From the Principal

Dear Parents,

PYP EVALUATION
Last week was a special time as we hosted our PYP assessors from the IB. Based on their visit and evidence gathered they were highly complimentary about the articulate and knowledgeable students at Seabrook. Ann O’Connor and Rima El Souki have prepared more detailed reports in the following pages of this newsletter. We await the recommendations in the near future and also congratulate our teachers / support staff for their rigorous planning and teaching preparing the children for the world ahead.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Just a reminder that all un-sold chocolate bars and money collected is due in on Friday 21st of August. Thank you for your support with this fund-raising activity. Let’s hope we have made a good profit from this to put towards our playground development. Prizes will be awarded to the top sellers in the coming weeks.

ALL-WEATHER SHELTER
Our new shelter is finally finished. Contractors from SafePlay have worked on this project taking time out for weather and sourcing labourers. Our previous fund raising efforts have allowed us to afford this structure which can be used in both times of wet and hot weather. The area of coverage is large enough to allow space for activities other than the adventure playground equipment. The decision to choose this structure was driven by the fact that it is a solid structure that should deter vandalism, withstand high winds and be long lasting.

TRIVIA NIGHT
The Seabrook Trivia Night is fast approaching and we still have spare tables available. We are hoping for some late bookings. We have some terrific prizes and it should be a fun and relaxing night. We are also looking for donations for the event and would be glad to hear from anyone who can offer us goods or services to auction or raffle on the night. This is an opportunity to promote your business activity further across the community. This is an example of what we hope to achieve. This plan will be staged as we continue to fundraise. Please help us.

Please return all chocolates and money by this Friday as the chocolate drive is finishing.

continued report on the following page
**POINT COOK TOWN CENTRE ART DISPLAY**
Work by 36 students has been exhibited at the Town Centre display. Schools from around the area were invited to display some samples of art work. Mrs Baillie-Martin and Mr Cochran selected some pieces from across the school. If you visit the shopping Centre take a minute to have a look at the talent students from around the area. The display is in the foyer by the children’s play area outside Target. Friday the 21st of August is the last day the display will be up for you to visit.

**DISTRICT ATHLETICS**
Students from Seabrook PS performed very strongly at Monday’s local district athletics carnival held at the Newport track. Although the weather was a little unsettled all events were completed. The children had a terrific time challenging themselves in all the events. Many students received places and will go on to the next round of competition. Congratulations to all the competitors. A special mention goes to Mr Ganley for his organization of the day. The event ran smoothly thanks to his professional approach. Thanks also to staff and parents for their support on the day.

**TELSTRA GRANT**
We would like to thank the Castelli family for taking the time to apply for a Telstra employee grant. Laura’s dad (1MC) lodged the grant and we have been successful in being awarded an amount of $1200. This money will be used to purchase resources for the children covering our local area’s history and be used across the school.

Have a great week.

**Sue & Staff**

**Recorder**
An invitation is issued to all the children who have learnt the recorder in years 3 & 4 for additional practice sessions.

The sessions will be held in the OSH Club room at lunchtime (12:30pm) on Fridays to further improve their techniques. The half hour sessions will begin this week. The session are free, the children just need to bring their recorders.

Thanks to Tatiana for her time and support.
Preps in action!

My name is Brianna, I am in 0ML and I took action to support endangered animals by writing an email to Ferrero and asking them to not use Palm Oil in their products as it is causing animal habitats to be destroyed.

If you would like to action too you can support me by clicking on this link: www.zoo.org.au/zoopermarket/ferrero/actnow

Thank you for your support!
Descriptive Writing & Figurative Language!

In Grade 3 we have been focusing on descriptive writing. The main purpose is to help the reader create an image in their mind. It is used to describe something, usually a noun; a person, animal, place, thing or idea. We use our five senses when we are trying to capture the idea in a reader's mind, in other words, visualising. What we can see, hear, taste, feel/touch and smell. We have also been learning about figurative language and what each of the different types mean. A few examples that we have been learning about are:

- **Onomatopoeia** – words that make sounds - … a bee’s BUZZING would break the silence.
- **Simile** – a comparison of two things using 'like' or 'as' – he is AS tall AS a giraffe.
- **Alliteration** – when two or more words begin with the same initial sound – Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers.

This morning we used our five senses and figurative language skills when trying the lightly salted, slightly sweet popcorn! Some of us tried this type of popcorn for the very first time today!

Some sensational sentences that we used to describe our experience this morning:

- **See** ~ “When you eat one piece of popcorn you will want more than you desire” – Brandon.
- **Hear** ~ “It crackles as you put it up to your ear and shake it around, like a maraca” – Alicia.
- **Taste** ~ “Scrumptious, super tasty, sticky, slightly salty, sweet and seriously soft popcorn” – Jade.
- **Feel/Touch** ~ “I feel as if I am a turtle under the sea in the salty water below the ocean” – Penny.
- **Smell** ~ “It smells like joy and all you can think of is happy filled memories of the past” – Holly.

Here is a jigsaw activity we completed relating to figurative language. Your challenge (if you choose to accept it!) is to read the information on the jigsaw pieces, cut out the jigsaw pieces, mix them all up and see if you can match the figurative language type back up with the definition and example!

Good Luck!
What a fabulous three days! Murray Scoble and Karen Chaur spent three days at Seabrook talking to children, parents, teachers and staff. They visited all classrooms and learning areas, interviewed teaching teams, parents, staff and children.

We will receive an official report from the International Baccalaureate within six weeks but our initial feedback was very positive.

Murray Scoble said that in all his years and visits to 48 schools across Asia Pacific our children were the most impressive students he has met. Eight children, one or two from each year level spent over an hour explaining their learning, the goals they set, how they achieve those goals and how they then set more challenging goals. The children clearly explained their learning process. They discussed Bloom’s Taxonomy, inquiry based learning and they shared extensive knowledge and understanding. The children were reflective and insightful thinkers. Both evaluators said that they wished they could have spent more time in classrooms talking to the students.

Karen Chaur said that she would like to send her whole staff to Seabrook to meet our staff and see firsthand the outstanding work we are implementing. Both evaluators acknowledged the number of highly trained staff- staff with their Masters or Post Graduate qualifications in PYP as well as staff who have attended many PYP workshops. Both commented of the high level of commitment and enthusiasm displayed by staff. Structures in place to support teams and the strong evidence showing collaborative teamwork were also acknowledged.

Thank you to the parents who spoke with conviction and pride about their children and learning. We thank Julie Enzerink, Kim Ham, Helen Frost and Susan Knell for their contribution. Ann-Marie Lloyd our School Council President spoke at length with the evaluators about our commitment to PYP.

Staff and leadership worked very hard to prepare for this visit. It is gratifying that our effort and achievements are acknowledged. Once we receive our report we will develop an action plan to ensure that Seabrook PS continues to build on our excellent work and superb learning, that we become an even better school.

Ann O’Connor
Assistant Principal
**District Athletics**

Well done to all our students who competed at the Laverton District Athletics Carnival on Monday at Newport Park. We had about 64 students compete in a range of events and we had fantastic results on the day. Many children won or were placed in their races and as a result have qualified for the Divisional competition on September 15th at Hoppers Crossing VUT track.

The following students have made it to this stage:

Good luck to everyone for the next level of competition.

Well done to these students who also performed well in their events as well during the day:

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**National Hockey Championships**

Well done to Josie E and her Victorian team mates who came 3rd in the National Primary school Championships a couple of weeks ago. The competition was in Perth and Queensland won the competition. It was a great honour that Josie was made captain of the Victorian team and she played very well and showed wonderful sportsmanship throughout the tournament. The team performed strongly against the top two teams and pushed them all the way.

Great effort!!

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**Golf**

Well done to Marcus F who recently competed in a round of the Primary School Golf Championships at Sanctuary Lakes. For 9 holes Marcus scored 72, which was a great effort considering it was his first competition and some of the other students have been playing comps for a couple of years. Marcus ended up about 20th place and the winning score was 37. Hopefully this was the first of many golf competitions to come for Marcus.
Sports day was great! Seabrook won many events and had great sportsmanship and confidence. Everyone tried their best and in return got a ribbon for first, second, third, fourth or a well-done ribbon. I believe that by far the best event was the relay. We won every race except for one in which we came second. The whole school cheered on the participants from our own school and other schools as well. Everyone showed a huge amount of sportsmanship and should be very proud of themselves.

By Clare 6EN

On Monday the 17th August some kids in grade 6, 5 and 4 went to the District Athletics Carnival at the Newport Athletics Track. Only the kids who got selected on athletics day got chosen to move ahead. We versed St Martins, Queen of Peace, AMPS and Laverton Primary School. The activities there were Shot Put, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Hurdles, 100m, 200m, Relay and 800m. It was a fairly sunny day with a slight breeze, there was a drizzle but none of the events were affected by it.

By Sabareesh 6EN

On Monday the 17th of August the Laverton District Athletics Carnival was held. Seabrook did pretty well on the day. Everybody tried their hardest. All the events that were taken place were Hurdles, High Jump, 100m, 200m, Shot-put, Discus, Long Jump, Triple Jump, 800m and Relay. Seabrook won 5 of the 6 relays that were taken place. The other schools that competed in the carnival were Queen of Peace, Altona Green, Laverton, AMPS, St Martins and Seabrook. Overall it was a good effort and good luck for the people who have made it to the next round.

By Rushil 6EN

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One boys navy blue swimming bag, contains boardies and an Australian flag towel. Could the owner please come to room 23 to collect the bag.
From Wednesday the 12th until Friday the 15th of August the PYP evaluation took place with Murray Scoble and Karen Chaur. During the evaluation the assessors were able to evaluate the implementation of the Primary Years Programme and also investigated the in-depth learning that is taking place within this program across the school.

Murray and Karen spent time visiting classrooms, interviewing staff, parents and students and reviewed the schools PYP planning documentation. They were very impressed with the way teams planned and collaborated with each other. They were delighted with how students were reflective and how they were able to articulate their thinking and learning in a positive manner. Karen and Murray were very pleased with the way students were able to communicate using the language of PYP when they were asked to discuss the units of inquiry they were inquiring about.

As part of the evaluation process, Murray and Karen interviewed a student from each year level across the school to gain an insight into the students perspectives of the programme. Thank you to Hannah from (OAS), Jacob (1LJ), Dean (2MS), Bridget (3RB), Tara (4HT), Brianna (5AC) and Jade and Indu (6MB) for doing an amazing job with sharing their knowledge of the PYP and answering a number of questions about their learning journey within a unit of inquiry. The assessors were amazed with the way the students were able to articulate themselves and acknowledged them for being effective inquirers and communicators.

I would like to thank the leadership team and all staff for their commitment and dedication for making the PYP evaluation a great success. Thank you to all the parents who were involved in the process as well.

Finally we will continue to work collaboratively to make the Primary Years Programme an even better Programme for our students at Seabrook Primary School.

Mrs Rima EL Souki
PYP Coordinator
We are pleased to announce that Skoolbag is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc).

This makes the app even more accessible than before for our community, with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up "Skoolbag" in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find our school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen.

Please note: You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.

For your information

Festival of Visual Arts 2015.

Mrs Baillie-Martin and Mr Cochran will be showcasing the artistic talent of Seabrook Primary School students at Point Cook Town Centre from the 15th until the 21st of August with two display boards of student art.

Please come by and enjoy the display.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update

Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.
SEABROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL’S

TRIVIA NIGHT

$18 per ticket or $150 to book a whole table of 10

FRIDAY 4th September 2015

Can you beat the teachers?
Is your brain filled with random information?
The Fundraising Team is holding a Silent Auction and Trivia Night, with lots of prizes and raffles to raise funds to develop our soccer pitch area.

We need at least 12 teams of 10.
Couples or smaller teams will be allocated teams to make up tables of 10.

BYO: Cold food ONLY
(please take rubbish home with you)
HOT CHIPS $7 & WEDGES $8
available for the first 2 hours
DRINKS: at bar prices

DETAILS

TIME: 6:30pm to be SEATED by 7pm
COST: $18 per person or $150 for a whole table
WHERE: D'OLIVE RECEPTIONS
454 Point Cook Rd, Point Cook.

❖ AMAZING PRIZES
❖ Bring plenty of gold coins for games
❖ RAFFLES
❖ SILENT AUCTION
❖ THROW THE COIN AND WIN THE BOTTLE
Just to name a few.

PRIZES
From **Wednesday 15th July** to **Tuesday 8th September 2015**, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box.

This box is located in the administration building outside Mrs Lockwood’s office.

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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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**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. **Payments by Credit Card / Eftpos need to be in the amount of $10.00 or more.**

Thank you for your co-operation.
Financial Assistance

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
Applications are open until the end of term three (18 September 2015).

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

Reminder: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications close on the 18th September.
Many Mobs, One Community
Community Cultural Workshop!
Date: Saturday 22 August
Time: 11 am-2 pm
LUNCH PROVIDED!!
Lots of free activities for the kids!
11am–2pm!

For more info contact: Debbie Evans 0409 180 831 or Rowena Price Row-

For your information

* Seabrook basketball club is looking for junior players for the upcoming summer season – commencing early October (start of Term 4)
  - Under 8 boys or girls (born 2009 or 2010)
  - Under 10 boys (born 2007 or 2008)
  - Under 12 boys (born 2005 or 2006)
  - Under 16 boys (born 2001 or 2002)
  - Under 18 boys (born 1999 or 2000).
  - Teams train locally at Transition Sports (Point Cook end of Old Geelong Rd)
  - Play Saturdays at the brand new “Eagle” Stadium at Werribee Recreation Centre (Ballan Road)
  - Please call Jason on 0414 779 840 or Nikki on 0401 608 973 for more details.

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Prep - Year 6, Problem Solving, Reading & Writing
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The Scientific, Comprehensive, Diagnostic
Individually Paced Step-by-step Learning
Fully Aligned with Australian Curriculum
Free Diagnostic Test and Seasonal Offers on Your Enquiry

After school session hold at Featherbrook Community Learning Centre
33-35 Windsor Drive, Point Cook. ph:03 9088 0750 mob:0402 547 227
For this year’s Book Week celebrations local independent publisher Aly’s Books and much-loved western suburbs parenting blogger Mamma Knows West have teamed up to bring a very special event to the Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre. The ‘Mamma Knows West and Aly’s Books Fest’ is a free event for the bookworm in everyone, giving keen bibliophiles a chance to meet authors and illustrators, as well as the opportunity to purchase their books and take home your own signed copy.

The festival will be 10am until 12pm on Saturday the 22nd of August and thanks to Hobsons Bay City Council it will be in the big bright and beautiful Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre! It's shaping up to be a whimsical world of words, wonder and wit - not to mention a great way to spend some time with the family to hear some great kids’ tales read aloud, straight from the voices of the talented authors themselves – awesome.

With workshops and activities added in the program, there’s sure to be a little bit of bookish heaven awaiting your family when the fest breaks out its best.
Well done to the 171 students who banked last week.

Congratulations to the following students who received a certificate this week.


Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal!

To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes.

Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize.

Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time from 13 July 2015, but are required to make their three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning.

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
## SEABROOK TIMELINE
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0JG, 0LJ, 1ES, 1AD  
**Immigration Museum Excursion** SEP | **Life Ed Visit**  
1GV, 4HT, 4KM | **LPSSA District**  
1500m  
Life Ed Visit 4LD, 3RD Prep Excursion Melbourne Zoo  
Grades 1 & 2 Assembly 2:30pm - 3pm |

**Please return all monies by Friday the 21st**

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**Italian - WORD OF THE WEEK**

This week's word is - “mi dispiace”  
**Meaning** - I’m sorry  
**Pronunciation** - mi dispyarche

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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.