From the Principal

Dear Parents / Guardians

THE HOLIDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE

Our heads are spinning that the 2016 school year is nearly at an end. A big thank you again to all our parent helpers who have assisted the school and the children in so many ways over the year. This includes Hannah in the second hand uniform shop, the school banking group, fundraising/parent helpers, Kids Hope staff, School Council members and other volunteers who help out at our school events and in classrooms.

Thanks to our office team, our classroom support staff and Shelley and Barry who keep our school grounds and buildings in order and the ladies in the canteen. Thanks also to the extra curricula teachers who instruct the children in keyboard, guitar, singing, after school sports and chess. Alf and Fred also do a great job keeping our children safe when crossing Point Cook Road every day. We thank everyone for helping make our school great.

Our job is so much easier when we have this type of support and assistance with learning and everyday operations. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy holiday and all the best for the New Year.

EARLY FINISH

A reminder that we finish next Tuesday afternoon and the children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 1:30pm for the Christmas holidays. It will be a normal school uniform day. Dismissal will follow our assembly in the courtyard, weather permitting, at approximately 12:45pm.

GOOD BYES

Tuesday afternoon at our assembly we say ‘goodbye’ and a ‘big thank you’ to Ms Erin Verdolini and Mrs Lydia Dunbar who will be leaving us at the end of the year. Ms Erin is employed at Derimut Primary School next year and Mrs Dunbar will commence her confinement leave. We thank both teachers for their outstanding contribution to Seabrook and the children and wish them all the very best in the future.

It is a pleasure to welcome back Ms Katerina Asimakopoulos and Mrs Lisa Hodgson, both experienced and talented teachers retuning to Seabrook. Next year we have some new staff at Seabrook and we will introduce them in the New Year.

Seabrook Primary School has a zero tolerance for any form of child abuse.

GAMES - Vary game genres, and include games with some educational benefits whenever possible
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
What a fabulous night for a Christmas Concert! The children performed confidently and the night was enjoyed by all. Mr Cochran did a great job, as usual, hosting the event which brings all our community together.

Our survey sincere thanks to Wayne and Kate Daisley and family for their efforts in setting up the stage, recording and providing the excellent sound equipment.

Parents who helped with the stage set-up and dismantling included: Mr and Mrs Daisley and son Scott, Mrs S Knell, Mrs H Frost, Mr S Currie, Mr Y Jiang, Mr D McDonald Mr and Mrs Clark, Mr F Cassar (our crossing supervisor), Mr D Mc Donald, Mrs S Seward, Mrs M Boothroyd, Ms Pano, Mrs M Bibby, Mr Camilleri, and many of our staff including Mr Smith, Mr Basa and Mr Smith, Miss Payne, Mr Luthi, Miss Ladd, Mr Brown, Mrs Lockwood, Mrs Cassar, Mrs Lima. Your time and assistance was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Fred for collecting and returning the stage.

RAFFLE WINNERS
Congratulations to the winners of the children’s Christmas raffle drawn at the Christmas concert.

1st Ibrahim 0KS
2nd Rohan 1LJ
3rd Lukas 5SL

YEAR 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY
Grade 6 graduation on Monday night proved to be another successful night. Our grade 6 students presented, sang and danced with confidence. Thank you to all the wonderful teachers and staff members at Seabrook who have prepared the children over their years for this event and of course their parents. The children thoroughly enjoyed the night. Congratulations to all the award winners who were recognised on the night.

Julia Gillard Award: Suhani P
Rotary scholarship: Fredrick R & Phoenix B
Commitment Award: Alice S
Principled Award: Sophie B
Inquirer Award: Vihann M
Knowledgeable Award: James B
Sports Award: Johnathan C-H & Andreas W

We send them off into the world knowing they have had a good foundation at primary school.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
We would really appreciate it if anyone notices intruders clearly making mischief in our school over the holidays to call 000. Thank you.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER
All prizes have been delivered to the children who sold a significant number of boxes in our recent chocolate drive. Thanks again to everyone who bought or sold chocolates to help improve our grounds. The new running track, sports field and equipment is expected to be completed by the start of the new school year.

Lauren D 4RE sold 21 boxes (X-Box)
Alexis B 1GV and Jonah C 3DW sold 12 boxes (scooter)

6 Boxes were sold by
- Chrissy P 1LJ,
- Kiani K 1SP
- Lachlan M 3DW
- Dante Y 3NM
- Jasmine Q 3NM
- Ruby C 3SP

all received vouchers

The lucky draw prize winners who sold a complete box have received their prizes too.

UNIFORM SHOP
Please note the Uniform shop will be open this Thursday for the last time for this year. Many thanks again to Hannah and her helpers. It would be great if another parent could offer one hour per week on Thursdays to assist Hannah next year. The shop is open from 2:30pm-3:30pm each week.

OFFICE HOURS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY NEXT WEEK
Monday 19th December our main office will be closed at 3:30pm. It will reopen at 8am on Tuesday.

After the holiday break the office will re-open in January on Monday January 30th. Book packs and fees can be paid on Qkr at any time during the break.

SPEED LIMIT
Please adhere to the speed limits in and around our school and slow down when parking in the car the visitor's carpark

LOST PROPERTY
There is still a mountain of clothing and other items left over from the grade 3 and 4 camps. There are also many school uniform items. Please come and check before the end of the school day on Tuesday. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity or placed in our sick bay spare uniform cupboard.

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UNIFORM NEWS - COMING SOON

The following new items are being introduced to our Seabrook uniform -

- Sleeveless jumper /woollen vest for years P-6 $TBA
- Soft shell layer jacket for years P-6 $50
- New polo top for years 3-6 only approximately $25

All items available from DCS Laverton in the new year.

Purchase your school uniform from or order online

2 Aviation Road, Laverton. 3028
Phone 9360 9008

Thanks again to all our Seabrook families and friends for a wonderful year full of significant learning and growth. Best wishes for Christmas, New Year and the holiday season.

Sue & Staff

Italian word of the week
Buon Natale
Merry Christmas

State Swimming Finals

Congratulations to Johnathan C-H (6SL), Bell R (5LL) and Ivy L (4MT) who competed at the State Swimming finals over the last few days. I have some of Johnathan's results, which were fantastic. He came 3rd in the 200m backstroke final in a PB time of 2.32 min. He also came 5th in 200m Freestyle, 6th in 100m Backstroke, 24th in 200m Individual medley and 29th in 50 m Freestyle. He has a relay event to go with his club Altona.

Bell and Ivy also competed at the same competition, but unfortunately they were away from school and we haven’t received their results yet. Well done to all three students on their fantastic efforts with their swimming this year.

Mr Ganley
Christmas Is Here
Happy Kids
Rudolph’s Red Nose
I Am Waiting
Singing Carols
Tinsel Around My Neck
Making Cookies
A Christmas Tree
Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

By Ibrahima and Adam

Santa on his way
And feeding his reindeer’s lots of hay
Night time is when Santa strikes
The presents fell down the chimney
And the children got a fright

By Harry and Benjamin
THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT!!!

When the clock struck twelve,  
Santa went through the chimney.  

Putting gifts under the Christmas tree,  

When the children woke up, they ran over and let the gifts free.  

They found a little camera,  
Thinking that they have stamina  

WHICH TOOK THEM TO THE NORTH POLE  

HI SANTA  

By Garima and Lavanya  

Christmas  

Holly  
Ritual  
In icy  
Sales  
Trimming  
Mince pie  
Angel  
Sleigh bells  

By Ben
We would like to congratulate all the grade 6 graduates of 2016.

Monday night saw our annual grade 6 graduation at Encore event centre, it was an amazing night watching the children shine through dance and song. They all looked fabulous and the night was amazing. We would like to congratulate the award recipients for their outstanding efforts throughout their grade 6 year.
The 2016 graduation was held at the encore event centre in Werribee on the 12th of December.

The event included a lot of hard work, dedication and preparation. At first all the grade 6’s sat down in roll order to make it easier for us to assemble in dance and singing groups. The first group – ‘Cant stop the feeling’ went backstage, and the doors opened at 6:20pm for all the teachers and family members to come and watch the performances.

After everyone was seated, a boy introduced the first dance. After that there was a singing performance called Seven years. There were many applauses and certificates for the children who graduated. The next performance was a dance called ‘Uptown funk’, which I was apart of, the dance went really well and I generated a lot of energy throughout it.

There were also two other dances one called Me too and the other called I love me. All the dances were choreographed by a dance instructor Carley, who we were all very grateful to have.

Overall the graduation was a huge success and memorable time that the grade 6 graduates will never forget.

Hayley 6MB

A fun and memorable occasion
As thousands of lights shone upon the year sixes
The joyful dancing
The lovely singing and the pretty dresses
Everything shone with happiness
It was a night everyone looked forward to
A celebration of our success
We have finished year six
But it was also the end
The end of our of primary school years
Sadness overwhelmed us
But we were seen to be greeted with excitement
As we are about to start something new
High school.

Yolanda 6MB
During our December working bee
For 2017 a new system will be implemented for children’s book packs and fees. There will be no collection day next year as in the past. All payments made in 2016 will guarantee that your child’s pack will be checked and delivered to your child’s classroom by the 1st day of term 1, 2017. Payments can now be made using Qkr.

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**TOTAL $60**

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**ITEMISED SCHOOL FEES**

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**TOTAL $235.00**

Children not participating in the MacBook 1:1 Program: $235.00

Children participating in the MacBook 1:1 Program: $190.00

This levy is to help the school cover the cost of application licences and subscriptions to specific eLearning programs your child will be using.

**PART 3: School Council Optional Levy**

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**TOTAL $40.00**

This optional levy fee of $40 covers costs for maintenance work and wages, but can be reclaimed by families when attending a working bee during the year.

Seabrook offers QKR to pay all school items. Using your app store search Qkr for a secure and easy way to pay for school items.
Outdoor play the SunSmart way!

SunSmart promotes active, outdoor play across the day throughout the year and doesn’t request that children’s outdoor time be restricted due to the sun’s UV levels.

Please make sure a combination of sun protection measures are used during the daily sun protection times to ensure children can engage in fun, sun safe outdoor play.

Why?

Some sun exposure is important for vitamin D which is essential for healthy bones and muscles, and for general health.

But too much sun can cause skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Sun exposure during childhood and adolescence is a major factor in determining future skin cancer risk.

How?

Check SunSmart’s daily sun protection times so you know when you do and don’t need sun protection each day. These are available as a free app, online (sunsmart.com.au), in the weather section of the newspaper or as a free website widget. Perhaps you can add the widget to your service’s website?

If you can’t check the sun protection times each day, use these 5 SunSmart steps from September to the end of April in Victoria (NOT just terms one and four).

1. **Slip** on cool, covering clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
2. **Slop** on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen. Make sure you apply a generous amount and keep reapplying it every 2 hours. Check the expiry date.
3. **Slap** on a wide brimmed hat that shades the face, neck, ears and eyes. (Baseball or peak caps don’t measure up so leave those on the hat rack!)
4. **Seek** shade – try a shady tree, verandah, pergola or shade sail, umbrella or tepee!
5. **Slide** on some sunglasses where practical. They should be labelled AS 1067 so you know they are UV protected.

In Victoria from May to August sun protection is not usually needed so put the sun gear away to get some winter vitamin D. Check the sun protection times to be sure.

**Seek shade**

Good quality shade can reduce overall exposure to the sun’s UV. When combined with appropriate clothing, hats and sunscreen, children can be well protected from UV overexposure when outdoors.

Research shows that spacious preschool environments with trees, shrubbery, and broken ground triggers more physical activity and provides better sun protection in outdoor play. Shady and natural play spaces are also requirements of the Education and Care Services National Regulations (Reg. 113,114).

Web: sunsmart.com.au
Phone: 9514 6415
Email: sunsmart@cancervic.org.au

![Cancer Council Victoria](image1.png)
![VicHealth](image2.png)
If there is a bushfire, flood, severe storm or other major emergency near you, the emergency services may choose to warn you by text to your mobile or a voice message to your home phone.

Emergency Alert is the national telephone warning system. It uses the address where your phone is registered and the actual location of your mobile to reach you:
- when your home or school is near an emergency
- when you are travelling with your mobile near an emergency.

When the emergency services use the telephone warning system:
- a home phone within the warning area may receive a recorded voice message that begins with “Emergency, Emergency”, and/or
- a mobile phone that is switched on and in an area of mobile coverage may receive a text message.

The service is free and you do not need to register.

The warning message will tell you:
- which emergency service sent the message: eg CFA
- about the emergency and where it is
- what you should do to stay safe
- where you can get more information.

All telephone warnings come from the official number: +61 444 444 444

Example Text Alert
From: +61 444 444 444
EMERGENCY WARNING FROM CFA
Fire in Pohlners Road area. Visitors to Grampians National Park should leave now. Check local radio or visit emergency.vic.gov.au

Talk to your child about the Emergency Alert system.
If they receive a warning message on the home phone or a warning text on their personal mobile, encourage them to stay calm and show or repeat the message to a responsible adult they know, such as a relative or teacher.

If adults are not around, encourage them to follow the action given in the alert.

For more information about the system, visit emergencyalert.gov.au and watch the video (it’s in 30 languages).

In an emergency, do not rely just on your telephone for a warning:
- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Listen to local radio
- Visit emergency.vic.gov.au
- Download the FireReady app
- Go to facebook.com/cfavic
- Follow @CFA_Updates on Twitter
For your information

Wish to advertise your business or event with us?

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

$5.50 including GST for a business card size advertisement
$22 including GST for a 1/4 page advertisement

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**Summer Reading Club Party**

It's time to celebrate your summer reading achievements at the Summer Reading Club Party. There will be all sorts of fun and games to enjoy, including prizes, games and so much more!

**Wednesday 25 January**

1. 3:30pm to 4pm
   - Newport Community Hub

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**Summer Reading Club Party**

It's time to celebrate your summer reading achievements at the Summer Reading Club Party. There will be all sorts of fun and games to enjoy, including prizes, games and so much more!

**Wednesday 25 January**

1. 3:30pm to 4pm
   - Newport Community Hub
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for a wonderful 2016. Wishing all of you a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year. See you in 2017!

The Seabrook OSHClub

OSHC 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 where all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account!

If you would like to open an account for your child please come along. Siblings not yet at school are also eligible to participate. A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be available to help open an account. Information packs will be available on the day. Simply come along and bring your photo ID with you.

If your child already has a Dollarmite/Youthsaver Account with the Commonwealth Bank all you need to do is start sending their Yellow Deposit book to school every Wednesday (Tuesday until they start school full time).

When your child makes their first deposit, they will receive their first token and our school will also receive $5.00 commission. Seabrook Primary also receives 5% commission on all deposits made.

Our school banking program is a fun way for your child develop the knowledge and confidence to handle their money, combining a savings Rewards Program with great activities throughout the year. If you would like your child to participate in our School Program please register your interest at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

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 your deposit book each Wednesday. Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program.

Do you have a school banking question or query? Please email: seabrookschoolbanking@gmail.com

Seabrook School Banking Volunteers
Dec 2016

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**Grade 5 & 6 Assembly**
9am - 9:30am
Prep Swimming Program
Grade 6 Graduation 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**13**

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**14**

Internal transition day

**Grade 2 Multicultural Celebration Party**

**15**

**16**

**19**

Grade 6 Fun Day
9am - 3pm

**20**

Canteen closed
Last day of term
Whole School Assembly 12:45pm
Dismissal 1:30pm

On the last day of school, 20th December, there is school whole assembly at 12:45pm then the children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 1:30pm to start the Christmas holidays.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas holiday

See you in February 2017 for the beginning of term 1

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**School office will be open on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st January for those Parents/Guardians wishing to pay for your child/s booklist and school fees if you haven't already done so in 2016. Thank you.**