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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break. It was great to catch up with all of our students and hearing about the many adventures they had during their break.

Staff Update: Our new Office Manager, Mrs Sandra Butler commenced duties on Monday. On behalf of our whole Seaham Community I would like to welcome her to our school.

Mrs Dybell is currently on leave. We welcome Ms Broadbent who is doing a great job teaching 1/2D. Mrs Dybell will return on Friday, 27 October.

'Planning to Plan' Community Session: I will be hosting a workshop for families and communities members on Thursday 19 October in the library from 2pm. The purpose of this workshop is to gather parent ideas and feedback about our school. This information will help inform our new school plan which commences next year.

End of Year Presentation: There will be some changes this year to our end of year routine. There will be no day presentation this year.

We will use our special PBL assemblies to hand out various awards accumulated by our students through the year.

Our night presentation will also be bigger and better this year with exciting performances by our Drum Corp and guitar group.

'Seaham Starters': Our Kindergarten transition program commences on Monday, 23 October from 10am to 11am. These sessions continue at these times for five weeks with our new students familiarising themselves with their classroom while the families participate in workshops in the library.

Bushfire Family Guide: Seaham Public School is in a bushfire prone area. As we head into the summer bushfire season it is important for families to understand our processes during such an emergency. Attached to this newsletter is a 'Bushfire Emergency Plan—Parent's Guide'. During a bushfire emergency families may wish to pick up their children. This is an option only if it is safe to do so. Please discuss this with your child and remember if you live in a bushfire prone area, prepare your family's bushfire survival plan.

Book Covering: A huge thank you to Lucy O'Brien, Barbara Wade, Rachael Rapson and Peta Mason for covering our new resources in the school holidays. This has enabled these resources to be used this week. Thank you.

Josh Ferry & Ash Wade: As many of you know, Josh Ferry had an accident last term where he broke his leg badly. What many of you don't know is that Josh was with friends, Ash & Sam Wade & Francis Kime. During this traumatic time, Sam & Francis had to go to seek help and Ash stayed with Josh, making the emergency call, keeping Josh calm and looking after him. Ash Wade was exceptional and he has subsequently been nominated for his bravery by the NSW Ambulance Service. Check the 7 & 9 news channels tonight. We are very proud of all of you.

Bookclub: Another great bookclub catalogue goes out this week. If you would like to keep some surprises for the kids, please make a note on your order form or choose the gift option on LOOP. Your order will be left at the office. Orders are due back by 25 October.

Rachael Rapson—Uniform Coordinator

**Dates For Diaries
2017**

Monday 23 October 5 week Kindergarten Orientation Program commences for 2018
Friday 3 November School Fete
Tuesday-Friday 7/10 November Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Monday 20 November Last week of Kindy Orientation
Tuesday 5 December Orientation Days for High School
Wednesday 6 December Night School Presentation
Tuesday 12 December Year 6 Farewell
Friday 15 December End of Term 4 for students only

Due to enrolled children's life threatening Anaphylactic Allergic reactions to all nuts and peanut products, we would like to encourage families not to send these products to school with their children. We appreciate your support in this matter.

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Fete News: 100 Club now on sale through the school office. Numbers are \$3 each. Cash prize of \$100. Tickets can be purchased per cash, cheque or through P.O.P. Attached with today's newsletter is a number option for families. If you would like to send this into the office numbers will be allocated. Or come into our school office and have a look at what numbers are available and choose your own.

Barrow of Booze to the value of \$400: The DoE Legal Department has confirmed that our Fete committee can raffle off the alcohol donated by the Junction Inn. Conditions of this raffle include that the person/s accepting the winning prize must be over 18 years of age. Please see page 6 where ticket options are available.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 - Drawn 3 November, 2017 at Seaham Public School Fete— SPS Parents & Citizens Association ABN: 89 194 251 476

Giant Raffle Tickets: Tickets and information were forwarded home to families on Monday in relation to the Giant Raffle which will be drawn at our upcoming Fete. Over 30 prizes to be won. Tickets are \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased per cash, cheque or through P.O.P.

CRF110F Mini Bike: Drawn 3 November - Raffle tickets are on sale through the school office. Limited Tickets available (200). Tickets will be allocated upon payment. Tickets are \$25 per ticket and can be purchased by cash, cheque or on P.O.P.

P&C News: The annual Mango Fundraiser order forms were sent home on Monday. Trays are \$25 each. Orders need to be returned to the school office by Friday 27 October. Payments can be made per cash, cheque or P.O.P. An E-Form (Order form) is also available on our Skoolbag App for your convenience.

School Sport: School sport for all classes will be on Fridays from week 1-3 (for gymnastics). School sport for all classes in week 4 will be on Thursday due to School Fete. School Sport from weeks 5-10 will be Thursdays for K -2 and Fridays for Yrs 3-6 (for the dance program).

Responsible Pet Ownership Program: Students in Kindergarten, Years one and two will be participating in a "Responsible Pet Ownership" program. We are having a visit from Melissa and her lovely Husky on Monday October 16th. There is no charge for this activity. If you have any questions or concerns please see your child's teacher.

Welcome to Seaham School: This week we have welcomed Amelia & Sibella Dawes to Seaham Public School. Amelia & Sibella have joined us from Wallsend South Public School. Amelia has joined Mrs Bowman's class and Sibella is in Mrs Imber's class. Both girls have settled in to school life at Seaham and we know our whole school community will continue to make them feel welcome.



Office will be closed Tuesday mornings from 8.30am-9.00am: Our school office will be closed on Tuesday mornings from 8:30am-9:00am. All emergencies can be directed to the teacher on playground duty. If calling our school during this time, an answering machine is available to take your details and message. We will call you back if needed after 9.00am.

Canteen Roster

Friday 13 October Kate Davies
Monday 16 October Sandra Batchelor
Tuesday 17 October Lucy O'Brien
Wednesday 18 October Chrissy Olive
Thursday 19 October Alison Taylor
Friday 20 October Kate Davies
Monday 23 October Renaë Armitage Sam Mella
Tuesday 24 October Alyson Hodgson
Wednesday 25 October Chrissy Olive
Thursday 26 October Jess Strachan
Friday 27 October Chrissy Olive

- 12pm- Session 1- KLS & 2I
- 12:50- Session 2- 1/2D & 1/2M

Boys Uniforms: Our boys uniforms are changing to navy shorts and white socks (our current sports shorts uniform) . All new enrolled students will have the navy shorts. Existing families will have until the start of 2021 to change over. **Kim Penfold - Uniform Co-ordinator**

Good for Kids Good for Life: Limiting Screen Time - Do you need some ideas for distracting your child from 'technology' or watching television? Try some of these ideas:

- Go screen free on weekdays (except for education purposes)
- Tech free Saturdays
- Simple restrictions on when you child has access, such as 'no screen time before dinner or bed'
- Try 'Imagination Wednesdays' where you and your child do things together that don't involve a screen
- Provide seven 30 minutes vouchers on a Friday afternoon to last for the following week. When your child watches the TV or plays on the computer they hand the vouchers back for every 30 minutes they're looking at a small screen. This limits your child to 3.5 hours of screen time over a week.

Adapted from: Murrumbidgee Local Health District



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Hunter New England
Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6499

Community News: The Australia Indonesia Youth Exchange are looking for host families around Newcastle and the Central Coast for 3 weeks in Nov-Dec. Please email Eloise Dolan for more information at eloise.dolan@afs.org

Clarence Town River Country Hoedown: Clarence Town River Country Hoedown will be taking place on 28 October at Clarence Town Football Oval. A Ploughman's Lunch will be from 11am-1pm with the entertainment commencing at 1pm. Featuring Catherine Britt, The Viper Creek Band, Bill Chambers, James Van Cooper & 24 hours. www.clarohoedown.com

All parents of Catholic children: This is to advise you that the Sacramental programme to prepare children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 29 November 2017, will commence with an information evening for parents in St Brigid's Parish Hall, William St Raymond Terrace, on Wednesday 18 October 2017 at 7pm. Any parents who would like their child/children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 to participate in this programme are required to attend and register their child/children at this meeting .Please contact St Brigid's Parish on 49871888 if needing any further information.

Fete News/Updates

- ◆ Please save any empty jars and lids for the fete. It would be appreciated if you can remove the labels and wash out the jars. Please consider the safety of your child when sending the jars in to school as they can be a safety hazard in a child's backpack. It would be preferred if families could bring them in themselves and drop them off at the school office.
- ◆ Can you or someone in your family make any hand-made items that you can donate to sell? examples, padded coat hangers, library bags, decorative bunting, door stoppers or toys)
- ◆ Are you able to assist with the crazy hair and nails activity or do you know someone who is ? You don't have to be a professional stylist.
- ◆ Consider potting up succulents and plant cuttings in the months ahead to sell at our plant stall.

SEAHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

Fete

2017

Friday 3rd NOVEMBER - 2:30pm - 7pm

Live Performance by **Cheer Stars** **Irrawang Drum Group** **Hunter River High**

Sweets and Cake Stall • Craft Stall • Art Show • Plant Stall
Photography Competition • Glow Products • Wacky Hair
Food Galore • Haunted House • Laughing Clowns
Snow cones and Fairy Floss • Face painting • Animals
Target Shooting • Jumping Castle • Book Stall
Lucky 100 • Silent Auction • Motorbike Raffle • Giant Raffle

Join us for an afternoon filled with fabulous family fun!

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Goodbye Year Six: It is once again that time of year where we say start preparations to farewell our Year Six students. Each week we will dedicate a page in our newsletter in honour of our wonderful students.



Shaun Bolt: Shaun will be attending Hunter River High School in 2018. Shaun would love to be a earth mover when he is older. The Game Plan is Shaun's favourite movie and Home and Away is his favourite TV show. Shaun loves ice-cream and his most loved animal is a tiger. Shaun's most prized possession is his iPhone and teal is his favourite colour. Shaun's proudest moment at Seaham Public School has been being a member of the Seaham Rugby League Team. Shaun's best friends during Year 6 have been, Harper, Mitch, Declan, Lance, Matt and Kye.

Ellie Todd: Ellie will be attending Hunter River High School in 2018. Ellie's nickname has been Toddi. Ellie would love to be either a actress, vet or pre-school teacher when she grows up. Ellie's favourite movie is Odd Ball, she loves Home & Away and her most loved food is a roast dinner. Ellie's most loved accessory is her sunglasses and she loves to play netball. Ellie's proudest moment at Seaham Public School has been receiving her very first award. Ellie's closest friends during Year 6 have been Ada, Rebecca, Veronica, Ivye, Charlotte R and Breanna.

Ada Jackson: Ada will be attending Saint Bede's High School in 2018. Ada's nickname is Ads. Ada would love to be a Real Estate Agent when she is older. She loves to watch Pretty Little Liars and her favourite movie is The Wizard of Oz. Ada loves dogs, her favourite colours are minty green and peachy orange. Ada loves to eat tacos and her iPad is her most treasured possession. Ada's proudest moment at Seaham Public School has been being elected House Vice Captain. Ada is going to miss all of her friends when she leaves Seaham School. Ada's closest friends during 2017 have been Charlotte W, Breanna, Rebecca, Tahlia, Ellie and Ivye.



BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PLAN – PARENTS GUIDE

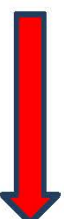


STUDENTS HAVE GONE TO SCHOOL

FIRE RATING PROCEDURES



BUSHFIRE WITHIN 2hrs		SEVERE or Heavy Smoke affected	EXTREME	CATASTROPHIC
Emergency Evacuation (Bushfire) activated	SCHOOL STILL OPERATES Situation monitored hourly	SCHOOL CLOSED		
Notice on school Facebook page, Skoolbag and SMS message	Parents notified the day before if possible by school Facebook page, Skoolbag and SMS	Parents notified the day before if possible by school Facebook page, Skoolbag and SMS Check local radio, RFS website, twitter & Facebook		
<i>"Students safe in the hall – don't come to school"</i>	Students with an Asthma Plan should stay at home.	Students stay at home		
School relocates to the hall to wait for the all clear from RFS or Emergency Services	No outdoor activities	DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL		
Do not come to school	Students should bring extra water in drink bottles to school	All excursions will be cancelled or postponed		
Check the school Facebook page, Skoolbag, SMS messages for updates. Parents notified of safe collection of students.	All excursions cancelled. Extreme weather playground roster activated.	Students away on excursions will not return to school but will be billeted at a local school until the rating is lifted		
STAY CALM KEEP YOURSELF SAFE	Monitor school Facebook page, Skoolbag, local radio and RFS website for updates	Parents will be advised when students may return to school by – school Facebook page, Skoolbag, local radio and SMS		



Activate your family's Bushfire Survival Plan

100 Club—Ticket Options—Get in quick, numbers will sell out fast! \$3 per ticket

Name/s	Class	Preferred Number/s	If number is not available I give permission for alternate number to be issued—Please circle	Payment of cash/ cheque enclosed \$	Paid \$ per P.O.P.
			Yes/No		
			Yes/No		
			Yes/No		

Barrow of Booze Raffle Tickets—tickets will be allocated upon payment

Name	Contact Number	Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 Number of tickets required Raffle to the value of \$400	Payment of cash/ cheque enclosed \$	Paid \$ per P.O.P.	Student at Seaham PS (Name)

Fete Raffle - Prize: CRF110F, Mini Bike:
Drawn: 3 November 2017

Name: _____
 Contact Number: _____
 Oldest Child: _____ Class: _____
 Number of tickets: _____
☐ Cash/Cheque enclosed \$ _____
☐ Paid on P.O.P. \$ _____



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