From the Principal
Dear Parents / Guardians

SKOOLBAG

We are happy that we now have 2666 people using the Skoolbag app. We hope you and your family members are finding this a helpful resource. Please check here for what is happening, forms and other information relevant to your children. If you would like to log in your child’s absence using this facility please add your child’s teacher, grade code, e.g. 6JB (year level and teacher’s initials). If your child is away for only one day for example, you insert “from” 28 May “to” 28 May. This is a 24 hour period. Also add into the Reason section for example, ‘unwell’, ‘doctor/dentist appointment’ etc. If it is of a personal nature you are very welcome to contact the office by phone. This enables us to code the absence correctly for our departmental data. To avoid unnecessary notifications please make sure you have applied the filters for your child/children’s year levels. If you have any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

Please be advised you can have the Skoolbag messages sent to you via email. Subscribe by simply logging into http://www.seabrook.vic.edu.au/
Enter your details when you hit the subscribe button.

REPORTS AND STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES JUNE 23
Our teachers are working very hard on preparing the mid year reports for your children. They will provide a substantial overview of the learning over the past four months at school. The children are adding pieces of work into their portfolios ready to share with you at the student-led conference day June 23. There will be no school on this day. The opportunity to book an appointment time with your child and teacher will be announced in June. This is a very important learning opportunity for your child and will supplement the report with some samples of the learning journey. Parents will be able to book an appointment throughout the day and early evening. Please keep this date in mind and appointment details will follow.

INTERNET PRIVACY
Teach children to NEVER give out full names, birth dates passwords, addresses and finance details to anyone, or share online.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND
Application for funding closes on 3rd of June.

The Victorian government has introduced an initiative last year to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and will be tied to the child.

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 two, or;
- on the first day of Term three;

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a 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.

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.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term two or term three.

If the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validates on the first day of term two (13 April 2015), the application will be processed and the full annual payment will be made to the school from the commencement of term three.

For applications which fail the term two validation, but become valid on the first day of term three, the application will be processed and payment will be made to the school during term three.

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.

UNIFORM
It has become apparent that some girls winter tunics were sold with the bib sewn in place. The original design was intended that the bib could be detachable and the tunic worn as a skirt if desired. Please contact Fred at Double C if you would prefer an alteration on 9360 9008.

Have a great week ahead.
No Standing changes - Canonbury Circle

18 May 2016

To the Owner/Occupier
Canonbury Circle
Seabrook, Vic. 3028

Dear Sir/Madam,

Canonbury Circle, Seabrook - Proposed 'No Stopping' signs

Council has received a number of concerns in relation to parking and access issues in Canonbury Circle, Seabrook, occurring mostly during school drop-off and pick-up times. Vehicles are parking on both sides of the road creating difficulties for vehicles to pass each other safely.

In order to address this issue, Council proposes to extend the existing 'No Stopping' restrictions which apply 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm on school days, located on the south-west side of Canonbury Circle opposite Offeney Way, that is odd number houses (as shown on the attached plan).

This proposal is intended to address road safety issues arising from parked vehicles compromising the road and restricting the flow of traffic movement in the street during school times. Maintaining the parking restrictions on the south-west side of Canonbury Circle will also allow drop-off and pick-up to occur on the side nearest the school to avoid children having to cross the road.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Con Eleniades, Coordinator Traffic and Amenity on 9632 1000 or email projects@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au prior to Friday 20 May, 2016.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

[Position]

[Name]

Co. O.D. Gale and Co-Manager

[Date]

115 Cove Parade (PO Box 27) Altona Vale, VIC 3018 Telephone (03) 9632 1020 Fax (03) 9632 1034 www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Assessment and Reporting
Naplan was completed last week. The writing assessment was a narrative. All children appeared able to attempt this task and all the other Naplan tests. Staff were pleased with the positive manner in which the students undertook Naplan.

Inquiry
Year 6 children are involved in preparing for camp to Canberra. They are completing work on Ancient Civilisations and will be moving onto a study of Civics and Citizenships, an inquiry which will be enriched by their tour of Canberra.

Issues of migrations are being explored within Year 5. Many family members are able to share their experiences and it is so powerful to hear from people we know.

A visit to Skeleton Creek under the guidance of the Friends of Skeleton Creek was a very worthwhile experience for Year 4 and the children made a real difference to our local environment as they undertook plantings. They are now being very creative as they prepare a script ready to visit ACMI to make a film.

Creating and sharing experiments is very engaging for Year 3 in their investigations on matter - solids, liquids and gases. Some fascinating experiments have been shared. The crystal chemistry incursion was enjoyed and the children brought in some fascinating experiments to share with their classmates. Scientists have been visiting the school to continue the great work the children are undertaking. Research skills will be developed as work on their inquiry into exploration.

Exploring emotions and feelings was a significant inquiry for Year 2. They are learning about the importance of recognising a range of emotions and ways we can be helped and help ourselves in dealing with these feelings. They have now visited the Botanical Gardens to learn more about the importance of plants.

As a follow up from their first inquiry Year 1 has created some superb art installations of our local community. Responsibility for our health and wellbeing has been the focus this term and they will now immerse themselves into storytelling as a mode of expression.

Preps have enjoyed many visitors as they learnt about safety and they too will now begin an inquiry into how we express ourselves.

Many of the year levels are focusing on creativity and self-expression - the children will be immersed in very lively, imaginative experiences where their talents and originality can shine!

Ann O’Connor
Assistant Principal
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADE TWO STUDENTS
These students completed a wonderful unit of work on ‘Le Emozione’ – Emotions.
PYP inquiry of ‘Time and place can cause a range of emotions’.
Ben fatto – Well done! Bravi a tutti!

Mrs Paula Thomson

Come ti senti oggi?
How do you feel today?
Sports News

Grade 4 Swimming Program

We would like to inform Grade 4 parents, that due to not having enough students for the swimming program, we have had to cancel the grade 4 program. We needed 48 to be viable and not have to raise costs. Possibly with 40 we could have scraped 2 groups together, which is the minimum, but we only have 31 who have paid a deposit/whole amount.

However, the good news is that all those children will be able to do the swimming program, it will just be with the grade 3 classes, when they go in term 3 (August).

Yvonne Golomb at the office has organised the return of cash deposits/payments and advised that all credit card slips would be shredded for security purposes. If wish to further inquire about this, please see Yvonne at the office.

Notes have been sent home to the families who wanted to be involved in the swimming program explaining why the program was cancelled and about those students still being able to access the program next term.

Congratulations to Andreas W (6EC) who tried out firstly at the Team Vic Divisional Trials at Tarneit on Wednesday 20th of April. They played trial games, with Andreas representing the Hobson’s Bay Division. At the end of the trial he was selected to attend the Regional trial at Wyndhamvale Sth on May 17th.

Again they played a few matches, trying players in different positions. At the end of the trial they chose 20 players to progress to the next trial, where all the country students and other metropolitan representatives meet before coaches select the final State Team. Unfortunately Andreas missed out on making it to the next stage, but considering there were 80 students from all over the western suburbs, it was a great effort to make it this far.

Well done!!
**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

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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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**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.
Introducing Qkr
New payment app for Seabrook

For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard: the easy-to-use phone app that gives you the flexibility to place orders at a time and place that suits you. Qkr!

- Saves you time by letting you order and pay for school items directly from your phone;
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- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks

Getting started is easy – try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in “Locations Nearby” if you are within 4kms of the school

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Scan QR code provided by your school
Or search for our school name

If within 4kms of the school, you can select from “Locations Nearby”

Now you’re ready to order directly from your phone...
Introducing Qkr

Manage your children’s details

Purchase school items

Add multiple payment cards

Pay with any scheme credit, debit or pre-paid card accepted by the school. At checkout, you can select from any of your registered cards.

Safe and Secure MasterCard Technology

Add up to five cards to your Qkr! account

We want your feedback!

Please send your comments or suggestions on how the Qkr! service could be improved to the school office.
For your information

Ph: 9360 7777 Altona Meadows shopping centre

Dental special offers

Offer 1
For a limited time, Patients with Dental cover with Private Health Insurance are offered the following dental services at no out-of-pocket expense:
- Check up and examination
- Scale and Clean
- Fluoride applications
- X-Rays

* Terms & Conditions apply.

Offer 2
Free* dental check-up for KIDS under 14 years

Did you know that a study of Australian school children found that nearly half of children aged 5-6 years (40.7%) had a history of dental decay in their deciduous teeth (baby teeth). Likewise, nearly half of children aged 12 years (45.1%) had a history of decay in permanent teeth.

(SOURCE: The Child Dental Health Survey 2005-2006)

Offer 3
Free* Braces/Invisalign Consultation

Calling All Curious Minds!
18 & 19 June 2016

Willy Lit Fest invites you to #Stycurious

The Willy Lit Fest aims to enrich children’s lives by fostering a love of reading and books.

“We are very pleased to be offering many author talks for children and young adults in this year’s program. Encouraging young readers to come to the Willy Lit Fest and get up close with their favourite authors is an important consideration in putting together our program,” said Programming Director, Laraine Callow.

“We’re so excited to be promoting reading, creativity and story in the town of young people by bringing them into contact with their favourite authors. Andy Griffiths, Sally Rippin, Meredith Costello, David Adele and soon bookbinder Styn Werns."  

Top Picks for Kids
- Auditions come in with Styn Werns, an actor, writer, and the wildly popular voice behind hundreds of children’s audiobooks.
- Picture book LOVES are written by Sally Rippin, acclaimed children’s author who has sold more than 2 million children’s books worldwide, including the renowned Billie B Brown and Hey Jack! series.
- Meet Morris Gleitzman – meet one of Australia’s funniest and best-loved children’s authors with over 34 published books.
- Andy Griffiths’ Kids Show: Over the last 20 years Andy’s books have been New York Times bestsellers, adopted for the stage and screen and won more than 25 Australian children’s choice awards.
- Wobblybrains: How to be a champion word puzzler with David Adele, full-time word nerd, whip up a flurry of riddles, puzzles, and puns alike.

Top Picks for Young Adults
- The Willy Lit Fest Debate: teams from Bacchus Marsh College and Mount St Joseph Girls’ College will debate, “Oh, boy, did I kill the cat but, oh, no, I didn’t,”
- A Passion for Poetry with Nicole Rowes, whose debut young adult book, “The Whole of My World (Random House 2012) was the first ‘New Release’ selected on 2012’s 2012/13 Young Readers Panel. She will be joined by Michael Hyde, Angela Pappas and Alice Somerville who are all made for poets.

Check out the full list of events online. Early bird discounts are available until midnight on the 26 May. Tickets will be available online at www.willylitfest.org.au over the phone (9352 4874) and in person at the Williamstown Library.

Double ‘C’ Jeanery

Book Keeper wanted
DSC our uniform supplier is looking for a book keeper to work 12-15 hours per week in Altona. The hours are flexible. Please contact Craig on 0425796049, or Fred on 0425796053.

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
email: murphy.mary.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Point Cook French Club!

Mondays 4.00pm-4.45pm
Pt Cook Community Learning Centre
Cheetham St, Pt Cook

✓ French for kids through games, song, story and role-play
✓ Experienced, native-speaking local teacher
✓ 4 yrs at capacity in Williams/pt cook
✓ Intimate and engaging language learning
✓ Strictly limited places, free try-out

Jimi: 0432 719 034 | jim.callahan@icfclubs.com.au
Well done to the following students who received Bronze certificates:

Hey Kids.....Join the Program!
To start banking at school, all you need to do is ask mum or dad to visit your local Commonwealth Bank branch and open up a Youthsaver Account. They’ll need their drivers licence or passport as well as your birth certificate or passport. You’ll receive a dollarmites deposit book & wallet as well as a Platypbank money box. Then you just need to earn your pocket money and make your first deposit and start earing rewards. School banking is held every Wednesday.
The interest rate for Youthsaver accounts is only 0.01% p.a. however you can earn BONUS INTEREST of 2.54% p.a. if you make at least one deposit and no withdrawals every month.

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?
Email: seabrookschoolbanking@gmail.com

Seabrook School Banking Volunteer
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**Grade 6 CANBERRA TOUR**

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