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Principal's Message

Welcome to a very busy and exciting week at Seaham Public School. There is so much happening at the moment with many extra curricular and sporting activities being enjoyed by students. Well done to all who participated so well at our athletics carnival on Tuesday. It was a fantastic day, with excellent weather matched by the enthusiasm and effort of all of our students. Thank you to Mr Bennett & Mrs Dybell for their organisational skills and to the families who assisted on the day. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. At the moment we also have many students involved in sporting teams and PSSA trials for various sports. All the best in your matches over the coming weeks. I would also like to thank and acknowledge our teachers who put in a lot of extra time to coach or manage our sporting teams. Often training and the organisation of these games occur in the very limited spare time our teachers have. I would also like to thank those families who give up their time to assist with the team or with transport to the matches.



Teacher Planning Days: Your children may have reported to you that they had a different teacher last week or this week for a day. Teachers, each term, are given a planning day where they work with their stage colleagues on curriculum, grouping, assessing or planning lessons. We all find this time really valuable as it ensures consistency across stages and allows teachers time to plan engaging lessons for your children. All teachers have commenced gathering assessment data for the mid year reports which are due home at the end of this term.

Principal Conference: I will be attending a Principal's Conference on Thursday and Friday this week. Mrs Bowman will be filling in for me on Thursday and Mr Eagleton on Friday. Any urgent issues can be directed through to me by the office whereby I can be notified and be able to respond.

Emergency Contact for Excursions: If you need to contact staff on excursions for an urgent matter, you may do so on a **school mobile number : 0484 766 017**. One of the main goals on overnight excursions is to build on the resilience and confidence of our students. Try and save your calls for emergencies. Often a call to say good night is more unsettling and can often bring on home sickness.

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.

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

Friday 19 May Stage 1 Excursion Tocal PSSA Soccer Trials
Thursday & Friday 25/26 May Stage 2 Camp
Friday 26 May PSSA Netball Zone Trials
Friday 2 June Hunter Cross Country Stage 1 Swimming commences
Monday 12 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 June School Disco
Wednesday-Friday 28/29/30 June Life Education Program
Friday 30 June End of Term 2
Friday 3 November School Fete
Tuesday-Friday 7/10 November Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday 5 December Orientation Days for High School
Friday 15 December End of Term 4 for students only

Golden Egg Token Winners:

(K-2) Lilly Vella**(3-6) Shelby Meehan**

Canteen Orders: Please note that canteen lunch orders can now be placed back into the shute of the canteen wall, as repairs have been completed.

Canteen Pie Drive: Please find the canteen pie drive order form attached to today's newsletter, on skoolbag and on our school website. Orders are to be returned on or by 30 May, 2017.

School Uniform Survey: Tomorrow is the last day to return the uniform survey. It is a survey requesting feedback on boys shorts and socks. The survey can be accessed on skoolbag and has been sent out on previous newsletters. Surveys will be collated by the P & C Committee and are open to all families.

Sydney Overnight Excursion 25 & 26 May—Stage 2: Have you sent in your medical forms for this excursion? If not, please do so A.S.A.P as the excursion is next week and this is a requirement for attendance. The medical notes went out with the permission notes, but can also be accessed on skoolbag if you prefer to digitally return the completed forms. Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Total Homestead Excursion Tomorrow— Stage 1: Please note children will need to pack all their food and drinks (recess and lunch) for the day. Students to wear sports uniform, a hat and sunscreen. Bus will return to school by 3pm.

Canberra Excursion 7-10 November—Years 5 and 6: Payment plans for this excursion have gone home if families would like to it to assist with family budgeting. Balance of the camp will need to be paid by 1 November, 2017.

Swimming Program Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): This popular swimming program at the Balance Health Club in Mayfield commences Friday, 2 June. It is a five week program running each Friday. Permission notes can be returned to the office by Friday 19 May to have your child's name included in this program. Please note that the \$85 was invoiced at the beginning of the year. If you are not sure if you have paid, please contact the office.

Oakvale Excursion Friday, 26 May—Kindergarten -Parent Helpers: Thank you to those families who volunteered to assist on this excursion. The parents whose names have been drawn have been notified. Thank you again.

Parent Helpers on Excursions: It is a mandatory requirement that all parent helpers on excursions have completed their Working with Children Check and have given this information to the school office. If you have not yet done so please contact the school for further information.

Canteen Roster 2017

Friday 19 May Kate Davies
Monday 22 May Jessica Strachan
Tuesday 23 May Lucy O'Brien Kate O'Brien
Wednesday 24 May Christine Olive Sandra Batchelor
Thursday 25 May Pata Salter
Friday 26 May Melissa Armer Alison Taylor

Assembly Awards from Monday 15 May:

KLS - Sofia Vella, Jasmine Wade, Aidan Crowley, Sam Burey	3/4A - Tyler Spitzkowsky, Nigel Croese, Asha Collins, Shae— Arn McCulloch
1/2D - Emily Armer, Hayden Edwards, Jack Moroney	3/4B - Marc Walker-Pitolua, Hamish Witcomb, Rhys Durant, Lyla Haywood
1/2M - Harry Phillips, Flynn Imber, Billy-Joyce Robinson, Eva Wilkinson	5/6B - Rebecca Drew, Archie Lilley, Ethan Rowe, Max Haynes.
2/3I - Aleisha Charlton, Jack Gretton, Blake Jarvie, Archie Rowe	5/6E - Isis Sullivan, Tommy Mella , Ada Jackson, Zackery Tomkins

Class 2/3I

This term students have been looking at how to improve their writing. One trick the children have been experimenting with is how to begin a story with a **“sizzling start”**. Authors and script writers often use this technique to grab the attention of their readers or their audience - right from the first paragraph of a story or in the opening scene of a great movie. The children were given some topic ideas and were given only a few minutes to come up with a ‘sizzling start’.

The first topic and task was, **“Write the start to a ghost story, starring a dog with three legs.”** These are some of the students’ responses below.

The three legged dog was in his kennel. The front door squeaked as it opened. The curtains moved. The dog was shaking and he was scared. The door opened all the way – it was Dad. **Ryan Edwards**

There it was – a big, green ghost. It only had one eye. It started to chase the dog. It was trying to eat him ! **Isabelle Fawcett**

“Grrr,” went the dog. He went up the stairs as quietly as he could be. But the ghost heard him. **Blake Jarvie**

I was in my room when, “Bang!” – the door slammed. The noise came from the basement. I was really scared. My brothers came. We grabbed an axe. There it was – a ghost. **Regan Flynn**

“Boom!” went the door. The dogs’ leg was trapped and the dogs’ leg was on the ground. The dog was now laying on the ground, upset. I saw a tear drop down it’s cheek. **Archie Rowe**

The second story starter was, **“ A man dies, wearing purple – but he hates the colour purple.”** Check out this great response:

“Nooooo ! But how did he die?” I asked the nurse. “We found him dead on the grass under a big branch,” said the nurse. “We also saw an invitation to a purple party in his pocket,” she said. “But he hates the colour purple!” I yelled. **Amy Richens**

The third story starter was, **“All the kids were at school – but not one teacher.”** This topic was a popular one!

My heart is racing! There’s not one teacher at school –only mean kids. I do not want to be here. My hands are trembling with fear. **Nicholas Jensen**

The kids decided to do whatever they wanted to. They were ripping up homework and jumping onto the tables. They put some music on – the loudest it could go. **Ella Johnson**



These are only a few of the amazing ideas the students came up with. Keep up the great work, Seaham ! **Mrs Imber**

PBL Badge Recipients:

<p>KLS</p> <p>Thomas Gretton, Phoebe Lenton, Emma Davies</p>
<p>1/2D</p> <p>Jocelyn Black, Lucy Taylor</p>
<p>1/2M</p> <p>Billie Joyce Robinson, Larni Kennedy, Lilly Vella</p>
<p>2/3I</p> <p>Ally Grierson, Sonny Lilley, Amy Richens, Aleisha Charlton, Wirikah Knox, Madeline Armer, Jack Gretton, Shelby Meehan</p>
<p>3/4A</p> <p>Jorja Daskalovski, Lilly Imber, Jasmine Montgomery, Eve Haynes, Matilda Roberts</p>
<p>3/4B</p> <p>Taytum Hanson, Hamish Witcomb, Montana Renshaw, Bennett McCumstie, Isacc Covic</p>
<p>5/6B</p> <p>Jacob Bird</p>
<p>5/6E</p> <p>Max Leggett, James Jacob, Francis Kime, Isis Sullivan, Tahlia Jarvie, Breanna Mason, Jessica Jacobs</p>



Zone Cross Country Report: Last Friday, Mr Bennett and I had the pleasure of accompanying our Zone Cross Country team to their event at Lakeside. Seaham Public School achieved some great results with many students bettering results from previous years. All students displayed their very best efforts and sportsmanship in their events. Congratulations to Ash Wade who placed second in the 11 years boys and Clare Moir who placed fourth in the 11 years girls. Both students will now go onto represent the Port Stephens Zone at regional level on June 2.



Ms Atchison

Ashley Wade
Second Place—11 Yrs Boys

Clair Moir
Fourth Place— 11 Yrs



Athletics Carnival Report: On Tuesday 16 May, we were finally able to have our school athletics carnival. On our fourth attempt to hold our athletics carnival we were welcomed by some fantastic autumn weather.

It was great to see so many students wearing their team colours with pride and trying their hand at the different field events. During the day there were numerous records broken in the field events. Congratulations to Asha Collins, Harper Collins, Matthew Edwards, Charlie Hostler and Maddie Armer who all were successful in breaking previous school records. Individual results for age champions are yet to be finalised and will be announced when that information comes to hand and published in next week's newsletter.

The battle for house champion was very close throughout the day but the eventual winner was Dixon.

1st Dixon

2nd Fisher

3rd Warren

4th Carmichael



I would like to thank all the teachers for their help during the day also a massive thank you to all the families who helped out during the day. These events cannot run without your help and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you! **Mr Bennett**

Football Report: On the 17 May our boy's rugby team clashed with the Junction at Merewether High School. We were the first try scorers with the finishing result of 30-24 our way. Our tries scored were by Harper, Shaun and Jaxon. We won the game and it was fun to play and there was only one minor injury. - **Travis Charlton (5/6B) and Clayton Nixon (5/6E)**

Seaham School Athletics Carnival



(THIS IS THE FINAL CANTEEN FUNDRAISER FOR 2017)

Public School

ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED ON OR BEFORE 30 MAY, 2017

Payments can be made with cash, cheque (cheques to be payable to Seaham Public School Canteen) or via P.O.P. on the school web page tab.

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Name of person collecting order:

Contact Number:

I enclose \$..... cash/cheque

I have paid \$..... on P.O.P.

COLLECTION DATE: 7 June, 2017 FROM 12 NOON

To assist with packing your orders, if you have any spare green bags, please label them with your name and deliver them to the canteen from 6 June and we will pack your order in the bags. **ORDERS MUST BE COLLECTED BY 3.30PM.** The canteen will hold no responsibility for collection after that time.

Items will not be stored in the fridge on the day of collection.