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## Principal's Message

We have almost come to the end of another great term at Seaham Public School. There has been so much achieved already both in the classroom and beyond. Our new kindergarten students have quickly become a valuable part of our school and teachers are amazed at how much they have learnt in such a short time. We have also had a very positive term with PBL making a difference in focusing our students to continue to uphold our school expectations.

**Harmony Day:** Tomorrow is our Harmony Day/Easter Hat parade and we are looking forward to a fabulous day. Remember students can be out of uniform and wear something orange. Please remember appropriate clothing excluding flip flop thongs or sandals and singlet tops. Thank you so much to our P & C and canteen committee who have made our day extra special by providing a fabulous menu and organised our Easter raffle. Please see below our program of events.

- **Our Harmony Day program begins at 12.15pm in the school hall for our Harmony Day Assembly & Easter Hat Parade.** (Our day does not include open classrooms this time. Open classrooms will be held later in the year).
- **1.00pm Lunch will be served**
- **2.00pm will be the "Salaka" African Drumming Performance**

**ANZAC Day:** ANZAC day is coming up and as always the Seaham community will hold their service at The Knitting Circle Memorial, East Seaham at 9am on 25 April, 2017. We encourage our students to attend, wear their full school uniform (not sport uniform) and march proudly representing their school. Our school leaders will also be involved in reading on the day and laying the wreath. The Knitting Circle Memorial is located on Newline Rd, 100m south of East Seaham Rd. Please find the Order of Service on last pages (6 and 7) of this newsletter.

**5/6L:** Thank you to Ms Lowcock for doing such a wonderful job on 5/6L. The students have thoroughly enjoyed their term and have been engaged in their learning. Next term Miss Lowcock will be sharing the library and supporting teachers throughout the school. As mentioned in previous newsletters, Mr James Eagleton, who was selected through the merit selection process will become the new class teacher and Assistant Principal. As of next term, 5/6L will be known as 5/6E.

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.



## Dates For Diaries 2017

<b>Monday 24 April</b> Staff return to school
<b>Tuesday 25 April</b> ANZAC Day Knitting Circle Memorial at 9.00am
<b>Friday 28 April</b> School Cross Country School Anzac Service
<b>Friday 12 May *New Date*</b> Zone Cross Country
<b>Thursday &amp; Friday 25/26 May</b> Stage 2 Camp
<b>Monday 12 June</b> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
<b>Wednesday-Friday 28/29/30 June</b> Life Education Program
<b>Friday 30 June</b> End of Term 2
<b>Monday 17 July</b> Staff return to school
<b>Tuesday 18 July</b> Students return for Term 3
<b>Friday 22 September</b> End of Term 3
<b>Monday 9 October</b> Staff & students return to school
<b>Tuesday-Friday 7/10 November</b> Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
<b>Tuesday 5 December</b> Orientation Days for High School
<b>Friday 15 December</b> End of Term 4 for students only

## Golden Egg Token

### Winners:

(K-2) **Addison Elbourne**  
(3-6) **Claire Penfold**

**Canteen News:** All canteen orders now need to be placed in the red basket in our school foyer. If you could please assist us to remind the children.

**Canteen Red Day:** Canteen red day will be tomorrow. Available will be Easter eggs, ice blocks and lollies.

**Term 2 Canteen Roster:** The roster for next term is on page 5 of this newsletter. Please see the days that still require volunteers to see if you may be able to assist. If you are unable to do your existing shift, could you please let me know via a phone call or text message on 4996 4540 or 0468 742 214. Thanks Alison Taylor.

**Special Thank You:** We would like to give Emma Davies grandmother; Celia, a special mention for her for her generous donation of a television for the children's room off the canteen. Thank you very much.

**Athletics Carnival:** Our athletics carnival had to be postponed again due to the ongoing wet weather and ground conditions. A new date will be scheduled for next term.

**Drum Corp:** As mentioned in the note that was forwarded home to families yesterday, our Drum Corp program has secured the numbers to be viable at Seaham Public School. Due to demand, two groups have been necessary and will now take place on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00-3.00pm. Fees for this program are now due and can be made per cash/cheque or POP.

**Uniform Orders:** Uniform orders are expected to be delivered in first week of next term. Our uniform coordinator will be in contact once the order has been unpacked. Uniforms will then be able to be picked up and paid for (if you have not already paid) at our school office. Orders can be paid per cash/cheque or on POP.

**Have you got the Emergency+ App?** The Emergency+ app is a free app developed by Australia's emergency services and their Government and industry partners.

The app uses GPS functionality built into smart phones to help Tripple Zero (000) callers provide critical location details required to mobilise emergency services. Save the App that could save your life!

**Parents Online Payments (POP):** Remember that Parent Online Payments (POP) is an option for families to make payments to the school. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac whereby you can pay using a Visa/MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting **\$ Make a Payment.**

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject fees (eg. Technology fees), excursions, sales to students (eg. work books, Year 6 jumpers etc.), sport (gymnastics program) and creative and practical arts activities. There is also a category called Other which covers items not covered in the previous headings. When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- Students name—Given and Surname \*
- Class, reference number OR
- Students name, and
- Date of birth \*
- **Even though there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number, please leave blank as these are not used at our school.**
- **Cash and cheque payments can still be taken at our school office.**

## Canteen Roster 2017

Friday 7 April Nat Meehan Alison Taylor Annette Harding Melissa Armer
Monday 24, Tuesday 25 April No School
Wednesday 26 April Sandra Batchelor
Thursday 27 April Annette Harding
Friday 28 April Kate Davies

**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.

**Cross Country:** Our school cross country carnival will take place at Seaham Park on Friday 28 April, 2017. Distances are as follows:

**Juniors (8/9/10 Years):** 2km

**11/12 Year Olds:** 3km

Please see Ms Atchison for more details if required.

### **Your child's resilience is often found in their struggles (By Michael Grose):**

Everything some kids turn their hands to – whether schoolwork, sport and socialising – is done successfully and effortlessly, however for others achieving success takes more effort and concentration.

For parents/carers this can be frustrating and at times, heart-breaking to watch your child struggle to attain even mediocre levels of success at school, in their sport or leisure activities.

As a parent it's important to be realistic about what each child can achieve so keep your expectations in line with their ability and maturity, and avoid making comparisons between siblings.

Here are some ideas to keep in mind if you are parenting a child where success, at school, sport and other common childhood activities, just doesn't come naturally.

1. Be your child's cheerleader. Kids who have to work really hard to achieve need someone in their lives who is able to boost their self-confidence, particularly when they are struggling. Make a fuss over small successes so they can puff up their chests every now and then. Increase the time they spend doing activities where they excel so these feelings of confidence expand. Learn about the art of real encouragement.

2. Focus your comments on contribution, improvement and effort. It's difficult praising kids when the results aren't there but you can always focus your comments on their contribution to the team rather than kicking the winning goal, improvements shown in reading or the effort they are making at art.

3. Remove or minimise sources of discouragement. While encouragement is a powerful confidence builder eradicating sources of discouragement in your child's life is part of the encouragement process. Sibling comparisons, spoiling, criticising and using derogatory labels (You're a dope!) are common discouragers to be avoided, even in jest.

4. Remember that persistence pays. Children who persist learn an important life lesson – that is, success in most endeavours takes effort. Those kids who sail through their childhoods without raising a sweat can struggle when eventually they do have to work long and hard to succeed.

5. Help kids identify their strengths. Kids are like niche marketers – they define themselves by their strengths. "I am a good reader," "I'm sporty." "I'm really good at art" are some of the labels kids will use. As they move into adolescence the number of options for success open up, so help them find one or two areas that they enjoy and can easily achieve success in.

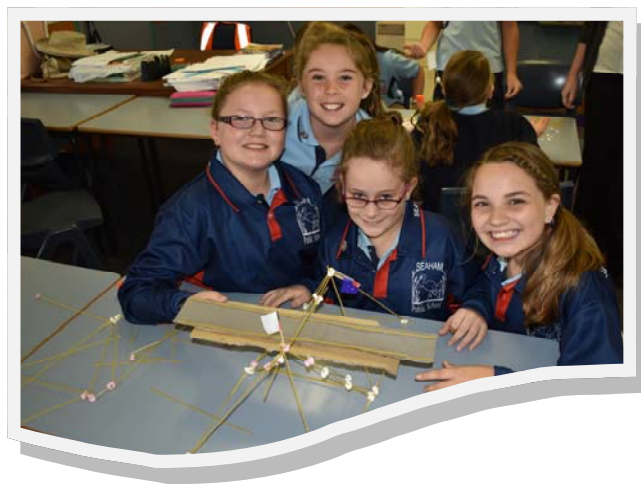
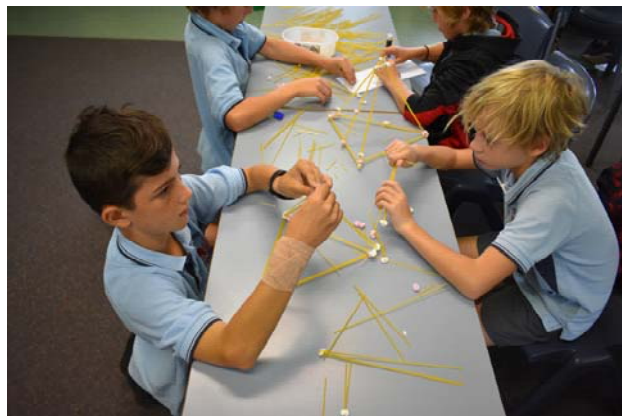
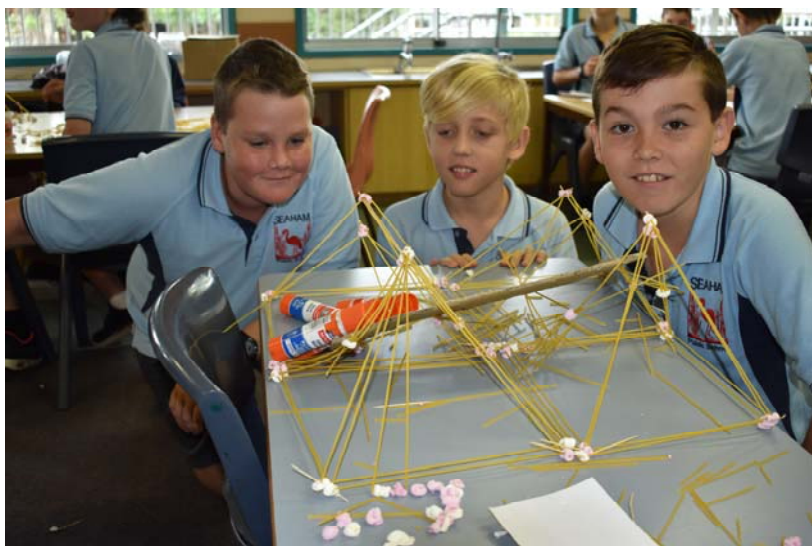
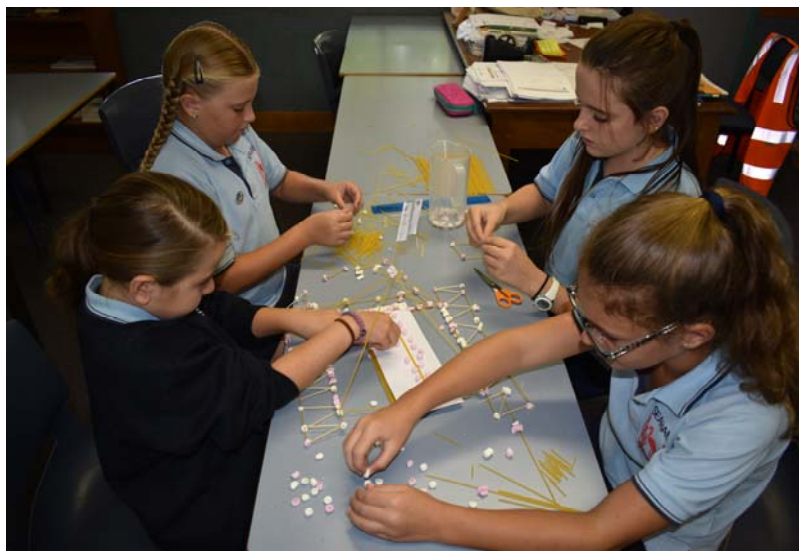
6. Don't put kids on pedestals. It is difficult living in the shadow of a superstar so avoid making a huge fuss over the achievements of a particular child – it makes life difficult for those who follow. Recognise results but balance that by focusing equally on their efforts as well.

7. Scaffold their way to success. Traditionally parents have ways of making skill acquisition easy for kids. The busier we get though the more likely we are to neglect this vital part of parenting. Simplify tasks so that they learn bit by bit how to make a bed/prepare a meal/learn to read. Alternatively, spend time doing things together and move them from "You watch me" to "I'll watch you."

Raising kids who find life a breeze is easy. However parenting kids who take longer to mature, or kids that must put in 110 per cent effort to achieve is challenging for any parent.

Raising the family underdog requires parents to focus on kids' strengths, be liberal with encouragement and have realistic but positive expectations for success. And, of course, never, ever give up or lose faith in them.

**5/6L** Our class had a fun learning time this week. Miss Lowcock asked our class to build and design a bridge only using spaghetti, mini marshmallows and toothpicks. We were also allowed to use cardboard for our road. The aim was to build a strong bridge and have it hold a certain amount of weight (as many glue sticks as possible). Some groups built them close to the ground which resulted with their bridge being able to hold more. Some bridges were lucky to hold two glue sticks and some that were close to the ground were able to hold over eight. To make the bridge hold weight we stuck the spaghetti and toothpicks into the squishy but dried out marshmallows. This experiment was for us to learn and do more with engineering. Everyone enjoyed it. - **Tahlia Jarvie**



## Canteen Roster - Term Two 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>24 April</b> Closed	<b>25 April</b> Closed	<b>26 April</b> Sandra Batchelor	<b>27 April</b> Annette Harding	<b>28 April</b> Kate Davies
<b>1 May</b> Jessica Strachan	<b>2 May</b> Alison Taylor	<b>3 May</b> Volunteers Needed	<b>4 May</b> Leanne Sullivan	<b>5 May</b> Melissa Armer Erin Bobako
<b>8 May</b> Alison Drew	<b>9 May</b> Julie-Anne Grono	<b>10 May</b> Karen Codrington	<b>11 May</b> Jessica Strachan	<b>12 May</b> Kate Davies
<b>15 May</b> Renae Armitage Sam Mella	<b>16 May</b> Melissa Armer	<b>17 May</b> Leanne Cox Colleen Cox	<b>18 May</b> Kellie O'Hare	<b>19 May</b> Volunteers Needed
<b>22 May</b> Jessica Strachan	<b>23 May</b> Lucy O'Brien Kate O'Brien	<b>24 May</b> Volunteers Needed	<b>25 May</b> Volunteers Needed	<b>26 May</b> Volunteers Needed
<b>29 May</b> Alison Taylor	<b>30 May</b> Annette Harding	<b>31 May</b> Rob Lenton	<b>1 June</b> Leanne Sullivan	<b>2 June</b> Melissa Armer
<b>5 June</b> Volunteers Needed	<b>6 June</b> Melissa Armer	<b>7 June</b> Volunteers Needed	<b>8 June</b> Jessica Strachan	<b>9 June</b> Volunteers Needed
<b>12 June</b> Closed Public Holiday	<b>13 June</b> Alyson Hodgson	<b>14 June</b> Volunteers Needed	<b>15 June</b> Volunteers Needed	<b>16 June</b> Volunteers Needed
<b>19 June</b> Alison Drew	<b>20 June</b> Jodi Watson	<b>21 June</b> Volunteers Needed	<b>22 June</b> Jessica Strachan	<b>23 June</b> Volunteers Needed
<b>26 June</b> Alison Taylor	<b>27 June</b> Volunteers Needed	<b>28 June</b> Volunteers Needed	<b>29 June</b> Volunteers Needed	<b>30 June</b> Volunteers Needed

**Mon, Wed, Friday @9.00am Tue, Thur @1.00pm**

**Please call Peta on 0403 276 880 or Alison on 4996 4540 for more details.**

### LET US MAKE COMMEMORATION OF THE FALLEN

O Lord, through the mouth of your Prophet you declared that all souls are yours. We thank You for the brave and faithful dead, who willingly laid down their lives on the battlefield of war or succumbed to the perils of the deep or of the air. We bless You for the dauntless courage of those defenders of our Commonwealth who have fallen in the cause of truth and righteousness. In Your hands, O Father, we leave their departed spirits. Grant us to follow their good example in faithfulness and endurance, even unto death, that we may with them be found worthy of the crown of everlasting life.

#### LAYING OF WREATHS

(The general public will be invited to place their wreaths or tributes at the conclusion of the wreath laying)

#### BUGLE SOUND "THE LAST POST"

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They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning  
We will remember them.

Lest we forget

#### BUGLE SOUND "REVEILLE"

Hymn: "ABIDE WITH ME"

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide,  
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide;  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness,  
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

#### ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil  
Our home is gift by sea;  
Our lands abounds in nature's gifts,

Of beauty rich and rare;  
In hist'ry's page, let ev'ry stage  
Advance Australia fair  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia Fair



## COMMEMORATION OF ANZAC

### SEAHAM "KNITTING CIRCLE" MEMORIAL

THE RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE OF  
AUSTRALIA  
(NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH)

## ORDER OF COMMEMORATION

### PROLOGUE

We are assembled here to commemorate that immortal day when the young men of Australia, by their deeds and sacrifice, demonstrated to the world at Gallipoli, that Australia was truly a nation.

The sons and daughters of Anzacs came forward without question, accepted gladly, and discharged fully their responsibilities during World War II, Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam, Iraq and just recently in Afghanistan. Also in Peacekeeping and Peace Making operations or other conflicts.

On this day we remember the sacrifice of such men for an ideal, for a way of life. Let us take strength in the knowledge and hope that our sons and daughters will never forget the example set by their forefathers. In our everyday life let us endeavour to carry on those traditions established in past wars and conflicts at such tragic costs.

We think of everyman, woman and child who, in those crucial years, died so that the lights and freedom and humanity might continue to shine. We nurture too the obligation of showing gratitude for the peace we enjoy and the responsibility of ensuring that the freedom and liberty so costly won is not lost by our own indifference.

So let us mourn with pride, but also let us remember with equal pride, all those who served and still live.

#### Hymn: "THE RECESSIONAL"

God of our Fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far flung battle line.  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine;  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget – lest we forget.

The tumult and the shouting dies,  
The captains and the kings depart  
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,  
A humble and contrite heart,  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget – lest we forget

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank You, O Heavenly Father, for the efforts being made by the Nations of the World in seeking peace and happier relations with each other. We praise You for the spirit in men and women which made them scorn the way of safety and venture all for the common cause of Freedom and Right; for all great and noble acts known and unknown, which we believe by the mercy of God will bring about the final conquest of the forces of evil which threaten the peace and security of the world.

### PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN

Almighty God, who rulest over the Kingdoms of Earth, bless Your Servant, Queen Elizabeth, and be pleased to bestow upon her, the blessings of Divine Wisdom and grace, that under her this nation, may be wisely directed to take its rightful place in the wider life of the world.

### PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Almighty God, watch over all those serving in the Armed Forces and those who still suffer disabilities through sickness or injuries suffered in War, strengthen and encourage those who have been saddened by loss of loved ones, especially children deprived of a father's care and protection. Grant that the same courage and resolution, the same comradeship and service shown in the last great struggle in which our country was involved, may now be offered in the greater task of making a true and lasting peace.

#### Hymn: "LEAD KINDLY LIGHT"

Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom  
Lead Thou me on,  
The night is dark and I am far from home,  
Lead Thou me on.  
Keep Thou my feet: I do not ask to see  
The distant scene – one step enough for me,  
So long Thy power hast blest me, sure it still  
Will lead me on.  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone,  
And with the morn those angel faces smile  
Which I have loved long since and lost awhile.

### COMMEMORATION ADDRESS