From the Principal
Dear Parents / Guardians

GET-TO-KNOW PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS
The second day of get to know you meetings will be held tomorrow. Please contact
your child's teacher if you have not booked a time yet. It is a wonderful opportunity to
meet your child’s teacher and share your goals for them in 2016.

SAFETY REMINDERS
A reminder about parking in and around the school
We acknowledge that the school has insufficient visitor parking and that parking is
difficult due to the number of motorists and parking restrictions in the local area.
However 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 to 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.

There is limited 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.

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? It appears we may need
additional bike racks so we will start to save towards some more.

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 darting across busy Point Cook
Road 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.

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.

continued report on the following page

CARrying ICT DEVICES IN A BACKPACK
If the child is complaining of muscle aches or lower back pain, reassessment and
weight reduction will be required.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Elections 2016

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 Training (DET) 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 DET 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. DET 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 4pm on Monday 22nd February.

EXTRA-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

MVP Music Tuition, singing and guitar – lessons have begun.
Chess Club – lessons to be offered shortly.
Primary Music Institute, keyboard – lessons have begun.
Fit 4 Life Health and fitness program – sessions have begun.
STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE, AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOLS.

Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely, in all the circumstances, that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts or omissions of its staff/volunteers. Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by school councils on a whole-of-school basis, or by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Important Notes

The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students, staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
Apple has issued a voluntary safety recall on AC wall plug adapters (commonly known as duckheads). The affected adapters attach directly to a power charger, which in turn connects devices to a powerpoint. The duckheads can be pulled off (upwards) and exchanged if required. It is not the charger, only the adapter which is being recalled. It affects all MacBooks, iPads, iPhones and iPads dated from 2003-2015. The last batch of MacBooks ordered as Release 7 are not part of this recall.

If you have a recalled adapter, then starting this week 15-19 to February please bring it into the school (front office) for a free exchange.

After this weeks allocated collection week has concluded, or if our stocks run out, you will only be able to return your recalled adapter to an Apple Store or Apple Reseller, not the school.

Please read the below document to assist with the removal and identity of a recalled duckhead adapter.

**THIS WEEK IS YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN YOUR RECALLED DUCKHEAD ADAPTERS.**
In Grade IMD, we made 'Who Am I' posters.

We wrote information about ourselves.

It was fun learning about everyone in our class.

Here are some of our stories.
In grade 3SP we have been thinking a lot about the PYP Learner Profile and how it relates to our lives. We have drawn and written what these words mean to us and how we live the Profile in school and out of school. Here are some of our thoughts.

**3SP**

**CARING**

I am caring by helping other people,  
I am caring by not listening to others,  
I am caring by not throwing things at others,  
I am caring by not annoying others,  
I am caring by not teasing other people.  

By Jake

**BALANCE.**

I eat healthy and not healthy food.  
I like to learn new things every day  
I like to discover clues to puzzles.  
I like to learn new plants and bugs every day.  

By Lachlan

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By Jake
INQUIRER

I am a inquirer because I am curious and ask lots of questions.
I like to learn and discover new things about EVERYTHING.

I LOVE TO LEARN

By JASMINE

Risk-taker

I try new things even when I have never done it before.
I have confidence in myself (like bungee jumping for adults)
I learn new things to try.

By Emma H

By Lachlan

By Lauren
On Monday the 8th of February the grade fives of Seabrook Primary School went to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat for three days. Sovereign Hill’s backstory is, in 1851 there was a gold rush and they first found gold at Poverty Point about one kilometres away from Sovereign Hill. Gold was found at the surface and in the bottom of creeks. There are three stages of mining, alluvial mining, deep lead alluvial mining and quartz mining. Some men came from America who had experiences with this type of mining in the California gold rush 1848 – 1855 and were able to share their knowledge. Most of us learnt this on Monday during the gold pour or the on the Labyrinth Of Gold. On Monday lots of the groups went gold panning but a few groups didn’t. On Monday night we ate at the Hope Bakery, we ate spaghetti and chocolate pudding. The talent show was also on Monday night, lots of people performed but only one person won. Anthon M won first place, he danced alone to stiches and everybody wanted him to win too. I could tell by everybody chanting ten to the judges who were Miss Revell, Mr Brown and Rhiannon, he got a perfect score. We had to go to bed straight after the talent show.

Tuesday was our busiest day. Everybody had their education session on Tuesday, everybody went bowling and sweet making last but not least we all went to the gold museum it was amazing. There was lots of gold medals, crowns, nuggets and it was so shiny. The replicas were huge! We had to walk to the museum it was only about down the hill. The blacksmith demo was on Tuesday. He heated the iron and it would turn bright orange. We gold panned again on Tuesday. It was very exhausting and hot. On Tuesday night we went to The Blood on the Southern Cross Sound and light show.

On Wednesday morning before lunch we had lots of free time explore Sovereign Hill and go shopping!

It was a great experience and lots of fun.

Olivia W, 5KP
On Monday the 8th of February Grade 5 went to camp to Sovereign Hill for 3 days. The grade 5 students had fun going through the gold mines, going gold panning, watching demonstrations, meeting new friends and going shopping. We saw a blacksmith demonstration, the Blood on the Southern Cross light and sound show, lolly making, a gold pour, wheel righting and the Red Coast soldiers march.

Keehan, 5KP
School arrival/ departure time

A reminder to Parents/Guardians that students must not be dropped at school without parental supervision prior to 8:30am, unless they are attending before school care.

The school yard is supervised from 8:30am until the morning bell at 8:50am. Our school day ends when your children are dismissed at 3:10pm so please collect your children on time. If you are going to be delayed for an after school pickup, please phone the main office on 9395 1758.

Forms to register your child/ren for before or after school care at OSHClub are available in the brochure rack in the main reception area of the school.

Please be mindful of our neighbours when dropping and collecting your child/ren.

It has been brought to our attention once again that cars are blocking driveways on Mintaro Way and not abiding by the traffic rules.

Italian - SENTENCE OF THE WEEK

Is - La mia classe e ........
Meaning - My class is ........

VISITORS PASS

Occupational Health & Safety Regulations, require any person working at Seabrook Primary School including Parent Helpers are required 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. For all other areas, please come to the office to collect a Pass. Thank you for your co-operation.
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 one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
  - a) 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
  - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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 school 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

For concession card holders: 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 one (27 January 2018) or term two (11 April 2018).

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.

The CSEF 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.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see:

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

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 concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, 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.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
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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Application forms are available from the front office.
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 these 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. Yvonne Golomb Administration

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

2016 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
Lumen Christi Primary School

Italian Language Classes will take place at Lumen Christi Primary School, 26 Point Cook Rd, Point Cook, on Saturday 13th February 2016, and will run for 2.5 hours from 1:30pm - 4pm. Students from Grade Prep to Year 12 are welcome. The tuition fee for the year is $200 per student. If you require further information, please phone 9898 4707 or visit our website www.lauroaschool.com.au
School Banking - Wednesday

Preps will bank on Tuesday until they start school full time.

Fantastic new competition for 2016!

Rewarding regular savers with a chance to win:
The School Banking program can help put your child on the path to good savings habits. And it might even put them on a path to Australia Zoo, where they’ll meet Bindi and Robert Irwin (not to mention koalas, wombats and wallabies) as part of the wildest family adventure you can imagine.

How to enter:
Every student who makes 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically go into the draw to win a family trip for two adults and three children to meet the Irwins at Australia Zoo.

The Grand Prize includes
Full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour at Australia Zoo, Qld where you’ll:

- Travel around the zoo in style with your own personal zoo guide
- Get up close with the animals
- Meet Bindi and Robert Irwin on part of your tour
- Enjoy morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea while watching crocodiles and koalas in the open-air Feeding Frenzy Food Court
- Have your own personal photographer to capture every moment with Bindi, Robert and the animals
- Return domestic flights to Brisbane or Sunshine Coast, Qld (airport destination subject to flight availability)
- 4 nights’ accommodation at the Oaks Oasis, Sunshine Coast in a two bedroom villa with breakfast included
- 5 days car hire
- $1,000 spending money.

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 questions or query? Email: seabrookschoolbanking@gmail.com
We are collecting pre-loved books to expand our OSHClub library! If you have any books you would like to donate to OSHClub, they would be much appreciated by all at our program!

Please note that we are located in room 18, and all donations can be dropped off here!

OSHC Program Phone: 0411 302 879
Coordinator: 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!

For all enquiries
phone Hanah
0448 256 147

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School Photos will be on **Tuesday 15th March**

School Photos

**Last day for term 1 Students finish at 2:30pm**

Good Friday