From the Principal

Dear Parents,

STUDENT LEARNING IN PYP ACROSS THE SCHOOL

There has been a range of exciting learning opportunities across the school as year levels delve into their units of inquiry. The preps have been planting and learning about the needs of plants. Enjoy some photos of the wonderful costumes for their garden celebration day. The year ones have finished building their own communities and are now inquiring into how to care for our world. The year twos are finishing off their understandings about human emotions, the threes have been conducting experiments concerning ‘matter’. Year fours are beginning to explore expression through the dramatic arts. The year fives have been discovering how visual art becomes a form of expression following their visit to the art gallery. Our year sixes are busily preparing for their PYP Exhibition to be held at the school in June. Parents and visitors are most welcome to join the students and other visitors on Wednesday 17th June between 7pm - 8pm.

SKOOLBAG

We are happy that we now have 1584 people using our 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 into the 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 correctly for our departmental data. If you have any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

Please be advised you can have the Skoolbag messages sent to you via email. Simply visit the schools website www.seabrook.vic.gov.au scroll to the bottom of the front page and click on the Skoolbag icon to subscribe.

REPORTS AND STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES JUNE 25TH

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 25th. There will be no school on this day. The opportunity to book an appointment time with your child and teacher will be coming home in June. This is a very important learning opportunity for your child and will supplement the report with some samples of the learning journey.

continued report on the following page
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND
The Victorian government has introduced a new initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for the $125 per year. This payment will go directly to the school and is allocated to eligible child.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

on the first day of Term two, or; on the first day of Term three;

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term two or term three.

If the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validates on the first day of term two (13 April 2015), the application will be processed and the full annual payment will be made to the school from the commencement of term three.

For applications which fail the term two validation, but become valid on the first day of term three, the application will be processed and payment will be made to the school during term three.

Details on pages 8 - 10 and also available on both the Skoolbag App and our schools website.

If you are eligible lodge your form to the school as soon as possible.

WALK-A-THON
Thanks again to everyone who donated/sponsored the children for walk-a-thon earlier this term. We have raised $7,894.85 which is a terrific contribution towards our target of $40,000 to enable us to undertake some major works. We have a couple of options in the pipeline but cannot commit just yet to one project. More fund raising opportunities are planned this year including the Ladies Night Out, our annual chocolate drive and a trivia evening in term 3. Thanks again for your support.

Have a great week ahead

Dear Parents/Guardians

Kindly be informed that there will be an information session for Prep to Grade Two Parent Helpers, next Wednesday 3rd June in the Grade One building from 9:15am - 9:45am. We look forward to seeing you all there. Thank you for your ongoing support.
OKS have been ‘digging’ into their second inquiry, ‘living things depend on each other and their environment’. We have been studying the life cycles of butterflies, bees, plants and birds. Through different investigations we have seen our plant heads start to grow alfalfa sprouts and our newest member of our class, the crazy caterpillar start to grow its grass fur. We also made predictions, when we watched our celery experiment change colours. OKS are looking forward to the Prep Garden party on Wednesday.
To celebrate Naidoc Week we had a representative from the Aboriginal community who travelled all the way from the Great Dividing Range in New South Wales to visit us and share his knowledge of his culture.

We enjoyed listening to the music, participating in the dance and watching a fire being started. Thank you Troy for sharing and giving us an insight to your knowledge.

Troy made fire with the sticks. Elvina

From this I learnt that...

Aboriginal people used logs to make the didgeridoo. Benjamin
On the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of May the grade five students had an opportunity to experience Aboriginal arts with Troy Allen from Bundjalung Goori (East Coast). He showed the students dances, hunting weapons, and accessories from the Aboriginal culture. This fitted in very well with our new inquiry: ‘The Arts Are a Creative Expression and Interpretation of the World’. I enjoyed watching Troy perform the dances and hearing all the traditional music.

Dylan C

This week is NAIDOC week. At any recess or lunchtime, come to the front of the office and purchase a set of stationary and a wristband for $2.50! The wristband comes with the set so you can get both.
19th May 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT) is pleased to invite our school to participate in the 2015 Australian Mathematics Competition sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. The date of the competition is Thursday 30th July 2015 and the entry cost is $6.00 per student. The entries are to be submitted by the school, on Monday 8th June 2015. Therefore, if your child (Years 3-6 only) is interested in participating in the Mathematics Competition, please complete the permission slip below and return along with the payment to your child’s teacher by Friday, 5th June 2015. Please note that late entries will not be accepted by the Australian Mathematics Trust.

Thank you for your support.

Sundram Moodley

Acting Assistant Principal

PERMISSION SLIP – Australian Mathematics Competition (Years 3-6 only)
Thursday 30th July 2015

RETURN BY Friday 5th June

I give permission for my child __________________________
in Grade ___________ to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Please find enclosed a payment of $6.00.

Parent/Guardian’s name: ________________________________

Signed ___________________________ ____________________________

(Parent/Guardian) Date

This form is available from the front office. The permission slip and payment is due by Friday the 5th of June.
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.

Skoolbag for Windows Phones is now live!

Skoolbag is pleased to announce that Skoolbag is now also available for Windows Phones.

For Windows Phone users simply look up “Skoolbag” in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find our school, and pin it to the Phone's Home Screen. You can now enjoy all the same features as your iPhone and Android users.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

Order forms have been distributed for the 2015-6 Entertainment book. There is an enormous variety of special deals on offer including food vouchers, fun family activities and travel. Please help the school by encouraging your family members, neighbours and work colleagues to buy a copy or an on-line version. Great savings are possible and families who buy the book for $65 find they cover the cost of the book in using 2-3 of the hundreds of vouchers and special deals available.

To order your Entertainment Book visit www.entbook.com.au/1893y72

Italian - WORD OF THE WEEK

This week's word is - “mi sento male”
Meaning - I’m unwell

Parents and friends

PARENT HELPERS needed for the Sausage Sizzle on the last day of term 2, Friday 26th June

If you would like to assist please register your interest by emailing seabrookhelpers@live.com.au
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

The CSEF application form is available from the front office.
CSEF eligibility
Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:
• on the first day of Term two, or
• on the first day of Term three;
1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.
Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend schools in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

Payment amounts
CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.
• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

How to complete the application form
NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
   The CSEF payment is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

2. Complete the STUDENT’S DETAILS section for students at this school.
   - enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
   - enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/03/2008.
   - enter the YEAR LEVEL unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or a language Centre, then enter ‘UNGRADED’ in the YEAR LEVEL column.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.
Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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CSEF Application Form

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb State Postcode
Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child’s surname Child’s first name Student ID Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status. This consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant Date / /
EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but.....

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Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?

That’s when every minute counts the most!
For your information

VISITOR’S PASS

Occupational Health & Safety Regulations require any person working at Seabrook Primary School including Parent Helpers to SIGN IN COLLECT PASS SIGN OUT and return the Pass when leaving.

If you are working in the Grade 1 area, you can sign in/out in the Grade 1 Building.

All others are asked to come to the office.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Principal Susan Lee

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

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

PARENTS

Please do not double park when dropping off or when collecting your children in the visitors car park as you are blocking in others. Please be patient when using this area.
MSJ Open Mornings
9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
28th May, 18th June, 13th August,
10th September, 12th November

MSJ Open Day 2015
Sunday 11th October, 11.00am – 2.00pm

MSJ College Production
Beauty and the Beast is coming to MSJ.
Keep the following dates free:
Friday 19th June @ 7.00pm
Saturday 20th June @ 12.30pm and 7.00pm

MSJ 2016
Limited places are available for 2016. 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 or Ph: 8398 2007.
Have you downloaded Seabrook’s App - Skoolbag? It will provide newsletters and other school information. Type ‘Seabrook Primary School’ into iTunes or Google Play or Windows Store. You can apply filters to direct relevant information. We hope you find this useful.
For your information

**OSHClub**

At OSHClub we have an ‘ABSOLUTELY NO PETS’ policy! This is to ensure your child’s safety at all times, and to eliminate the risk of pet related harm.

We appreciate your support and understanding.

OSHClub 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](http://www.oshclub.com.au) where all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account!

**SEABROOK SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Open Every Thursday during the School Term 2:30-3:30pm in the Meeting Room (next to the Library)

We Need...
Jumpers—especially the larger sizes...
10, 12, & 14

for all enquires phone Hanah
0448 256 147

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**Last day for Banking this term is Wednesday the 17th of June**

**Well done to the 179 students who banked last week.**


There has been a fantastic response from the children redeeming rewards with their tokens. Please remember that once a request has been verified the order will be placed with the Commonwealth Bank and the items is posted from Sydney. The reward is then given to your child’s teacher. All of this takes time and can take up to 2 weeks.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you are saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your deposit book each Wednesday. Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program

Do you have a school banking question or query? Please email: seabrookschoolbanking@gmail.com
School Banking Volunteers
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NAIDOC Incursion Prep  
Grade 2 Swimming | Prep garden fun day | Divisional Cross Country District Qualifiers | Grades 1 & 2 Assembly 2:30pm - 3pm | |

**NAIDOC Week 25th - 29th**

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**Saturday 13th June - 2016 Prep School Tour 10am - 11am**

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**PYP Exhibition Grade 6 Students 16th, 17th & 18th**

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| Grades 5 & 6 Assembly 9am - 9:30am | | Student Led Conferences Student Free Day | Last day for Term 2 2:30pm finish  
Sausage Sizzle Icehouse Excursion Grade 6 | |

**Sports Dress up Fundraiser**

**GOLD COIN DONATION** Last day of term 2