



7 September, 2017

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Principal's Message

Community Planning Session: Unfortunately last night we didn't have enough numbers to run our community school planning session. I will try again in the near future, possibly before a whole school assembly during the day. It is important that families are able to contribute to our school plan. We do use information from the 'Tell them from me' survey, however a 'focus group' session is a good way to hear what families think. It really does assist us in our strategic planning.

P&C: Last night I attended the P&C meeting and again was really appreciative of the support we receive from our P&C. I would encourage more families to try and find the time and join this hard working group. Their efforts in fund raising enables resources to go straight back into our classrooms to support your children. An increase in support would certainly lighten the load.

Last night some huge announcements were made about the purchase of readers and laptops for our students by the P&C. Details and photos about this great support will be published in the coming weeks.

Staffing: Next term we welcome Mrs Sandra Butler to our staff. Sandra will be our permanent Senior Administrative Manager (SAM) replacing Ms Chris Lewis who retired some time ago. I would like to thank Mrs Shelley Neilson for her hard work and dedication whilst she relieved in this position. Mrs Stulz and Mrs Buckley also stepped up and relieved in the office during this time and I thank them for their support.

**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 Annual Day & Night School Presentation
Tuesday 12 December Year 6 Farewell
Friday 15 December End of Term 4 for students only

**Golden Egg Token
Winners:**

(K-2) Jocelyn Black
(3-6) Wirikah Knox

SASS Recognition Week: This week we recognise our SASS staff for their valued contribution to our school. Our non-teaching staff at Seaham Public consists of Mrs Shelley Neilson, Mrs Rachel Buckley, Mrs Diane Stulz, Mrs Maryanne Gardner, Mrs Jo Brogan, Mrs Kate Van Eyden, Mr David Wells and Ms Lorena Hughes who assist with the operation of the school. Effective support in finance, customer service, administration, grounds and maintenance, student welfare and learning support is essential to the high quality education that our students receive. Thank you to all of our SASS for their professionalism and commitment to our school and students.

Tell Them From Me Survey: Thank you to those families who have completed the 'Tell Them from me Survey'. For those that have not, please note that the survey window is still open and you can access it using the following link <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/vg5x5>

Book Club: Tomorrow is the last day for book club orders. Orders can be handed in at the office or completed on LOOP. This will be the last book club order for the term. If you have any enquires, please see Rachael Rapson our Book Club Coordinator.

Uniform Request: Our uniform Co-ordinator, Kim Penfold is seeking second hand blue school polo's and second hand sports polos. If you can assist, please drop them off to our school office. Lowes also at the moment have our school dresses on sale with a 20%-60% discount.

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.



Seaham Public
School Fete of 2017
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DR CHRIS WILSON, DENTIST
Raymond Terrace Dental Care

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AIR CONDITIONING

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

K-2 Fun Carnival: Permission notes have been forwarded home for the K-2 Fun Carnival on Wednesday 13 September. All students from Kinder to Year 2 will be attending the K-2 Athletics Carnival at Seaham Park. Students will eat fruit at school before walking to the park. Activities will commence approximately at 11:00am and conclude at 2:00pm. The order of events will be:

- ♦ Short Race
- ♦ Long Race
- ♦ Lunch (Children must bring their lunch with them. No canteen orders on this day)

♦ Rotation around Field Events	Throwing	Ball Games	Relays	Hurdles & Sack Races
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The canteen committee will be generously donating Quelch Stick Ice-Blocks to our participants. If you do not wish your child/ren to receive one of these ice blocks on the day, please advise per written note to the class teacher.

Please complete the permission note forwarded home, or the e-form on our Skoolbag App.

Public Speaking: Thank you to all the students who participated in the Regional (Callaghan/Port Stephens) Public Speaking competition. From all reports there was an enormous amount of confidence and many fantastic speeches that took place across all the Stages. Apart from the winner, there were only a handful of speakers in each Stage which were given Highly Commended of which Archie Lilley was one. Unfortunately we didn't achieve a place in the next round but I am extremely proud of all the students who participated and the time and effort they put in.

Thank you also to all of the families who were able to take children to the finals in schools across the region. **Deb Bowman**

Canteen: Only open for lunch orders for Years 3-6 on Wednesday 13 September due to the K-2 Carnival. Canteen will not be open for the second break from 1.25pm—2.00pm.

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 2017

Friday 8 September Kate Davies
Monday 11 September Alison Drew
Tuesday 12 September Peta Salter
Wednesday 13 September Chrissy Olive only open for lunch orders for Years 3-6. NOT OPEN SECOND BREAK
Thursday 14 September Annette Harding
Friday 15 September Kate Davies

Fete News/Raffle Drawn 3 November Prize: CRF110F, Mini Bike:

Raffle tickets are now on sale through the school office. Limited Tickets available (200). Tickets will be allocated upon payment.

- Tickets are \$25 per ticket.
- Tickets can be purchased by cash, cheque or by P.O.P.
- You can also complete the Skoolbag e-Form with your ticket information—OR please see attachment with this newsletter.
- Please feel free to sell with your workplace, extended families and friends. in this great raffle.

SEAHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE RAFFLE

Prize: new CRF110F, mini bike. Designed for the younger off-road riders, with electric start.

Limited Tickets Available (200) of \$25 each

Purchase tickets from school office.

Closing Date: Monday 30th October, 2017

Drawn: 3rd November, 2017

Retail price: \$3250

SPECS

ENGINE TYPE	100cc, air-cooled, single-cylinder, 4-stroke
TRANSMISSION	4 speed, constant mesh
STARTER	Electric and kick
DIMENSIONS	1,560mm x 686mm x 912mm
SEAT HEIGHT	667mm
FUEL CAPACITY	8 litres
KEROSENE WEIGHT	74kg
TIRES	• FRONT 70/100 - 14 inch
	• REAR 80/100 - 12 inch

ONLY 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Fete Photo Competition Entry Forms sent home today!

Stage 2 Project: Stage 2 students were given an optional extra project to complete for homework to share with their class. The question to consider for this Geography project was how the local environment gives shelter, food, water and space to native animals. Lara and Ryan chose to make a diorama featuring some of the animals and different habitats that can be found in this area. Other children have designed a habitat garden or presented information on a cardboard poster or as a powerpoint presentation. Well done to all the Stage 2 students who did these projects. **Mrs Imber**



School Chess Team: On Monday 4 September the School Chess Team, (Daniel Young, Matthew McDonald and Tommy Mella) travelled to the Broadmeadow PCYC for the 27th Annual Lower Hunter District Primary Schools One-Day Chess teams Tournament by the NSW Junior Chess League. We came approximately 5th place out of 35 teams. We played 8 rounds in total. The winning team was Avondale—A, Avondale had five teams in total. Special thanks to Sam Mella for driving and Mrs Imber for giving up her time to watch us. **By Tommy, Matthew and Daniel**



Hunter Athletics Report:

On Friday 1 September, Seaham Public School had six students represent the Port Stephens Zone at the Hunter Athletic Carnival. These students have done a tremendous job just to reach the Hunter Carnival. From all

reports, these students displayed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day. Against the very best in the Hunter, our students achieved some fantastic results. Harper Collins placed 1st in the 12 years boys 100 metres and 2nd in the 12 years boys 200 metres. Matthew Edwards placed 2nd in the senior boys Shot Put and 3rd in the senior boys 1500 metres. These results mean that Harper and Matthew will represent Hunter at the State Athletics Carnival.

Our Hunter Athletics representative were: Ash Wade, Ella Johnson, Ada Jackson, Jack Moroney, Matthew Edwards and Harper Collins. Congratulation on making it to the Hunter Carnival, well done!

Mr Bennett—Sports Coordinator

The Dungeon By Max Stapleton: As Matilda and I approached the dark and scary forest, I ran away from her. We were looking for a waterfall. We did not find what we had expected to find, instead we found a dungeon. I ran in and got lost from her. She kept calling but I could only hear a kind off snoring sound. I shouted, "WHERE ARE YOU?" There was no response.

When I had a look around, I found her. There was a furious monster. We ran away and there was another monster. "It's time I do it the right way!" I shouted. I jumped up on the scary monster and used its ears as a steering wheel. Just then, I steered it into the other monster. "Well, that was easy," I said tiredly to Matilda.

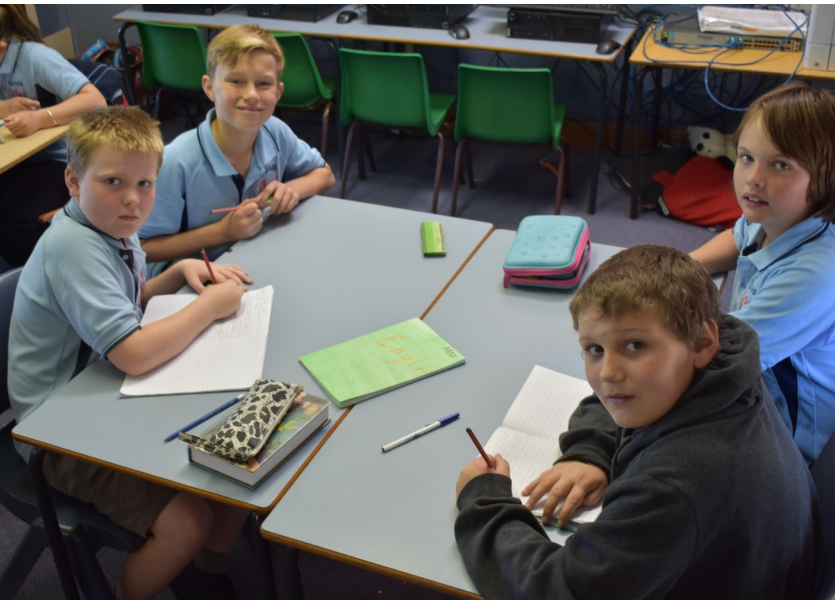
We walked a bit more until we found a boulder blocking our way. "I'll handle this," I boasted but I couldn't open it. Finally, it somehow smashed. We saw a treasure chest but there was a rock monster guarding it and it punched us. We got a bit bashed up but finally we defeated it. After all, this monster was no John Cena.

We ran over to the treasure chest. "Damn it! There's no key," sobbed Matilda. Luckily, I always carry a paperclip with me. I opened it. It was an endless supply of lollies. Best day of my life!



Wonderful story Max!

3/4A: Some photos of 3/4A enjoying their learning



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		
			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. \$ _____
☐ Tickets will be allocated upon payment.



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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.

