Seaham Public School and P&C NSW

Phone: (02) 49886 234
Fax: (02) 49886 435
Email: seaham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
www.seaham-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL NEWS
Term 3, Week 3

3 August, 2017

SEAHAM Public School

LIVE – LEARN – CARE

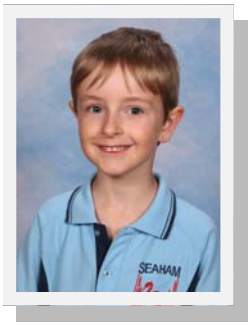
Edi the Egret

Respectful

Responsible

Learners

Principal's Message



We have been celebrating education week at Seaham this week. Tuesday was a fantastic day with many parents and friends attending our open day and book week parade. Thank you so much to our P & C Canteen Committee who agreed to open the canteen on Tuesday at late notice.

PBL Parent Session: Our PBL parent session was well attended. Thank you to Letitia Tomkins who has put her hand up to be our community representative on our PBL team. Letitia will attend one PBL meeting a term and it will be fantastic to have a community voice as part of the group.

At the parent session I spoke about the importance of data and how it helps us make decisions about what we need to work on. One way we obtain this information is through the "Tell Them From Me" Survey. Later this term, parents will have the opportunity to complete this survey. I would urge as many parents as possible to jump online and complete the survey as this information is really valuable to us.

Bushfire Evacuation Drill: Last Monday our whole school participated in a 'bushfire' evacuation drill. Students calmly and efficiently vacated their rooms and assembled in the hall. The hall has been tagged as the safest option by Rural Fire Service during a bushfire emergency. These types of practices are not meant to alarm our students but are timetabled to teach them the right and safest action if an emergency occurs.

PBL Assembly : Letters will be going home soon to those students who will be receiving their PBL Badge at our next PBL Assembly held next **Thursday, 10 August - 2pm**. Parents and families are welcome to attend. Congratulations to those students!
A Starstruck item will be performed in this assembly.

Kindergarten 2018: Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten, next year. If you have a child that will be attending Seaham Public School next year, please contact our office. Enrolment packs will be forwarded home this term.

Peer Support: This week the focus is on step 2 of the model, Plan. In Peer Support children learn the need to develop a range of coping strategies and be creative in drawing on these when planning responses. Responses include persevering, seeing the positive side to situations and engaging in activities they enjoy as a distraction for a short time. Encourage your child to talk with you about strategies they could use as difficulties arise.

Dates For Diaries 2017

Friday 4 August HRHS Sports Gala Day- Yr 6
Monday-Wednesday 7-9 August Life Education Van
Tuesday 8 August Zone Athletics—Field,1500m & 800m Year 4 STEM Day
Wednesday 9 August Public Speaking—Stage 1
Thursday 10 August Public Speaking– Stage 2 PBL Assembly
Friday 11 August Public Speaking—Kindy Zone Athletics—Track
Mon-Tuesday 14 & 15 August Teen Talk Year 5 & 6
Thursday 17 August Stage 2 Excursion Botanical Gardens
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 Annual Day & 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. 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.

School Fete: Please email all your questions and suggestions to seahamschoolfete17@gmail.com

- Our FETE committee are still requiring a Fete Stall Coordinator. If anyone is interested, please contact Melissa Armer on 0474 692 064 or email seahamschoolfete17@gmail.com
- FETE meeting Wednesday 9 August at 6.30pm in the school library. Please come along and support our school in this major fundraising event.

Life Education Program: Our Life Education Program will commence on Monday of next week.

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on fundraising within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding. The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports our overall fundraising activities and helps cover the gap between the cost of delivery and what parents and schools pay for our program. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them. Please see the table to the right of this notice for products available and cost of each item.

Life Education Merchandise

Product Tattoo - $.50c
Product Harold Post-it Note - $1.50
Product Harold Hand Ball—$3.00
Product Small Harold Soft Toy - $8.00
Product Large Harold Soft Toy - $15.00
Product Harold Stationery Set Check availability with Educator
Product Harold Keyring Check availability with Educator

Canteen Roster 2017

Friday 4 August Kate Davies
Monday 7 August Sandra Batchelor
Tuesday 8 August Jodi Watson
Wednesday 9 August Leanne Cox Colleen Cox
Thursday 10 August Peta Salter
Friday 11 August Chrissy Olive Erin Bobako

Fete News/Raffle - Prize: CRF110F, Mini Bike: Raffle tickets are now on sale through the school office. Limited Tickets available (200). Tickets are $25 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased by cash, cheque or by P.O.P. Please see attachments on page 5 & 6 which will assist you in purchasing a ticket. Please feel free to sell with your workplace, extended families and friends. We thank you in advance for your support with our Fete and we wish everyone the best of luck in this great raffle. Tickets will be allocated upon payment. Raffle will be drawn 3 November, 2017.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Matthew McDonald of 5/6B for an award he received over the recent school holidays.
Matthew was awarded his 'Grey Wolf' Award for Cubs. It is the highest award you can receive in Cubs. It took a lot of hard work to achieve the badges and activities required to attain the award. He was presented a certificate, badge and special woggle, by the Regional Cub Leader at King Edward Park during the Regions 'Cubs Big Day Out' on 9 July. Congratulations once again Matthew.

If your child/ren has reached a high achievement in activities out of school, please let us know. When room permits in our newsletter, we like to share those achievements with our school community.

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.

Stage 2 Excursion: An excursion has been organised for all of Stage 2 to complement their Geography unit on "Natural Environments". The excursion will be held Thursday, 17 August and will be at Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Heatherbrae. Cost for this excursion will be $13.50 and can be paid per cash/cheque or on P.O.P.

Year 6 Students: Year 6 students will be attending a Sports Gala Day at Hunter River School at Hunter River High School with schools from our area completing rounds of sporting activities including touch football, soccer and basketball. The day is aimed at building relationships among all Year Six students from the area prior to going to high school. The bus will depart Seaham Public School at 9:00am and return by 2:30pm.

Tell Them From Me: Parent/Carer Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Good for Kids—Eat a Rainbow

Fruit and vegetables come in all the colours of the rainbow! But did you know that each colour provides different nutrients? So why not pack a different colour for each day of the week?

- **Red:** Red capsicum sticks, cherry tomatoes, strawberries, red grapes
- **Orange/Yellow:** Carrot sticks, yellow capsicum sticks, oranges, mandarins, pineapple
- **Green:** Cucumber sticks, celery sticks, snow peas, green beans, kiwi fruit
- **Purple/Blue:** Red cabbage in salads, plums, blueberries
- **Brown/White:** Mushrooms, cauliflower rice, banana

Phone: 4924 6499

NSW GOVERNMENT Health Hunter New England Local Health District

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 10-15 minutes to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 21 August and 13 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

We will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/

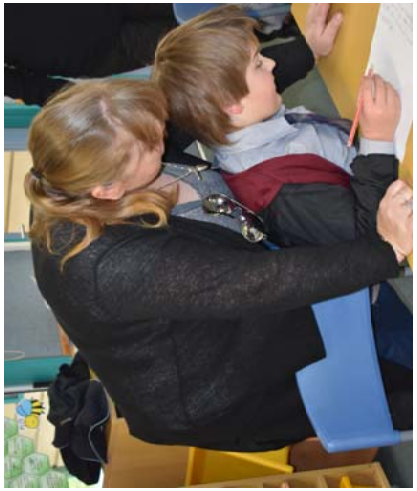
Student Survey

We will also be asking students to complete The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. You may remember that our students also participated in a Tell Them From Me student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students next week.

- Profiles for the Year Six book are now due! Please return them by tomorrow for inclusion into the Year 6 Book.

Woolworths Earn & Learn: Woolworths Earn & Learn started yesterday. Families that shop at Woolworths, will get one sticker for every $10 that is spent. Once your sticker sheets are complete, they can be placed in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Collection Box located in our school foyer or at the local Woolworths. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school to receive new educational equipment.



Education Week

Education Week—Book Parade

Thank you to all our families who were able to attend our **"Education Week"** celebrations and for those families and students who went to so much trouble with costumes. Everyone looked amazing. Thank you also to our wonderful team of canteen volunteers who opened the canteen for lunch orders. Your dedication and commitment to our school is very much appreciated.

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. $_____

Tickets will be allocated upon payment.

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. $_____

Tickets will be allocated upon payment.

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. $_____

Tickets will be allocated upon payment.

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. $_____

Tickets will be allocated upon payment.