From the Principal
Dear Parents / Guardians

Hopefully families were able to enjoy a long weekend. A rest and a short break from routine supports both our general wellbeing and attitude.

PYP COMMUNITY EVENING
We are all looking forward to sharing our work and journey so far this year with the Primary Years Programme. The children are preparing short presentations for our visitors on the night. Full details on the evenings events are on page 3. Please be aware traffic and parking will present a challenge so allow extra time.

Preps will present at 5pm
Year 1 at 5:30pm
Year 2 at 6pm
Year 3 at 6:30pm
Year 4 at 7pm
Year 5 at 7:30pm
Year 6 at 7:30pm

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK AND HARMONY DAY
Cultural Diversity Week (14th - 18th March) and Harmony Day (21st of March) are important days in the calendar. Seabrook will be observing these as part of our international mindedness.

SWIMMING
Once again the representatives from Seabrook Primary did a fabulous job with many students achieving excellent results. Thanks to the staff and parents for supporting the children.

SCHOOL SAFETY
Teachers regularly remind children to play away from the school boundary and fence line, to go straight home after school and to refrain from riding bikes and scooters in the playgrounds. It would be terrific if parents could also reinforce these safety practices.

EARLY RELEASE FROM SCHOOL
This is a reminder to parents and carers that when requesting your child/children to leave school early an early release form is required to be signed at the office before collection. This form is then presented to the class teacher and the attendance roll is marked accordingly. Thank you.

VANDALISM AND THEFTS
Sadly our school was targeted by vandals early Monday morning. We received reports that young people had broken into the school at approximately 1.30 am. They tampered with windows, let off fire extinguisher in a classroom and stole equipment and materials from the OSHClub room. Can we ask our community and friends to keep an ‘eye out’ for anyone hanging around the school out of hours and ring the police on 000 so we can stop this anti-social behaviour in our school?

END OF TERM REMINDERS
We finish on Thursday 24th March for the holidays. Children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:30pm. It is also free dress day on Thursday and hot dog lunch day. A gold coin donation is requested being put towards the State Schools Relief fund and to help sponsor Seabrook’s World Vision child Huynh Xuan Thuy in Vietnam. The canteen will be closed on this day so remember to pack a snack for your child/ren.

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**TALKING TO YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER**

Here are some tips for parents if you need to talk to your child’s teacher:

- Have a purpose and be prepared for a discussion. This will help achieve the desired outcome.
- Working together with us can benefit your child’s learning in the classroom and at home.
- Be prepared to request a mutually agreed meeting time so your points can be heard uninterrupted and learning and supervision of students is not compromised.

There are two types of conversations you might have with your child’s teacher: a short discussion over a simple, minor matter or an in-depth discussion over an ongoing issue or something more serious, which usually requires an appointment with the teacher.

Please be clear about your concerns and come with a positive attitude. (to resolve your concerns)

It may not be practical to have an extended conversation lasting more than a couple of minutes during drop-off and pick-up times at school. As teachers have a “duty of care” to all children, it is best if you arrange a time when you and your child’s teacher could sit down and discuss the issue in detail without distractions. Once learning time begins, the teacher MUST teach the class, not continue conversations with parents.

Keep in mind that the story you hear from your child may not be very accurate. Your child sees things differently from how an adult would. The situation may require your child’s teacher’s perspective as well as your child’s before the whole picture is clear and a solution can be formulated.

You should think about what you would like to see happen. Knowing what you want to happen or what outcome you’d like to see, and how long you expect that to take. This is something you should consider when preparing for the meeting with your child’s teacher.

Our teachers want the best outcome for all students and appreciate it when parents have a clear purpose for the meeting and parents are diplomatic, tactful and respectful. It is never acceptable to shout or swear.

For urgent matters please contact an Assistant Principal who can support you and the teacher to achieve an outcome that will benefit your child’s learning.

Staff at Seabrook are hardworking and caring but during teaching time they must be able to care for and teach the whole class. It is neither safe nor desirable for parents and teachers to have in-depth discussions during teaching time. We thank you for your support and cooperation.

Adapted from guidelines from The Department of Education and Training.

Have a great week.  

*Sue & Staff*
Learn more about the Essential Elements of the Primary Years Programme. See your child share their learning experiences through presentations, songs and work.

- **Prep** 5:00pm – Learner Profile
- **Year 1** 5:30pm – Attitudes
- **Year 2** 6:00pm – Artefacts and International Mindedness
- **Year 3** 6:30pm – Transdisciplinary Themes
- **Year 4** 7:00pm – Concepts
- **Year 5** 7:30pm – Transdisciplinary Skills
- **Year 6** 7:30pm – Leadership in Action

**Other Events**
- Dancing competition in the Performing Arts room.
- Italian mask parade for Carnevale in the courtyard at 6:30 pm.
- BBQ in the courtyard.
- Games on the Oval.
In grade 1 we have been exploring the central idea ‘Communities are organised for our needs and wants’. For this inquiry the students have been looking at the three different types of communities, Suburban, Urban and Rural, along with the different needs and wants of a community. In 1EM each group has been busy creating their own rural, urban or suburban community. Each group needed to plan their community models by creating a bird's eye view map of their chosen community, making sure to include lots of needs and wants. Throughout the process the students have displayed great cooperation skills, respect to each other and being open minded to their peers ideas. Stay tuned for the final construction.

Our group has four sides and in each side there are different things like a farm, a tractor and some ducks. We are a rural community. By Aaron S

We have been doing heaps of houses and we have 2 police cars. We are a suburban community. By Olivia

We are drawing a suburban community. We called our town the Snake Town. I am drawing traffic lights. By Ollie

My team is doing urban community. We are being caring. By Nadya
OUR DAY AT THE SRC FORUM

Members of the Seabrook Primary School PYP In Action leadership team (Breena, Suhani, Amanda, Jazelle) attended the SRC Forum at the Werribee Tigers’ Function Centre. We were invited to get ideas to take back and act upon in our leadership group. We met Joanne Ryan MP, Federal Member for Lalor.

At the centre, we sat at tables with other schools and discussed big issues in our school and ways that we could solve them. We also talked about the way our school works. Many other schools shared the same values as us, for example being caring, thoughtful and taking responsibility. Unlike our school, other grade six students have different roles such as school captains, vice-captains and house captains.

Some ideas that we took away are to look into placing recycling bins in the school and ideas on how we can stop violence in the playground. PYP in Action is looking forward to implementing some of these great ideas. We all enjoyed our day with Mrs Cuthbertson and are looking forward to the next SRC Meeting.

By
Suhani P, Jazelle F, Breena M, Amanda G

A SRC is a group of students in a school elected by their fellow students. SRC members represent all students in the school and organise ways for students to participate and contribute to their school community.
“Cultural Diversity Week brings together Victorians from all walks of life to promote community harmony and celebrate the many cultures that make our state so vibrant. Coordinated by the Victorian Multicultural Commission, the week-long celebration coincides with the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21st of March. Celebrations begin with one of the most popular nights of the year, the Premier’s Gala Dinner, and conclude with Victoria’s Multicultural Festival at Federation Square on the 20th of March from 12-8pm.”

The Prep - 2’s will be celebrating Cultural Diversity Week from the 14th - 18th of March with the preps/grade 1s dressing up in their cultural wear on Friday, 18th of March to celebrate this diversity, respect, tolerance and open-mindedness.

On Monday, the 21st of March, the grade 2s will celebrate Harmony Day with a ‘touch of orange’, which promotes multiculturalism throughout the world.

Sundram Moodley
Acting Assistant Principal
Dear Parents,

Whilst we appreciate you visiting classrooms before and after school to support your child and show interest in their work some parents are lingering in the classroom after the music has started. This is impacting on learning time.

We need all parents (unless you are a classroom helper) to leave the classroom once the music starts.

If you have any concerns that need to be discussed during learning time please come to the office and speak to an assistant principal.

We are very proud of the high achievement of our students. One of the reasons our children learn to such a high level is that we instil a respect for learning and utilise all available learning time.

Thank you for your understanding,

Ann O’Connor  Assistant Principal
Well done to all our swimmers who competed at the Divisional swimming competition last Thursday. Our District competed against 3 other Districts from Hobson’s Bay. It was a cold and wet day but we still had some great performances on the day. Jonathan C-H won his freestyle and backstroke races, Coco L won backstroke and 2nd in breaststroke, Ivy Li won freestyle and breaststroke and Isabella R won backstroke and butterfly.

Congratulations to all four have progressed to the Regional Finals at Geelong on Tuesday 22nd.

Thanks to family members who braved the conditions to support the children and to Ms Payne for timekeeping for a large portion of the day.

Well done

Other Good results on the day were: Alexandra S (3rd in Backstroke), Girls Medley (2nd - Coco, Ivy, Isabella, Tara K), 10yr Girls Freestyle Relay (3rd- Ivy, Isabella, Alexandra, Claudia T), Ethan N (4th in Butterfly and 6th in Freestyle), Olivia D (4th in freestyle and 7th in backstroke), Tara K (5th in freestyle although her race had a false start but Tara and another girl didn’t stop and swam the whole length. Then there was only a short break before they had to swim again. So to still get 5th out of 8 when 6 of the girls stopped after 5-10 metres, was a great effort. She also came 7th in her Breaststroke race), John Mc (3rd in breaststroke), Athena D (8th in backstroke), Jake P (7th In Freestyle and Breaststroke), Noah S (8th in freestyle and 6th in backstroke), Tyler A (5th in Breaststroke), Boys Medley (5th - Tyler, Jonathan, Ethan, Noah), Vanessa H (7th in butterfly), 10yr Boys freestyle relay (7th - John, Patrick M, Angus T, Raunaq ), 11yr Boys freestyle relay ( Carson R, Jake P, Noah S, Matthew Y), 11yr Girls Freestyle Relay (Tara, Olivia, Jewoseydi B, Athena), 12yr boys freestyle relay (Ethan, Jonathan, Archer N, Basir S), 12yr Girls Freestyle relay (3rd - Holly W, Jade HP, Izabella S, Coco).
Sports News
At Seabrook we are endeavoring to keep our community up to date with all events and news. Type ‘Seabrook Primary School’ into iTunes or Google Play or Windows Store. Alternatively an email can be received for all our notifications. Simply visit the schools website www.seabrook.vic.edu.au scroll to the bottom of the front page and click on the Skoolbag icon to subscribe. We hope you find this helpful. Use the translator to choose your preferred language.
For your information

No hat... No play!

Sun protection is used from ‘September to the end of April’ or ‘whenever UV levels reach three or more’ and NOT just during terms one and four. Bring you child’s hat to school each day.

Italian
WORD OF THE WEEK IS
Buona Pasqua
Meaning - Happy Easter
Pronunciation - Bwona Paskwar

SAVE THIS DATE in your calendars for our book fair.
Starting Monday 2nd MAY until Friday 6th MAY.

LOST PROPERTY NEWS

Have you lost or have an item that is missing?

Please check the Lost Property area for missing items located outside of Room 2 in the courtyard area.
All of the remaining items will be removed by the end of the term.

Thank you on behalf of the Lost Property Committee.
For your information
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

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students

How to Apply

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

Applications close 3 June 2016.
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No School Banking - Wednesday 23rd March 2016
Banking will start on Wednesday 13th April - First week back to school after the holidays

Due to school holidays starting on Thursday 24th of March there will be no school banking on Wednesday 23rd. The school banking is processed by the school banking volunteers on a Thursday morning and the class banking wallets are returned to the teachers on this day. Sometimes with the teachers busy schedules they are not returned to students until Friday which is the first day of the school holidays. So for this reason banking will not be held.

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

Seabrook School Banking Volunteer
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**Canteen will not be open on Thursday the 24th of March**

Free dress day on the last day of term. A gold coin donation will be collected on the day and will be used in part to support our school's sponsor child and a donation will be made to State Schools’ Relief who provide uniforms for deserving families.

*Hot dog day is on the last day of term 1*

Parent Helpers would be greatly appreciated on the day from 9am - 1:30pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please send your availability to seabrookhelpers@live.com.au

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