From the Principal

Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome back after our term 1 holiday and Easter break. Hopefully families had some quality time together over this time and some happy experiences.

We find ourselves ready to head into term 2 and here are some up-and-coming events to keep in your diaries:

April

Wednesday 13 - Information for grade 3 parents re NAPLAN (undertaken in May) North wing. Prompt start at 6pm – 7pm.
Monday 18 – Prep 2017 enrolments open
Tuesday 19 – whole school walk-a-thon. We hope the children have collected sponsors/donations over the holidays in preparation for this event. There is still time
Friday 22 - Seabrook's ANZAC Day ceremony in the courtyard weather permitting 11:30am. All welcome.
Monday 25 - ANZAC Day public holiday. NO SCHOOL

May

Thursday 5 – sibling and sports photos are taken
Friday 6 – Mothers Day stall 8:30 -11am

WALK A THON - TUESDAY APRIL 19

We hope the weather will be kind to us so we can take part in our annual ‘Get active, enjoy life’ walk-a-thon. Parents and friends are invited to join the grades as they walk to Comben Reserve.
The prep – 2 classes will be leaving the courtyard (side gate) at 9:10am, returning about 10:50am and year 3 – 6 plan to leave the school (front gate) at 10:30am returning about 12:15pm. The older children undertake a slighter longer course. There will be some active games and activities at the reserve before the groups walk back to school. Drink bottles can be carried. The children are required to be in school uniform but the Seabrook sports options can be worn by children in years 3-6. Coloured team t-shirts may also be worn. Please check the forecast in the morning in case a shower rain jacket might be needed. We hope you are free to join us on the walk.
Hopefully over the holidays the children have been requesting donations from family and friends for the walk. All money raised will go towards our target for this year of $80,000. Over $40,000 was raised last year so we can commence our soccer field and play area shortly. Currently quotes are being obtained for this work. We are very excited to finally be ready to start this refurbishment.

PAVING HELP REQUESTED

We are slowly growing our brick pathway out towards Mintaro Way. Over the past few years we have invited families to buy a family brick to help build this path and as a way for the community to have their names recorded in history at the school. It would help us greatly if someone might volunteer time to prepare a concrete bed (we will pay for the concrete) for the pavers and someone to volunteer to lay about the 60 paving stones we have ready to go. Please contact the office if you could help or know someone who might be interested in donating some time to the school.

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INTERNET PRIVACY

ASK YOUR CHILDREN: If you don't want us (as parents) to see any of your stuff shared online, or by smartphone, then it's definitely not suitable to anyone else.
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Australia’s premiers have launched the reading challenge for 2016. We hope parents will encourage their children to read as many books as possible. Children reading daily is one of the most effective ways to improve their overall academic development.

CHESS LESSONS TERM 2
Lessons are available after school on Mondays and during the day on Wednesdays and Fridays until the end of May. Please see Skoolbag or the website for more details.

EARTH DAY
Seabrook is developing more and more sustainable practices and we have a team of staff members who are working to achieve our 1st star in a 5 star rating system. They have organised an ‘hands-on’ and practical event to celebrate ‘Earth Day’ next Friday 22nd April. Earth day is a day to acknowledge what we can do for our planet/environment in a sustainable manner. We would love families to support this event and have conversations about why this concept is important for our future. We are still producing and selling our garden fertilizer from these worms.

A ‘NUDE FOOD’ day will be held next Friday whereby all students (and teachers) bring their food without the use of wrappers (as best as possible). The team is placing worm composting bins at stations around the courtyard for students and teachers to place food scraps to be later safely collected and placed in the worm compost bathtubs located behind our library.

We hope you will take part in both these events and talking to your children about the responsibility we all have to reduce waste and save resources.

COMING SOON!
ON-LINE PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR PARENTS
We are pleased to announce that very soon we will have a facility for parents to pay for most school activities and events on-line. Qkr (pronounced - Quicker) is a FREE, safe app to enable mobile payment for school-based accounts to save parents time. The app enables you to use your smartphone or tablet to make payments for most school activities and excursions without having to give your child cash to carry to school. We think this option will be a great advantage and support for parents. You may notice the link is ready on the skoolbag app. We will inform you once the system is ready to go.

Have a good week.

Sue & Staff
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Seabrook Primary School is excited to be participating.


The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. All students at our school will have their names entered online as participants in the Challenge, unless you advise us that you would like them to be exempted.

All children who meet the PRC will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please print then sign the attached form and return it to school.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: Department refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, Person refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

1. Privacy Protection
The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic).

This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

2. Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information
If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then: Publish your child’s name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

3. Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent
The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Yes I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child………………………………

Parent Signature…………………………….

Additional printed forms are available from the front office
As part of our inquiry ‘Who We Are’ we explored the central idea ‘we are all individual together we grow and change’. We investigated how we are all different and how we need to respect and enjoy our differences. To celebrate Victorian Cultural Diversity week we had a Cultural dress up day. We had a parade in the gym to show all our families the different cultural clothing and flags. We had a fun day!!
In grade 3 we are beginning our new inquiry exploring How the World Works. We will be investigating the different states of matter and learning about the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will conduct experiments to discover if or how some materials can change the state that they are in.

The members of 3SP have begun this inquiry by creating some wonderings of our own. Wonderings can be anything that our mind is curious about when we begin discussions in a new inquiry. As we continue our inquiry our questions will become even more interesting!

**Aadvi**
How do space shuttles ignite? Is it with solids or liquids?

**Rishi**
How do scientists know water is blue and soda is not?

**Ruby**
Do bones have gas inside?

**Lachlan**
Can illusions be a solid or can they be a gas?

**Dean**
Why is there more nitrogen than oxygen in the air?

**Jake**
Do soft drinks freeze faster than water?

**Jasmine**
Why are lots of gases invisible or turn invisible?

**Atharva**
Do different things you eat have different effects?

**Emma H**
Are clouds liquids or gases?

**Emma M**
How can solids turn into a gas?

**Lukas**
What is a liquid?

**Joely**
Why do soft drinks fizz?

**Lauren**
Can a solid turn into a gas?

**Dia**
How can something go into another state?

**Harvey**
What are gases, solids and liquids?

**Marissa**
What is gas made of?

**Shem**
Does every liquid freeze into ice?
4MT have been so excited to use Mathletics! They have been working on their maths goals and practising what we are doing in class on Mathletics. During the last week of term, 4MT got so many points that the class achieved the 7th position in ‘Australia’s Top 50 Classes’. Well Done 4MT! Keep up the good work. Date of these results was Thursday the 24th of March.

Next week we will be starting our school choir auditions. We will be having two choirs, one for grade 3’s and 4’s the other for grades 5 and 6. Anybody is welcome and strongly encouraged to come and audition. To audition all you need to do is come to the performing arts room and know the words to Advance Australia Fair! For grade 3’s and 4’s audition’s will be Wednesday lunch at 12.30 and grades 5 and 6 will be Friday at 12.30. The audition will not be students singing individually so don’t be afraid. Students will be formed into lines while they sing together. This way everybody will be as comfortable as possible. There will be approximately 20 positions in each choir. Once students have made it through the auditions, rehearsals will be: 3/4’S - Wednesday lunch time and 5/6’S - Friday lunch times every week!

Thank you
Mr Smith
Congratulations to the following students from Grade 4HT and Grade 4RE that participated in the recent BEBRAS program that was held between 16 - 27th March.

Noah H  
Christopher B  
Daniel Y  
Ibrahima B  
Vivian L  
Elissa S  
Chanel D  
Harry L  
Jasper W  
Aganjot A  
Simran P  
Ben M  
Parniyam R  
Ream S  
Komal F  
Lavanya SAlex  
Sana I  
Belinda M  
Brandon G  
Charli A  
William O  
Jessica P  
Laura D  
Meagan C  
Mia B  
Michelle L  
Neusha B  
Araya K  
Audrey M

**BEBRAS** is a maths challenge organized by the Australian Government to encourage and promote children to think computationally, which enables them to analyse and develop solutions to complex problems and to then use technology to create or innovate new processes and solutions. Careers of the future will require these types of skills at every level.

These children did just that and achieved Distinctions, Credits & Merits across the grade and many other schools across Australia. Congratulations to all the students. Fantastic effort!

If anyone is interested in the next challenge, the next one is running again from **September 5-16th**.
Regional Swimming Championships

Well done to our 4 students who competed in the Western Region Swimming Championships in Geelong during the last week of term. Johnathan CH has qualified in both Freestyle and Backstroke for the State Championships at MSAC next week. He swam 31.03 in the freestyle and 36.59 in the backstroke. Great effort Jono and good luck at the State finals.

Isabella R also performed very well, particularly in backstroke, where she came 2nd in 44.13. Unfortunately only the winners in each event moved on to the State level. In the butterfly Isabella came 10th overall in a time of 54.35. Well done!

Ivy L also had a great day, coming 3rd in breaststroke in a time of 51.63 and 9th overall in the freestyle, but in her personal best time of 38.95. There were 16 in each event on the day from the whole Western Region including Geelong/Bellarine area. Good work!

Unfortunately Coco L was ill on this day and couldn’t compete, but was due to swim in two events as well.

Grade 2 Swimming Program

The grade 2 swimming program starts this Monday 18th April at Shawn’s swim school in Hoppers Crossing (35 Richards Rd). The three groups will be as follows:

11.30am (2HR & 2MB)
12.30pm (2JV & 2MS)
1.30pm (2DK & 2MC)

Lessons go for 45 minutes and parents or other family members are welcome to come and watch. There may be room for 1 parent on each bus group that goes to assist the class teacher attending. Please see your child’s teacher if interested in doing so.

Final payments are also due by Monday so students can attend the first session. Notes will go home about the venue details, group times and what to bring etc..

Interschool Sport

Grade 6 Interschool sport is this Thursday (14th April) and Monday (18th April). Teams will be playing in Basketball (Altona Stadium), Rounders (Altona Green PS) & Tennis (Laverton Tennis Courts) on Thursday and Cricket and Tee Ball on Monday at Altona Green PS. Good luck to all students. If you haven’t returned your permission note and money for the bus, please do so as soon as possible.
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.
For your information

HARRY’S COMING TO MELBOURNE

MONDAY 2nd - FRIDAY 6th MAY 2016

MORE EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO HARRY KEWELL THAN EVER BEFORE. Open to all boys & girls, each session is capped at 40 participants only.

TIMES:
SESSION 1 9.45am - 10:15am
SESSION 2 10:15am - 11:15am
SESSION 3 11:15am - 12:15pm
SESSION 4 12:15pm - 1:15pm
SESSION 5 1:15pm - 2:15pm
SESSION 6 2:15pm - 3:15pm
SESSION 7 3:15pm - 4:15pm

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MAY 4 Moreland City Football Club
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BAYVIEW CAMPUS OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 3 MAY 6.30PM

Our evening will begin in the gymnasium, with student led tours and workshops occurring throughout the night.

GROUP TOURS

Group tours operate every Thursday at 6.15am until the end of May.

Please refer to our website to register a place.

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Email: williamstown.hs@edsmail.vic.gov.au
Facebook: Williamstown High School

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

The Youth Mental Health First Aid Course is for people living or working with young people aged between approximately 12-18 years. This two day course is particularly suitable for parents, teachers, sports coaches and youth workers.

The course teaches adults how to assist young people who are developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. Course participants learn about adolescent development and the signs and symptoms of common and disabling mental health problems in young people. They will learn where and how to get help, what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective, and how to provide mental health first aid in a crisis situation.

For more information, call Youth Services on 9002 4000 or visit: https://mhfa.com.au/courses/public/series/youth

INVITATION

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

HORSESS COUNCIL

For more information, call Robyn on 9002 4000 or email info@horshamcouncil.vic.gov.au

When: Saturday 7th and Saturday 14th May 2016
Time: 9am to 5.30pm
Where: Horsham City Civic Centre
115 Civic Parade
Horsham
Cost: $50
Bookings: Bookings are essential as places are limited. Bookings close Friday 20th April 2016
Call 9002 4000
jenes@horshamcouncil.vic.gov.au
**For your information**

**OSHClub**

OSHClub is excited to announce its partnership with Play On AFL to provide AFL clinics to children at the school. The program is run by AFL approved Coaches with no more than 15 children in each session. Therefore each child will receive the highest quality coaching and mentoring.

The program begins on the week commencing the 18th April and runs every Tuesday straight after the school bell. The program is open to all children who attend the school not just after care children.

The cost ranges from $15.00 for After Care children to $22.50 for non after care families. Families may also be eligible for Child Care Rebate and Child Care. Benefit reductions in cost. For more details go to [http://playonsports.com.au/](http://playonsports.com.au/)

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

**School Banking**

**Exciting New Rewards for Term 2**

Flying Snake Tail – now available to order
Wildlife Writer Set – now available to order
Mud Splat Handball – Released in Term 2
Outback Pat Bag Tag – Released in Term 2

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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The Vaisakhi harvest celebration in countries such as in India is an occasion of dancing, singing, music, wearing of festive garments and religious praise. The festival marks the start of the New Year in the Nanakshahi solar calendar and recognises the Sikh religious faith.

Vaisakhi is a Sikh holy day as well as a celebration of the New Year in the Nanakshahi calendar. The date falls around April 13 or 14. Offices, educational institutions and major businesses are closed but some shops remain open and offer discounts. Vaisakhi is also called Baisakhi. This harvest celebration takes place annually and harvesters celebrate and rejoice about the New Year and the harvested crops.

| Grade 5 & 6 Assembly   | 19      | 20                   | 21             | 22             |
| 9am - 9:30am           |         | Skeleton Creek      | Prep Assembly  | Prep Assembly  |
| Grade 2 Swimming       |         | excursion Grade 4   | 2:30pm – 3pm   | in the gym     |
| District T20 Cricket    |         |                      |                |                |
| District Tee Ball       |         |                      |                |                |
| Competition Grade 6     |         |                      |                | Nude Food Day  |
| students                |         |                      |                |                |

Walkathon

Prep to grade 2 will walk for a total of 45 minutes
Grade 3 to 6 will walk for a total of 90 minutes
Please return the money raised from your sponsors by Tuesday the 26th of April

| May 2                  | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6               |
| Grade 5 & 6 Assembly   |         |         |         | Prep Assembly   |
| 9am - 9:30am           |         |         |         | 2:30pm – 3pm    |
| Grade 2 Swimming       |         |         |         | in the gym      |

Prep Assembly 2:30pm - 3pm in the gym

Mothers Day Stall

Book Fair this week 2nd - 6th May