From the Principal
Dear Parents / Guardians

COMING SOON

SEABROOK’S PYP COMMUNITY EVENING TUESDAY 22 MARCH.

This is a chance for all parents to see what is happening in classrooms around elements of the PYP and inquirers. Your children will be proud to show and share the wonderful work in their classroom showcasing, skills, concepts, themes or attitudes being displayed throughout their learning.

Please keep this date in your calendar with preps starting their presentations at 5 p.m. These are the topics being covered at each year level.

Prep: Learner Profiles
One: Attitudes
Two: Artefacts and international mindedness
Three: Transdisciplinary themes
Four: Concepts
Five: Transdisciplinary skills
Six: Leadership

More details to follow in next week’s edition of the newsletter.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS AND ESSENTIAL AGREEMENTS

Term 1 curriculum overviews have been prepared and will be posted on our Skoolbag app and website next week. Please see our Skoolbag app or website to see what areas of the curriculum your child will be covering this term.

Class PYP Essential Agreements will be available soon on both these locations. This will give you an insight into understandings children have about working co-operatively in a safe environment.

2016 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Owing to our large school there will be a change with the photography schedule for 2016. All class photos will be taken on Tuesday March 15. Sibling photos will not be taken on the same day as in the past. Thursday May 5 is the day for sibling photos. Order forms for class photos will be coming home soon and will only be for whole class photos. Order forms for sibling photos and some sports for the seniors will be distributed in early term 2.

SCHOOL GROUNDS SUPERVISION

Staff are rostered on to supervise the school grounds from 8:30am – 8:50am and from 3:10pm-3:30pm. Please make sure your child is not here unsupervised by family members before and after these times. Children playing on the play equipment who walk home may be asked by staff to leave before 3:30pm. We believe children are safer walking home in pairs or groups. If you cannot supervise your children in the school before 8:30am or after 8:30pm please book a place with OSHClub, before and after school care.

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CARRYING ICT DEVICES IN A BACKPACK

Don’t carry any unnecessary items in a backpack creating extra weight. Have you considered a wheelie bag?
Continued report from Susan Lee

2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Thank you and congratulations to the following Seabrook parents on their 2 year placement on our school council. We had the correct number of nominations for the advertised vacancies eliminating the need for an election. The new members are: Girish Bhatia, Irene Pano, Adriàà Soledàà Vidààl, Sarah Hone, Aimee Helu, Ricky O’Kane, Claire O’Kane. Parents undertaking their 2nd or longer terms include Ann-Marie Lloyd, Kym Ham and Lori Faraone.

The 2016-17 school council will be made up of the following Department of Education representatives: Susan Lee, Jennifer Cassar, Ann O’Connor, Nicole Lockwood and Wendy Treloar.

Thanks also go to the following out-going parents for their support and work on school council in the past: Tristan Boothroyd, Nicole Chappell, Damien Di Dominico, Toula Papadimitropoulos, Julie Enzerink and Melissa Boothroyd. We highly value your time and contribution to this important part of the school governance.

UNIFORM
Our school council has noticed a range of clothes being worn by the children who are not wearing the correct Seabrook uniform. Please refer to the diagram below for assistance.

PARENTS TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS
Please be respectful of people’s privacy. When your child is performing we understand you are keen to take their photos for memories or to show other family members. Out of respect we ask that photos that contain images of other children are not up-loaded to social media or other web-based programs without first consulting their parents. Photos can easily be cropped saving any concerns.

Our uniform policy is located in our Parent and Student handbook located on the Skoolbag app and on the website. Don’t forget our second hand uniform shop has a great variety of pre-worn school uniform items very reasonably priced. The shop is operated by volunteers every Thursday from 2:30pm – 3:30pm. If you have any queries please phone Hanah on 0448 256 147. Clearly labeling your child’s clothes is a great way for your child and staff to identify any clothes when misplaced. Parents of children in years Prep - 2 do not need to purchase sports uniform. Some errors have occurred and should be returned to our uniform supplier.

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SEABROOK’S INTERNATIONAL COOK BOOK
We are still collecting recipes from around the world and hope everyone will contribute a family favourite to our website. We hope to work towards publishing this book once we have enough recipes. Please input your recipe/s onto www.published.authors.com.au

This will be a major fundraising activity with sponsorship from local companies.

MEDICATION
If your child must take medication whilst at school please make sure it is brought to the office with the Medical Authority form from our Skoolbag app. We ask that whenever possible medication is taken just before school or immediately after to avoid medications being brought to school.

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
I show cooperat**on** at home by working with my brother when we do art and craft. (Alannah)

I show appreciat**ion** by being grateful for what I have got. At home I appreciate that I have lots of books that I can read and learn from. (Olivia)

I show integrity at home by reading my take home reading book and writing in my record. I also do my homework. (Jorija)

I show creativit**y** at home and school by coming up with good ideas. One of my ideas is decorating my room with painted canvases. (Serena)

I show appreciat**ion** at home by doing the dishes after having a good dinner. (Michael)

I show respect at home and school by listening to everyone and not interrupting. (Emmanuel)

I show respect at home and school by saying please and thank you. (Archie)

I show confidence at school and home by not being nervous and trying new things. (Nate)

I show confidence at school by doing my artefact presentation in front of the class. (Jessica)

I show respect at home and school by using manners such as saying sorry and please. (Nisha)

I show commitment at school by finishing my work. (Zak)

I show appreciat**ion** at home by being thankful for what I have. I eat all the food my mum makes so that it isn’t wasted. (Sahana)

I show creativit**y** at home by thinking of different things that I am going to build with Lego. (Zac)

I show creativit**y** at home and school by making and constructing different things. (Finley)

I show confidence at school by being brave, not giving up and not being shy. (Cale)

I show creativit**y** at school and home by putting looks of colouring my work. (Chloe)

I show empathy at school by helping people in the yard if they are hurt or if they don’t have a friend. (Jett)

I show appreciat**ion** at school and home by valuing my friends and the toys that I have. (Charlotte)

I show creativit**y** at school and home by making my pictures look nice. (Lucas)
Quaker-Parrots are well known as the Monk-Parakeet. Its scientific name is *Miopsitta Monachus*.

Quaker Parrots look green in their habitat but can be blue as pets. They are 29 cm long on average and their wingspan can be up to 49 cm long. Females are 20% smaller than males and weigh about 100 grams. Quaker Parrots have very short beaks. They have 2 nose holes to breath through, but they are covered in feathers. Quaker parrots have holes for ears. Their sharp claws are great for holding their food.

Quaker Parrots eat seeds, fruit and lots of greeneries. Some things they can’t eat are lettuce and Avocado. Avocado is poisonous to them. Lettuce makes them very sick that could cause them to die. Quaker Parrots also need fresh water every day. In the wild they are great at getting food.

Quaker Parrots come from Argentina, South America, Chilli and Brazil. They can be found as pets around the globe. Quaker Parrots can survive well in their natural habitat, as they are great at making nests.

Quaker Parrots are pink and their eyes are closed when they are born in their nest. They can live up to 25 years of age. You can’t tell if they are boy or girl unless you do a DNA test.

I’m glad we have a Quaker Parrot in our classroom. Her name is Gorga.

By Holly 4LD
On Sunday 21st of February the whole international community has celebrated the International Mother Language Day. Since UNESCO announced the first International Mother Language Day in 1999, it has been celebrated every year “to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.”


The theme of the 2016 International Mother Language Day is “Quality education, language(s) of instruction and learning outcomes.” As an International Baccalaureate school and a school with a rich and varied cultural background, we recognise the powerful value of speaking more than one language and we encourage our students to learn, speak and share their mother language in the safe learning environment of their class. Research shows that this has a positive impact on learning and learning outcomes.


**Speak your language to your children!**

Students in grades 1 to 6.
Can you find the Italian word for *respect* in the picture above?
It is one of the *attitudes* that you know and practise every day at school.

Maestra Elena, Italian native speaker.
Well done to all the students who have made the school swimming team. There are about 31 students who will compete at Werribee Outdoor Pool on Monday 29th Feb against 5 other schools from the Laverton District.

A big thanks to Mrs Joyce and Ms Easson who have been coaching the children and getting their fitness up to a good level. There were many good results at our trials last week and everyone is ready to go for the day.

A reminder to students to return their notes and money by Friday at the latest, so we know what everyone is doing. Children should bring enough food, snacks and drinks to keep them fed and hydrated etc. as well as having school uniform (school sports attire is OK), school hats and sunscreen. We encourage as many parents/family members to come along and support the children on Monday and make a great atmosphere at the pool as we have done for many years. The carnival will commence around 9:45am and conclude around 2pm.

The order of events are Freestyle first, then backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, freestyle relay, medley relay and then the Championship Freestyle events.
Every Minute Counts

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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!
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.

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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 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

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: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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
The Select Entry Learning Program
At
Werribee Secondary College

This program, is 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 Information Night

Werribee Secondary College will be holding a 2017 Enrolment Information Night on Wednesday, 2nd March, 2016 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 be available. Contact us on 9741 1822 for further information or to book a tour of the College.
For your information

- Seabrook basketball club is looking for junior players for the upcoming winter season – starting in term 2
  - All age groups from under 8 (born in 2009/2010) through to under 18s
  - Teams play Saturdays at Werribee Recreation Centre (Ballan Road)
  - Train locally mid week
  - To find out more, please call Jason on 0414 779 840 or Nikki on 0401 608 973
  - You can also register your interest by emailing seabrookbasketball@yahoo.com

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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
Seabrook School Banking is run by fantastic volunteers and need some more volunteer parents, guardian and grandparents to help out and yes siblings are welcome. This only takes an hour and a half of your time on Thursday mornings and if you cannot come every week that’s ok. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills while you meet some new people from the school.

Come straight to the senior meeting room next to the library on Thursday morning.

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: seabrookschoollbanking@gmail.com

Seabrook School Banking Volunteer
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