



## LIVE – LEARN – CARE

**Principal's Message**

Welcome to week eight at Seaham Public School. We certainly have a lot happening at the moment, particularly with a lot of students trialling for various PSSA sporting teams. Good luck to all students who have been or are about to attend zone trials.

**Numeracy and Literacy:** At school I am seeing some wonderful learning and organisation happening at the moment. Maths groups across stages one and two have started with students working at their appropriate level in numeracy. Teachers have been released from teaching to assess students' mathematical skills (SENA). These results help teachers to group students appropriately. This morning I had the pleasure of working with kindergarten during their morning literacy groups. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and reading and writing levels that have already been achieved in such a short time.

**Assistant Principal:** It is with pleasure that I announce that Mr James Eagleton has been selected through the merit selection process to become our new Assistant Principal. Mr Eagleton will commence on class 5/6L from the beginning of next term. He has worked previously at Paxton Public School and more recently at Maitland Public School. We look forward to working with Mr Eagleton and we hope he enjoys his time at Seaham Public School.

**Hunter River High School Focus Group:** This morning a small group of randomly selected parents attended a focus group in our school library with a representative from the Senior Schools Communication and Engagement Team. The topic was 'perceptions of your local high school'. Thank you to Deidre McDonald, Paul Lidbury, Kim Penfold, Tracy Jacobs and Letitia Tomkins who gave up their time at short notice.

**Dates For Diaries****2017**

Friday 17 March School PBL Assembly
Thursday 23 March Rugby League Round 1
Friday 24 March School Cross Country Hunter League Trials
Thursday 30 March Athletics Carnival (Yrs 2-6)
Monday 3 April Zone Touch Football Trials
Tuesday 4 April Knights Knockout
Friday 7 April Harmony Day Assembly 12.15pm Easter Hat Parade Special Harmony Lunch Cultural Show End of Term 1
Wednesday 26 April Students return for Term 2
Thursday 4 May Zone Cross Country



**Harmony Day Celebrations:-** Children are encouraged to dress in orange for Harmony Day.

**Special Lunch Harmony Day:** Order forms were sent home on Monday. If you would like to purchase a special meal or item to have on Harmony Day, please complete and return to the school with payment by Friday 31 March. Payments can also be made per our P.O.P through our school webpage. Please note all family members attending this day may place an order. Student and families who do not pre-order the special meal will need to bring their own lunch.

Canteen advises that **regular school lunch orders will not be provided on this day**, but will be open for drinks and snacks for both breaks.

**Cultural Show—"Salaka" African Beat:** This interactive drumming performance will be held after the Harmony Day Assembly and special lunch. Permission notes to attend this show went home on yesterday. Cost is \$7. Please return this form also by Friday 31 March. Payments also can be made online.

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. These include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars or any products containing any type of nuts. We appreciate your support in this matter.

**Golden Egg Token****Winners:****(K-2) Charlotte Bacon****(3-6) Liam Pascoe**

**P&C Easter Raffle:** P&C Easter Raffle tickets were forwarded home on Tuesday. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00. Twelve tickets are on each sheet and need to be returned to the office as soon as possible. If you require more sheets, please contact the office.

We would like to ask families to support us in providing the Giant Easter Raffle prizes by making a donation of chocolate, candy or soft toy. There is a plastic tub in the foyer of the office for any donations. The P & C Team will then get busy wrapping the prizes.

Prizes will include Easter Eggs and Soft Toy and Confectionary Prizes with prizes being drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on 7 April, 2017. On behalf of the P&C we thank our families for their ongoing support to fundraising for our school. **Tickets:** \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

**Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough:** This will be delivered next Tuesday 21 March. It will be ready for collection between 2pm—4pm from the school canteen. If you are unable to collect your dough between these times, please contact Alison Taylor on 0468 742 214 to arrange another collection time.

**Captain, House Captain, Parliament & Year Six Photos:** Order forms for these special group photos were forwarded home on Monday. If you would like to place an order please do so **tomorrow, Friday 17 March**. Orders will be collated and then forwarded off. We need to advise that orders placed after this date will incur a \$20 search fee. Payments can be made electronically on our school website.

**Expression of Interest for High School in 2018:** EOI's for students going into Year 7 in 2018 are due back to our office tomorrow, Friday 17 March. If you need assistance with completing this application, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

**Expression of Interest for a Drum Corp:** Please see page 6 for an expression only in relation to drum corp. Please return by Thursday 23 March, 2017.

**Uniform Pre-Order Forms:** If you have not done so, please return your pre-order uniform forms by Friday 31 March. Form attached again with our newsletter for your convenience. This form will allow you to order uniforms for the upcoming seasons. Payment is not required to place order. Payments for school uniform orders can now also be paid via our Parents online Payment (P.O.P.) for your convenience. Cash and cheque payments are still to be put in the uniform box in our foyer. All cheques to be made payable to Seaham P&C.

Attached with today's newsletter is also a uniform survey. Your cooperation with this will be appreciated. Please return by Thursday, 23 March. All uniform enquires can be directed to Kim Penfold on 0431 307 035.

**Expression of Interest Notes for Stage 2 and Stage 3 Camps:** Please return your expression of interest notes and payment to the school as soon as possible so that we can finalise numbers. Lost your note? They are available on skoolbag and can be returned electronically through this app. Payments can be made with cash or cheque at our office or electronically through Parents online Payment (P.O.P.)

## Canteen Roster 2017

Friday 17 March Kate Davies
Monday 20 March Alison Taylor
Tuesday 21 March Jodi Watson
Wednesday 22 March Sam Mella Melissa Armer
Thursday 23 March Peta Salter
Friday 24 March Kate Davies

## Assembly Awards from Thursday 2 March

KLS - Kayla Kennedy, Emily Porter, Albert Lilley, Charlie Bostock.
1/2D - Otis King-Schmidt, Andrew Stapleton, Chelsea Nunan, Nicholas Witcomb.
1/2M—Caleb Buckland, Laura Moir, Charlotte Bacon, Barney Meehan.
2/3I - Ryan Edwards, Wirikah Knox, Isabelle Fawcett, Charlie Burey, Annabella Macrow
3/4A - Alyvia Lieb, Isabella Broad, Darcy Grierson, Caitlyn Bird
3/4B - Lara Morgan, Liam Pascoe, Annaliese Caukwell, Sophie Letham
5/6B - Lance Akerman, Ella Lucas, Veronica Nunan, Travis Charlton
5/6L—Charli Codrington, Charlotte Fawcett, Charlie Hostler, Shaun Bolt

**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 which will allow our non-teaching staff to attend the weekly staff meetings. We thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

- All emergencies can be directed to the teacher on playground duty. All messages and money can be put in the collection box in the foyer. We will leave paper and pen with the visitors sign book for families to leave messages if needed and they will subsequently be addressed just after 9.00am.





Thank you to the students and families who supported our school Clean Up Day last Friday.



**PSSA Zone Sports Trials:** PSSA zone sports trials are open trials for students turning 11 years and older. If you wish to learn further information regarding zone trials please see Mr Bennett (PSSA

**PSSA Girls and Boys Soccer Zone Trials:** Today students from our school attended the PSSA Zone soccer trials at Tomaree. These students are :- Allana Johnson, Isis Sullivan, Bridie Gillon, Rebecca Drew, Kye Andrews, Ethan McCaw, Declan O'Donnell, Matthew Edwards. We are sure these students did well in their efforts today and will include a report and photo in next week's newsletter.

**PSSA Netball Zone Trials:** Due to inclement weather the netball trials were cancelled yesterday. Students participating in the netball trials will be informed of the rescheduled date as soon as we are advised.



Year 6 Girl Buddies:





*Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00*

*Each family pack of tickets is valued at \$20.00 if purchased at 3 for \$5.00*

*Please return this sheet with your payment to the school office by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April***

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# Uniform Survey

Our uniform coordinator, Kim Penfold is asking for your assistance with the below uniform survey. Could you please indicate if you would be interested in seeing our uniform shop stock the following. Please put a tick in relevant box. Could all surveys please be returned by **Thursday 23 March, 2017. Survey is also available on our Skoolbag app for**

☐ Grey Shorts \$14

☐ Grey Pants \$16

☐ Navy Pants \$14

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Drum Corp Expression of Interest

Please note this is only an **expression of interest only** with no guarantee of availability, scheduling or information on pricing. Please complete the below and return to our school by Thursday 23 March.

My Child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ would be interested in participating in a Drum Corp if it was made available through Seaham Public. I understand that the group may meet before school or after school.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# School Uniform Pre Order Form

## Due back by 31 March, 2017

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please place uniform orders in large uniform box inside the school office door.**

**Payment not required to place order**

	Price	Size 4	Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14	Size 16	Total \$
Unisex Blue Polo	\$25								
Unisex Sports Polo	\$25								
Unisex Long Sleeve Polo	\$25								
Microfibre Jacket	\$37								
Microfibre Trackpants	\$25								
Microfibre Sports Shorts	\$14								
Dry & Cosy Jacket (Rain proof jacket)	\$45								
School Jumper	\$22								
School Hats (S,M,L)	\$13	S	M	L			Cash/Cheque	\$	

**Kim Penfold can be contacted on 0431 307 035 for all enquiries about the Dry and Cosy Jacket or general uniform information.**

**Payment not required to place order**

## Working with Children Check

**To further comply with the Departments Working with Children Guidelines, can all of our volunteers please complete the below and return to our school office as a matter of priority. If you have previously given our office your WWC number, please disregard the last box.**

If you volunteer in any capacity within our school, please ensure that you have applied for your Working with Children Check. If you do not have internet access to make the initial application, please contact our office and we will be able to assist you with this process.

### **Please follow the steps to complete this process.**

- go to [www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au)
- Click the start here button on the right hand side of the page. You will be taken to a new page.
- Click the apply for your check tab to the right of the page. (Green Tab)
- Select Blue Tab Continue & Apply
- Complete form. If you are a volunteer ensure that you select "volunteer" in the section, "purpose for check"
- Select Volunteer under the purpose check tab
- In the child related sector, Parent Volunteer—Other.
- Continue the application following the prompts and hit next.
- You will need to also complete the known as other name section if you known by any other name but your Maiden name.
- The second page is the consent form, which you will need to tick both boxes, and complete the verification code given.
- Please print out or copy the New Application Receipt, add your name to the top of the print out and either give to the office or email it [seaham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:seaham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- You will now need to take this receipt to a NSW Motor Registry or NSW Council Agency to verify your identity. Attached is the proof of identity documentation that you will need.
- Once the verification process is complete (which will take approx. 4 weeks) at the NSW Motor Registry or NSW Council Agency, you will be issued with your WWC number.
- Once you have received the WWC number and documentation, please give a copy to the school office.

Title	
Last Name	
<b>Maiden Name</b>	
First Name	
Middle Name	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
Place of Birth	
State of Birth	
Address	
Home Number	
Mobile Phone	
Work Phone	
Email Address	
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