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

Welcome to Week four at Seaham. WOW, almost half way through the term already. Thank you so much to those parents who responded to the information from last week. Our end of day routine seems to be running smoothly with students and parents moving safely to exits and onto busy streets around our school. Our kindergarten students appear like they have always been here, responding to bells and moving safely from class to class. I must say their year six buddies are doing a fabulous job helping them adjust to school life.

Seaham Shop Parking - Janene from Seaham Shop asked me to pass on a message to those parents who park in or around the Seaham Shop carpark. Using the carpark is fine for quick drop offs or pick ups but if you are planning to stay at the shop for extended periods while you wait for your child, please use the community carpark above Seaham Hall. There have been occasions recently where delivery drivers have had no where to park which is an issue. Janene is also happy for people to sit at the front of the shop just not block the carpark.

Zone swimming - Best of luck to those swimmers who are competing at the Port Stephens zone swimming carnival at Lakeside tomorrow. We have one of our largest teams attending so swim well and have a great day.

Work around school - Our school does look like a construction site at the moment. Work is almost complete on the Stage 3 classroom roof and sports and storage sheds. The demountable and the adjoining toilets are receiving a fresh coat of paint and the decks on the Stage 2 and 3 classrooms are receiving a clean and refinish. I would like to thank our staff and students for their patience and flexibility during this time.

**Year 6
Jumpers**

Order forms have been sent home. Please complete the order form and return to the school office **as soon as possible**. Delivery of jumpers take 6-8 weeks. Payment for jumpers will be due on delivery of jumpers.

**Dates For Diaries
2018**

Friday 23 February Zone Swimming Carnival
Monday 26 February HRHS information night for Students for 2019
Wednesday 28 February Dungog High School Information evening
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 have been forwarded home. 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.

PARENTS ONLINE PAYMENT (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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL :: Year 5 & 6 students and families are invited to attend the **2018 Dungog High School information evening on Wednesday 28 February 2018 at 5pm In the Multi-Purpose Centre at DHS**. There will be a brief presentation from the Principal and Head Teacher Welfare and then guests will tour the school and have the opportunity to visit classrooms and meet with staff and students. On conclusion of the tour you are invited to enjoy a free sausage sizzle. Sweet treats and drinks may be purchased from the Support Unit.

For catering purposes please RSVP by 26 February 2018 by contacting the front office on 4992 3022.



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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:



**** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE ****

Port Stephens District Scouts Open Day:

Where: **LAKE SIDE SPORTS COMPLEX, LAKE SIDE**

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

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Overnight Excursion 2018.

Reminder: Notes have been forwarded home to families. 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

Good for Kids good for life

SUGARY DRINKS

The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy was introduced in 2017. As part of the strategy, sugary drinks are not to be sold in the canteen.

Sugary drinks include: regular soft drinks, flavoured mineral waters, flavoured waters, sports waters, sports drinks, fruit drinks, coconut waters, cordials, slushies and frozen fruit drinks with less than 99% fruit juice. All energy drinks are also included.

Our canteen stocks refreshing everyday drinks for the students and includes water, plain and/or flavoured milk and 99% fruit juice.

Why not try cutting back on sugary drinks at home too?



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6499

DEBATING NEWS::

Last Friday a group of girls keen to learn more about debating went to Hamilton South Primary School. The main presenter, Tony, was really funny. There were lots of new things to learn about::

Matter, Method and Manner.

We played some games and in the afternoon we did some debates. We all had to present a short speech on

'if kids should be banned from using the internet'.

That part was a bit nerve wrecking but we all had a fun day.

By: Lilly Imber, Jasmine, Montgomery, Jasmin Greentree, Taytum Hanson, Jacinta Brooker, Jessica Jacobs, Sophie Letham and Amelia Dawes.



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 2018

Friday 23 February
Chrissy Olive
Kate Davies

Monday 26 February
Jess Strachan

Tuesday 27 February
Nat Meehan

Wednesday 28 February
Chrissy Olive
Vicki

Thursday 1 March
Mel Armer

Friday 2 March
Kate & Celia

Monday 5 March
Renee Armitage

Tuesday 6 March
Nat Meehan

Wednesday 7 March
Chrissy Olive
Vickie

Thursday 8 March
Leanne Sullivan

Friday 9 March

Canteen Roster - Term One 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday29
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
19 February	20 February	21 February	22 February	23 February Chrissy Olive Kate Davies
26 February Jess Strachan	27 February Nat Meehan	28 February Chrissy Olive Vickie	1 March Mel Armer	2 March Kate Davies & Celia
5 March Rena Armitage	6 March Nat Meehan	7 March Chrissy Olive Vickie	8 March Leanne Sullivan	9 March
12 March Chrissy Olive	13 March Nat Meehan	14 March Chrissy Olive Vickie	15 March Jess Stachan	16 March Kelly Laver Kylie Elbourne
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 Chrissy Olive	29 March Harmony Day E / Hat Parade Chrissy Olive Ali Taylor	30 March Good Friday CLOSED
2 April Easter Monday CLOSED	3 April Peta Salter	4 April Chrissy Olive	5 April Leanne Sullivan	6 April
9 April Jess Strachan	10 April Mel Armer	11 April Chrissy Olive	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.

Year 4B Art Places around Australia'

Stage 2 have been working on a Geography Unit about Australia and its natural features. We really enjoyed creating our artwork based on Uluru and the colours used in aboriginal artwork.



Buddies



Stage 3 STEM Challenge

This week in Science, Stage 3 students were given the task of designing and constructing a tower. The tower had to be able to support a basketball for at least twenty seconds and the students were only allowed to use newspaper and sticky tape.

The results were amazing !!





ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education or visit education.nsw.gov.au and search for road safety education.

When travelling in a car ensure your children:

- use a booster seat if they are aged between 4 and 7 years old – it's the law
- are correctly buckled up in their seatbelts
- always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door' – the rear door on the footpath side of the car
- are never left alone in the car.



Up to 6 months
Approved rear-facing
child car seat



6 months to 4 years
Approved rear- or
forward-facing child
car seat



4+ years
Approved forward-
facing child car seat or
booster seat



145cm or taller
Suggested minimum
height to use adult
lap-sash seatbelt