

**LIVE – LEARN – CARE****Principal's Message**

Welcome to Week 3 at Seaham Public School. Last year we changed some of our end of day routines to make the pick up at 3pm safer and more organised for all. So far this year we have not reinforced the parent pick up areas as it has been easier for kindergarten students to find parents who are standing closer to them. From Week 4 I will be asking for students being collected to walk again to the designated parent area under the small COLA. Parents and friends are most welcome to sit in any area prior to 3pm but at dismissal could parents please assemble under the small COLA area to collect their child.

Still Street has also been recognised as an unsafe area at times during pick up. Parents please note the areas where you **can't stop (No Stopping)** and the area where you **can stop only for 2 minutes and must stay in your car or within 3 metres of it**. Please refer to the attachment to this newsletter for more information. It is extremely unsafe to ask your child to cross Still Street to meet you on the other side. If you are parked on the east side of Still Street I would urge you to leave your vehicle and meet your child at the Still Street exit gate. A teacher will be waiting with your child.

Building/Maintenance - We have some work happening around the school at the moment. Work on the Equipment and Sports Shed is being completed currently. Barrier fencing has been placed around the 5/6 rooms in preparation for roofing work next week. 5/6 can access their classes today and tomorrow but will be moving into the hall for lessons on Monday and Tuesday. After school care on those days will be in the library.

It was great to see some new faces at our **P&C** meeting on Tuesday night. This meeting was the AGM and a number of executive positions are vacant for 2018. We desperately need a President, Vice President and Treasurer. It would be sad to see the P&C cease to operate in 2018. Please contact the school if you are interested in any of the positions.

**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. They payment is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting **\$Make a Payment**.

**Dates For Diaries
2018**

Friday 16 February Debating Workshop
Friday 23 February Zone Swimming Carnival
Monday 26 February HRHS information night for Students for 2019
Friday 2 March Whole School Assembly 2:20pm
Tuesday 6 March HRHS STEM Day
Monday 12 March Young Leaders Day
Thursday 22 March Opening of Parliament
Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 March Stage 2 Overnight Camp
Wednesday 28 March School Athletics Carnival
Thursday 29 March Harmony Day Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday 11 April School Photos
Friday 13th April Last day Term 1
Tuesday 1 May Students return - Term 2
August 13-14 Teen Talk Years 5&6
October 22-24 Point Wolstoncroft Years 5&6

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.

GENERAL PERMISSION NOTE: The general permission note "blue note" was forwarded home last week. If you have not received this note, or need another one, please contact our office. All blue general permission notes need to be given to class teachers as soon as possible.

FOEI and Student Emergency Contact Details forms showing student and family details that are held on school records were forwarded home last week. Please update where needed and note the necessary changes or note 'no changes' if all is correct. This form must be returned as soon as possible so that we can ensure that we have the correct and current information on record to support your child/ren while here at school.

SCRIPTURE:: Reminder : Scripture lessons for **K - 2** will commence on Wednesday 21 February. Scripture for **Years 3 - 6** will commence on Wednesday 28 February. If your child is changing Scripture classes could you please contact the school office.

CANTEEN NEWS:

Please find attached to this newsletter, the Canteen Roster for Term 1. If your allotted day does not suit, please contact Alison Taylor on 4996 4540. As you will notice, there are many vacancies that need to be filled to enable the school canteen to operate. Please contact Peta Salter on 0403 276 880 or Alison Taylor on 4996 4540.

Reusable Lunch Order Bags: These are reusable lunch order bags available for purchase from the school office for \$10.50. Colours available are green and blue.

Chicken Burgers and Spring Rolls are now available for lunch orders.

VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL: Please be aware that all visitors during the school day **must** sign in the visitor's book located in the office foyer and pick up and wear a blue visitor badge. This assists us with our school emergency and evacuation procedures and in identifying people on school grounds at all times. This is a mandatory Departmental Policy. All volunteer parents must complete an Appendix 5 declaration which is available in the school office.

SCHOOL BANKING: School banking program information has been sent home to each family. Please see our lovely volunteers in the school library prior to 9am each Friday morning for more information.

Canteen Roster

Friday 16 February Kate Davies Celia
Monday 19 February Kelly Laver Kylie Elbourne
Tuesday 20 February Peta Salter
Wednesday 21 February Leanne Cox Colleen Cox
Thursday 22 February Annette Harding Jade Roberts
Friday 23 February Chrissy Olive VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Monday 26 February Jess Strachan
Tuesday 27 February Nat Meehan
Wednesday 28 February Chrissy Olive
Thursday 1 March Mel Armer
Friday 2 March Kate & Celia

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Overnight Excursion 2018. Reminder: Notes have been forwarded home to families. We understand that the beginning of the school year is very hectic and can be expensive, so if you would like to make any payments in advance over the next week, you are welcome to do so.

Where: Aussie Bush Camp

When: Monday 26 March – Tuesday 27 March 2018

Cost: \$215 including camp & bus

HUNTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL :: Year 6 students and families are invited to an information evening on Monday 26 February 2018 at 6pm. Guests will tour the school and have the opportunity to meet with staff.

MUSIC :: Guitar, piano, violin, cello lessons are available in 2018.

For Guitar lessons contact Dennis on 0417 448 465.

For violin, piano and cello lessons - contact Rachel Scheman on 49 305511.

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.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) 2018

- ♦ At Seaham Public School we focus on the **positive**. All students have positive behaviour recognised through **golden egg tokens**, **reward days** and **PBL badges**
- ♦ Students are rewarded with **golden egg tokens** which go towards whole school rewards. The reward for this term will be an out of uniform day and disco.
- ♦ The **PBL passport** will be worked on in sections over 5 week blocks.
- ♦ Specific **PBL lessons** should give every student an understanding of the expected behaviours and what they need to do to achieve their contract.
- ♦ **'Ticking off'** times for areas in the contract are negotiated with the classroom teacher and one other teacher. The other teacher must be a teacher who the student has a lot of contact with.
- ♦ **PBL badge assemblies** will occur regularly throughout the year.



Story Writing by 2/31

My favourite holiday place is South America because there are so many cool animals. One of my favourite animals is the caiman. I like the caiman because their babies are so cute and they can swim so fast. Another thing I like about this place is because the people's outfits are amazing - they even make them by themselves. Everyone stared at me because they have not seen my type of skin before. I love South America. I hope to go there again.

By Laura Moir

My favourite holiday place is Queensland. I like to go to the amusement park. On one of the rides at the top, you go to the edge, and it's like "Aaaahhh! - I'm going to die". And I'm going to be there a lot more because my sisters are moving there because she's 20 now. It annoys me that she's gone, but I'm sure she'll have a great time living in Queensland.

By Caleb Buckland

My favourite holiday place is staying home over Christmas, because now I have a pool and my whole family comes over. In the pool I play war - I go on my uncle's shoulders and my sister and cousin go on my other uncle's shoulders. We try to push each other off into the water.

By Sibella Dawes

Community notices:

Port Stephens District Scouts are holding an Open Day:
Where: Raymond Terrace behind the library on Adelaide Street
When: 25th February 2018 from 10am
Come along and Build **Resilience**, Develop **Confidence**,
Inspire **Leadership** and be prepared for **fun**!
For more information contact Jane Hogno on 0459 349 553



Seaham Netball Club

It's time to register to play netball for the 2018 season. Come along and join others from our wider local area. Seaham club has members from Clarence Town, Dungog, Hinton, Wallalong and Seaham.

We welcome players of all ages and encourage both team and individual registrations and there has never been a better time to get involved and join a team with the \$100 Active Kids rebate reducing the outlay for registration it's so easy!

If you're interested in netball and would like to try it out or know more information.

In-person registration day 17th February 9am – 12pm – Brandon Park, and all players will need to attend to be fitted for their new uniforms.

Registration Fees

Please note: these fees are prior to Active Kids Rebate

Seniors (18 years and over) \$147 + \$70 Club Levy = \$217

Juniors (10 – 17 years) \$119 + \$70 Club Levy = \$189

NSG Go (Competition 5 – 10 years) \$109 + \$70 Club Levy = \$179

NSG Net (Skills only 5 – 10) \$68

Non-players \$59

For any enquiries please contact the club at seahamnetball@gmail.com

Seaham Bowthorne Football (Soccer) Club - Player Registration Days - Season 2018

Sunday 19 February 10:00am - 12:00pm

Monday 19 February 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Seaham Community Hall - (Back Hall) Warren Street Seaham

All new registrations require proof of age and current FFA number if applicable.

Online registrations & payment available (www.playfootball.com.au)

Contact Daniel Flynn (0455 805164)

Or Charles McCumstie (0410 498302)

seahambowthorne@newcastlefootball.net.au

Scholastic Book Club:

Our first Scholastic book club catalogue for the year was handed out last week. From every order placed, the school earns valuable books and resources. If you saw something you like in this catalogue leave your order form and payment at the school office or order online through LOOP. Orders are due by Friday 16 February. Please make cheques payable to Seaham Public School.
Happy Reading !! Rachel Rapson

Do you arrive late to school?

Just a friendly reminder to our families that if students are arriving at school after 9am and the morning assembly is over, a late note must be obtained from the school office. Parents are expected to accompany their child/ren to the office and give an explanation. We understand that sometimes families are running late and this may not be possible. If this is the case, please call the school office and advise that your child is late and will need a late note. Departmental Policy and Audit requirements requires schools to send out unexplained notes to families where this does not happen. We apologise for any distress this causes, and we understand that you may think only being 5 mins late does not constitute a letter, however it is a process that we must do and have evidence of having done.

Canteen Roster - Term One 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday ²⁹
29 January	30 January	31 January	1 February	2 February
5 February	6 February	7 February	8 February	9 February
12 February	13 February	14 February	15 February	16 February Kate Davies & Celia
19 February Kelly Laver	20 February Peta Salter	21 February Leanne Cox Colleen Cox	22 February Annette Harding Jade Roberts	23 February Chrissy Olive VOLUNTEER NEEDED
26 February Jess Strachan	27 February Nat Meehan	28 February Chrissy Olive	1 March Mel Armer	2 March Kate Davies & Celia
5 March Rena Armitage	6 March Nat Meehan	7 March Chrissy Olive	8 March	9 March
12 March Chrissy Olive	13 March Nat Meehan	14 March Rob Lenton	15 March Jess Stachan	16 March
19 March Jess Strachan	20 March Lucy O'Brien	21 March Chrissy Olive	22 March Mel Armer	23 March
26 March	27 March Nat Meehan	28 March	29 March Harmony Day E / Hat Parade Chrissy Olive Ali Taylor	30 March Good Friday CLOSED
2 April Easter Monday CLOSED	3 April	4 April	5 April	6 April
9 April Jess Strachan	10 April Mel Armer	11 April	12 April Red Day Jess Strachan	13 April

CAN YOU HELP ???????????? WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS

If you can help in the canteen please ring Peta on 0403 276 880
or Alison on 49 964540

Mon, Wed, Friday @9.00am Tue, Thur @1.55pm

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

SEAHAM SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2018



Captains
Ash Wade
Charli Codrington



Vice Captains
Ben Moroney
Bridie Gillon



SEAHAM SCHOOL MINISTERS for 2018

Back row: Ella Lucas - Minister for Environment, Zac Tomkins - Minister for Education, Travis Charlton - Minister for Technology, Tommy Mella - Minister for Welfare, Clare Moir - Speaker of the House, Allana Johnson - Minister for Health,
Front row: Josh Ferry - Minister for Sport and Isis Sullivan - Minister for Functions and Finances



SEAHAM SCHOOL SHADOW MINISTERS 2018

Back: Dylan Salter - Shadow Minister for Welfare, Mark Walter-Pitolua - Shadow Minister for Technology, Luke Young - Shadow Minister for Education, Joe Batchelor - Shadow Minister for Sport

Front row: Bailee Lucas - Shadow Minister for Environment and Clare Harding - Shadow Minister for Health

**Congratulations
to all of our Captains,
Vice Captains,
Ministers, Shadow Ministers
and Bus Monitors**

SEAHAM SCHOOL BUS MONITORS FOR 2018



Brandy Hill: Matthew McDonald, Maclean Davis, Lochlan O'Hare, Isis Sullivan



East Seaham: Jasmine Montgomery, James Jacobs, Jessica Jacobs, Max Leggett



Glen Oak: Jimmy Lilley, Ella Lucas, Darcy Grieson, Isabella Broad

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2012



Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP** your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Maximum Penalty

\$397

+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty

\$165

+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Penalty

\$298

+ 2 Demerit Points



DOUBLE PARKING

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Penalty

\$298

+ 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$298 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: \$397 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$165 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: \$496