From the Principal

Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome back to all our staff and students for term 3. A special warm welcome also to many new families who are joining us this term. Hopefully everyone has had a good break and ready to start fresh for the term.

STAFFING

We welcome Mrs Tania Conte (grade 2) who has taken over from Mrs Daisy Koumi who left to commence her maternity leave at the end of last term. Mrs Conte met many of the parents during the Student Led Conferences in June.

Mrs Wendy Treloar (Welfare Office) is currently on sick leave is recovering steadily from a recent hip replacement operation. We wish her well and if you have any matters for her attention you may contact either Mr Moodley, Mrs O’ Connor or Mrs Lockwood to assist.

GROUNDS

It is terrific that we have had a lot of rain lately and so we need to apologise for the puddles and soggy patches around the grounds, however Shelley is systematically working around the school mulching to improve these areas.

Works undertaken during the break included re-siting of our water tanks kindly donated via Melissa Boothroyd’s work place and screens. These tanks are positioned behind the portables on the oval and will soon be operational. A range of general garden and maintenance tasks were also completed. Thanks to Barry and Shelley for their work.

Just a reminder we have plentiful supplies of our own Seabrook fertilizer. It is available from the office for $5.00 per bottle. A natural way to help your plants flourish.

UNIFORM

Please refer to our website before purchasing new school uniform items. Seabrook has an official uniform; windcheaters and white polo shirts are not school uniform. Please be reminded to label your children’s clothing so we can return them when lost. Our second hand uniform shop has a great deal of stock available and is open each Thursday afternoon from 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Parents are welcome to sell surplus children’s uniform garments that are clean and in good order through the shop.

LAPTOP USE

Just a reminder to all our families who are participating in the one to one laptop program that the school utilises safety software that is able to detect any form of inappropriate content accessed on the children’s laptops. The software we use is in operation 24 hours and will alert our staff when inappropriate sites and language is used both at home and school. Everyone signed agreements on purchase and it may become necessary to withdraw the use of laptops if conditions are breeched.

THANKS

Thanks to the parent helpers who cooked and served the children their sausages on the cold and windy last day of term two. The children always look forward to this day and will no doubt look forward to hotdog day at the end of this term.

Thanks also to Joe’s family for their generous donation of $1000 which will be used to purchase books. This kind donation was given in gratitude for the education his son has received whilst at Seabrook Primary School.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy term 3.

Sue & Staff

GAMES - Although it is hard these days, avoid buying games that contain an online chat function
Visit our website [www.seabrook.vic.edu.au](http://www.seabrook.vic.edu.au) and use the translator for your preferred language.

Download the Seabrook Skoolbag app to keep up to date with all school information.

Using your app store search Qkr for a secure and easy way to pay for school items.

Visit our education based Facebook page by searching @SeabrookPS or [www.facebook.com/SeabrookPS](http://www.facebook.com/SeabrookPS).

Find us on Facebook.
NAIDOC week celebrations are held across Australia each year to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Next week (WEEK 2), the Grade 5 students will be acknowledging NAIDOC week by selling NAIDOC Packs at both Junior and Senior recess and lunch times. The money raised from these sales supports the Koori Kids Initiative. Koori Kids was founded to bring a progressive coordinated approach to the cultural development of our kids in the areas of public awareness, reconciliation, cultural diversity and friendship. Support provided for this initiative allows them to assist youngsters in their endeavours, including; assistance with travel to interstate sports, NAIDOC student of the year awards and their annual Operation Christmas Toy Drive.

The Naidoc Packs cost $3. They include a Respect Band, Pencil Case, Pencil, Eraser and Sharpener. They have an Indigenous design. The respect bands represent the respect of each and every cultural background and also respect for each other.

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE NEXT WEEK
On Thursday the 23rd of June, students had the opportunity to share their learning journey with their families. The conferences were a great success, as students were able to discuss and reflect upon a variety of work samples from various curriculum areas. Through the conferences the students were able to identify their strengths and areas of improvement, which then enabled them to set goals for their future development and learning. Overall, the conferences enabled the parents to gain a clear insight into the kind of work their child is producing and offered them an opportunity to discuss it with their child.

Thank you to all staff members for making the conferences successful and for preparing your students. I would also like to thank all parents who attended the conferences and I hope that you gained a perception of your child’s learning.

Mrs Rima EL Souki
PYP Co-ordinator
1SP have been busy exploring our new inquiry ‘weather affects our lives in different ways’. This week we conducted a mini investigation on weather by searching for different samples of weather related artefacts in our own schoolyard! We collected different objects and took photographs, which we then shared and discussed with one another in class. We used our collected artefacts and new knowledge from our discussion to then create some very curious wonderings!

Here’s what we look forward to finding out more about in our inquiry:

**Levi:** When it is raining and windy, does the wind change the direction of the rain?

**Emily:** Why does it rain in summer when it’s supposed to be hot?

**Hayden:** Why does water vaporise from water to clouds to make pictures in the sky?

**Bella:** Why does the weather change in different countries?

**Madelyn:** Why is the sun so hot?

**Fiona:** Why do the seasons change?

**Matthew:** How does it rain?

**Ethan:** Why do leaves fall when it’s autumn?

**Ezra:** How does water come down from the clouds?

**James:** Why is the rain and wind so cold?
I was a risk-taker when I showed by goals from the first semester to my mum. (Olivia)

I now know that in the student-led conference, you show your family what work you have been doing. (Alannah)

I was a risk-taker when I was presenting the learner profile and attitudes part of my script to my parents. (Zac)

I was a risk-taker when I did the real conference with my parents because I was speaking clearly. (Emmanuel)

I understand that the student-led conference is run by the student because then your parents know what you have been learning at school. (Nisha)

I know that when your mum comes to the student-led conference, you have to speak clearly and loud so that they hear about your learning. (Chloe)

I was a risk-taker when I showed my work to my mum because I had my Mathematics, English and inquiry pieces to show with reflections. (Sahana)

I was a risk-taker when I read my script out to my mum with a clear voice. (Nate)

I was a risk-taker when I was speaking to my mum because I forgot what to say so I used my script. (Cooper)

I was a risk-taker because I was able to show my mum piece of my work from my portfolio. (Aluat)

I was a risk-taker when I tried new things, such as explaining to my parents how I achieved some of my goals. (Cale)

The most challenging thing about the conference was showing my inquiry work to my mum and dad because some of this work had been completed in Term One. (Finley)

I took my portfolio home and did my conference with my mum and dad and I enjoyed showing them the work I had done during the first semester. (Jett)

I noticed when I was talking to my parent in the student-led conference, that my voice seemed louder and clearer because I was confident. (Serena)

I was a risk-taker when I showed my portfolio to my parents because I could tell them about my learning. (Lily)

I took my portfolio home and I showed it to my mum and dad and they enjoyed seeing my Mathematics work about time and The Bad Tempered Ladybird. (Charlotte)

I took my portfolio home on the last day of Term Two and showed my mum and I enjoyed showing her my Mathematics pieces. (Jessica)

I took my portfolio home and showed it to my mum. She said it was great and I went through every piece with her. (Jorjia)

I enjoyed showing the work that I had done to my parents on the conference day. (Zak B)

In the last week of Term Two 2016, Grade 3KM had their student-led conferences. Students showed confidence and were communicators in showing and explaining their learning to their parents. Here are some reflections below.
For your information

Grade 3 Swimming

Just a reminder to parents about the grade 3 swimming program that commences in week 5 (Monday 6th August). Notes went out before the holidays and the cut off to guarantee a place is next Friday 22nd of July. After that, if there are spots available we can accept more. If groups have filled up, unless we can fill another group (24) or close to it, we will start a waiting list.

The Grade 4 children who enrolled to go last term, but due to lack of numbers we had to cancel, will also be attending the swimming with the Grade 3’s. A note has gone home to only the Grade 4 students we have registered from last term, to confirm they will still attend the program.

Interschool Sport

Good luck to our Football and Netball teams who are playing in Hobson’s Bay Divisional Finals this week. Netball was on today at the Altona Basketball/Netball Stadium and Football is on tomorrow at Saltwater Reserve. Our teams are playing the winners from Point Cook, Altona and Spotswood Districts. We will have a report next week. Good luck to both teams.

Sentence of the week is “In inverno nevica”

Meaning - In winter it snows.

Pronunciation…. In invarno nevicar

A clearly labelled size 8 or 10 Navy Blue Lined Jacket.
The jacket is labelled with E Carlsen. Please return to Mrs Jones room 37 with when found.

Thank you

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank all our Seabrook community for their commitment in raising money for our school. $16120 has been raised thus far. Our annual Cadbury drive commences next week.

Dear Parents/Guardians of Years 3 - 6
only 12 tickets left

Tickets for Roald Dahl’s Matilda the Musical tickets are now on sale. Tickets are $79.00 which includes ticket and the bus. Normally tickets are upwards of $100.

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Thank you
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

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

Prescribed Medication Authority Form
For your information

Wish to advertise your business or event with us?

Contact: Maureen Murphy on 9395 1758
email: murphy.mary.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

$5.50 including GST for a business card size advertisement
$22 including GST for a 1/4 page advertisement
AN EXCITING NEW COMPETITION HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR TERM 3!!

Competition details & prizes
Students who make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 will have a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes including 50 camping kits, 90 instant cameras and 200 magazine packs. Excitingly, this year we have a second prize pool available. Students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making their three deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs.

The Commonwealth Bank is also giving schools a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200.

For full competition details visit: commbank.com.au/prizelights
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
**July / Aug 2016**

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### Grade 1 & 2 Assembly
- **12th July**: 2:30pm - 3pm

### Grade 3 & 4 Assembly
- **18th July**: 9am - 9:30am
- **19th July**: Australian Mathematics Test Grade 3 students

### Grade 5 & 6 Assembly
- **25th July**: 9am - 9:30am

### Australian Mathematics Test
- **19th July**: Grade 3 students
- **28th July**: Grade 3 - 6

### Prep Garden Fun Day
- **26th July**: 2pm - 3pm

### Grade 1 & 2 Assembly
- **2nd August**: 2:30pm - 3pm

### Grade 3 & 4 Assembly
- **1st August**: 9am - 9:30am
- **2nd August**: Prep 100 days of school celebration

### Grade 4 - 6 Athletics Day
- **3rd August**: Newport Park Athletics Track

### Prep Assembly
- **2nd August**: 2:30pm - 3pm
- **5th August**: 2:30pm - 3pm

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Nelson Mandela International Day was launched in 2009 via unanimous decision of the UN General Assembly, in recognition of Nelson Mandela’s birthday on the 18th of July. It is more than a celebration of Madiba’s life and legacy. It is a global movement to honour his life’s work and act to change the world for the better.

The message behind Mandela Day is simple – each individual has the ability and the responsibility to change the world for the better. If each one of us heeded the call to simply do good every day, we would be living Nelson Mandela’s legacy and helping to build a country of our dreams.

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead” – Nelson Mandela