at the end of the day. There is a large number of children here in the school grounds unsupervised from 8:00 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m. It must be noted that staff are not on playground supervision duty at these times. If you are running late in collecting your child after school teachers will wait with them for a reasonable amount of time in the classroom before bringing the child to the office area to wait for you. Teachers are expected to attend professional learning sessions after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

continued report on the following page
SEABROOK’S VEGETABLE GARDEN
We are thrilled to have harvested our first crop from our vegetable garden. As the year progresses more gardening work will take place with classes making connections to units of inquiry.

Have a great week.

Update from DEECD

**Information about Hepatitis A contamination of frozen berries**

As you may be aware, links were found over the weekend between 1kg bags of Nanna's frozen berries and at least five cases of Hepatitis A, three of which are in Victoria.

As a precaution and on advice from Dr Rosemary Lester, Victoria's Chief Health Officer, the company has recalled this product on 14 February and subsequently two further products on 15 February due to concerns about potential for contamination with hepatitis A virus.

The products recalled as at 9am 16/02/15 are:

- Nanna’s Mixed Berries 1kg; All batches up to and including Best Before Date 22/11/16
- Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries 300g; All batches up to and including Best Before Date 10/12/17
- Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries 500g; All batches up to and including Best Before Date 06/10/17

Consumers are advised to discard any of these products and to be aware of the symptoms of hepatitis A infection in the 15-50 days after consuming the berries.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has confirmed that the risk of exposure is very low but cannot be excluded. For any students or staff who have consumed the affected products, Dr Lester has advised people, parents and carers to look for symptoms 15 to 50 days after consumption.

Symptoms include fever, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark urine and yellow skin and eyes (jaundice). Symptoms may last for several weeks but full recovery usually occurs. Please consult DHHS’s [Better Health Channel](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au) for more information. Any person who is confirmed to have hepatitis A will be followed up closely and will be provided with further advice through the Department of Health and Human Services. If a student or staff develop any of these symptoms, medical advice through their local GP should be sought.

Please check any frozen berries and discard those which have been recalled. They can be returned to the place of purchase for a refund.
News from 2HR.

The students in 2HR have settled in very well into their new class. They have created their class essential agreement and have been busy learning lots of information about their new classmates. They have been learning about how we use the PYP attitudes and learner profile at school and at home.

During my first week in grade two, I made a poster that has lots of information about me. I enjoyed trying to make the boy look like me.

Christian

We have been learning about the PYP attitudes. I wrote about how I respect the people in my family.

Lauren

I have been learning about the PYP attitudes. I show cooperation at home when I clean my bedroom.

Lachlan

This is a poster about me. It will tell people in my class lots more about me.

Alexandra
International Mindedness

The other day in Italian, when I was teaching the grade ones and a grade four, I asked the children if anyone knew how to say ‘buonanotte’ goodnight in another language besides Italian and English. I was absolutely amazed to hear the word pronounced in 16 other languages on that day. Some included Greek, Chinese, Mandarin, Maltese, Hindu, Lebanese, Japanese… just to name a few… I told the children how great it was that not only do they learn Italian from me, but they also learn different languages (this whole notion of the PYP) from each other. It put a big smile on my face!

Paula Thomson
Italian Teacher

International Mother Language Day

*International Mother Language Day* is held on February 21st to ‘promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism’ Observed each year by UNESCO, the theme for 2015 is “Inclusion in and through education: Language counts”.

At Seabrook we have families from 87 countries and children come from homes where 35 languages are spoken. Many children learn a language after school hours. Parents are asking at the office where they can take their child to improve their mother language. If you can recommend a place for learning a language could you please let me know and I will continue to build a data base to help answer parent inquiries.

Many thanks,
Ann O’Connor
Swimming Trials & Carnival

We had our 9/10 year Boys and Girls Swimming Trials at Werribee Outdoor Pool (Watton St- Next to Football Ground) this morning and this Friday 20th February we have our 11 & 12 year Boys and Girls Swimming Trials at same venue between 7-8am. Any students who haven’t been able to attend training due to being in other squads already will need to attend the trials to qualify for the school team on Tuesday 24th Feb.

Good luck to all students at the trials.

The Swimming Carnival will be on Tuesday 24th February at Werribee Outdoor Pool between 9:45am - 2pm. All families are welcome to come along and cheer on the children and be part of a fun day. Notes went home Tuesday 17th of February for all swimmers who have been involved and all children were invited to the Swimming Carnival even if they miss out on an event. There will be six schools from the Laverton District attending the day: Altona Green, Altona Meadows, Queen of Peace, Laverton and St. Martin De Porres.

Blair Ganley

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**ART SHIRTS**

Parents please ensure that your child has a suitable art smock/shirt/apron at school with their name and room clearly labelled. Our two art programs frequently involve the use of paints, dyes and glues that are difficult to wash out of school uniforms.

Thank you

Paul Cochran and Pamela Tsigros
Art Teachers

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**Fundraiser Barbeque**

Saturday 22nd of February 2015
9am - 5pm
In Support of:
Seabrook Primary
Located at:
Masters
Home Improvement
Cnr Palmers & Overton Road,
Williams Landing, VIC 3027

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**Important reminder to students**

There have been a number of students who are riding their scooter or bike in the school ground. During drop off and pick up times at school, we do have many students, parents and carers walking around in the school grounds and entering or leaving classrooms. Therefore, if students are riding their bike/scooter/skateboard during these times, they may accidently hit or ride into someone, which may result in an injury or accident.

Students, who do come to school on their scooters, bikes or skateboards, are not to ride them in the school grounds at all and at any time. Once you arrive at school, you need to hop off your bike or scooter, and then take the bike to the nearest bike rack or the scooter/skateboard to your classroom.

Thank you
For your information

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.

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

Welcome afternoon tea/coffee
Janet, our school counsellor/social worker and Wendy, Learning community leader 3-6, offer a warm welcome to all members of our school community to drop in for a cup of tea or coffee on Wednesday the 25th of February at 2:10pm. It’s a great opportunity to get to know each other, especially if your child/children have recently commenced at Seabrook PS. This regular event will be held in the discussion room, at the end of the school library. It will be held at this time, on the last Wednesday of the month, on the following dates. Please come along and enjoy some friendly company.

Please retain your receipts and place them in the green Caltex box in the office area. Thank-you
Once again, Seabrook Primary School is providing free membership to Mathletics for all of our students for use both in the classroom and at home. This powerful internet based, award winning mathematics program is an exceptional tool in promoting increased confidence, understanding and enjoyment of mathematics in our students.

Mathletics is an important resource in our classroom numeracy programs. Teachers receive a great deal of useful data from Mathletics regarding individual student’s participation and progress through the different topics completed both at school and home. Teachers can individualise Mathletics to suite each student's ability, interests and learning requirements.

Parents can ensure that your children get the most out of Mathletics by:

- Taking an active role in your child’s mathematics progress,
- Encourage your child to use Mathletics at least 3-5 times each week,
- Encourage a balance between the Full Curriculum section and Mathletics Live,
- Take time to work together with your child. The Support Centre in each activity will help show how to solve a particular problem,
- Encourage your child to complete activities that challenge, rather than those he/she finds easy,
- If the level your child is working at is too easy, speak to the class teacher about setting a different default level for your child,
- Celebrate your child's success, print the certificates out and display them at home.

Mathletics is developing new activities and areas all the time. For more information on Mathletics check the web site or speak to your child’s teacher.

Paul Cochran

Mathletics

WYNDHAM ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY - OPEN MEETING -

Come along and get involved in planning for a Wyndham Aboriginal Community Centre

When? 11am – 1.30pm, Saturday, 21st February, 2015
Where? Central Park Community Centre
80 Lonsdale Circuit, Hoppers Crossing
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Aboriginal Community members are invited to attend and learn about plans to establish a Wyndham Aboriginal Community Centre.

This is an opportunity to get together and find out about ways to be involved to help make this dream a reality!

For catering purposes, please contact Marie Mullins, Wyndham Aboriginal Community Centre Project Officer. Phone: 8734 5488 ext 2024 or Email: Marie.Mullins@wyndham.vic.gov.au
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

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

For your information

Near New Stainless Steel Fisher & Paykel Fridge/ Freezer For Sale
Purchased new from The Good Guys store less than a year ago for use in an apartment (for eight months then stored till now). Excellent condition. Receipt available.
Freezer at bottom. 442L Height: 1680mm Width: 680mm Depth: 700mm Stainless Steel.
Point Cook Pick Up Ph Kevin 0478045383 $850 (half new price)

Bolero High Gloss White Table with Stainless finish legs For Sale
Purchased from Focus on Furniture less than a year ago for use in an apartment (8 months use then stored till now). Excellent condition. Four very comfortable Kildare black leather look chairs. Receipts available. White Bolero High Gloss table with stainless legs. 900mm x 900mm.
Point Cook Pick Up Ph Kevin 0478045383 $350 (half new price)

Black Leather Lounge Suite with attached chaise in new condition.
Less than a year old. Purchased from Focus on Furniture for use in an apartment for eight months, then stored till now. Excellent condition. Receipt available. Very comfortable. Will throw in two designer cushions and foot stool.
Total Length 3m x 2240mm (width of seating 920mm) Chaise 1310 x 930
Pick Up Point Cook Ph Kevin 0478045383 $850 (half new price)

For Sale
For your information

**The Select Entry Learning Program**

**At Werribee Secondary College**

This program, 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 Director and  
SELP Co-ordinator  
Werribee Secondary College

Werribee Secondary College will be holding a 2016 Enrolment Information Night on **Wednesday, 4th March, 2015** commencing at 7.00pm in the College Auditorium. Come along and find out what our College can offer your child. Information regarding the Select Entry Learning Program will also be available. Contact us on 9741 1822 for further information or to book a tour of the College.
For your information

10 lessons  $347
Phone: 9816 9111

Seabrook Community Centre
Available sessions Tuesday- Friday
www.seabrookplaygroup.org.au
PH: 0459 939 979

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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
DO YOU NEED BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE?

Our program opening hours as follows:

Before School Care: 7:00am-9:00am
After School Care: 3:10pm-6:30pm

For new prep parents please note that we walk your children to class in the mornings after a BSC session, and collect your children from class after school before an ASC session!

For more information feel free to come in and speak to our coordinators Amanda and Katie, or any of our friendly staff!

OSHC 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!

DO YOU HAVE A SCHOOL BANKING QUESTION OR QUERY?
Please email: seabrookschoolbanking@gmail.com

School Banking

Well done to the 127 students who banked last week

Blast off to Disneyland with School Banking in 2015

In a School Banking first, we're launching a new competition for one lucky School Banker to win a family trip to Disneyland, California. This is an exciting reward to be won by one of our Super School Savers. Students who make a minimum of 25 deposits in 2015 through School Banking will be automatically entered into the draw. This is a great way to motivate students during the whole year to stay on their savings journey and reach their savings goals.

View full terms and conditions at commbank.com.au/grandprize

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**ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK**

This week's word is - "Carnevale"
Coming from the Venice Carneval held in Italy at the moment

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**Prescribed Medication Authority Form**

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

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***Nominations for School Council closes on Monday the 23rd of February at 4pm***