



Principal's Message

Welcome to week 7 at Seaham Public School.
P&C Committee - It looks like we will fill our vacant P&C committee positions which is excellent news. The additional P&C meeting organised for March 21 is now not needed. Our next meeting will be as normal on Wednesday April 4. We will keep the 6:30pm slot for this one but at the meeting will discuss an earlier time for future meetings as a lot of parents have difficulty attending the night meetings. The April 4 meeting will also be a repeat of the AGM to finalise positions. It is not too late to put your hand up and join the P&C committee.

National Day against Violence and Bullying

Tomorrow, March 16 is a national day where students across Australia share the powerful message of '**Bullying, No Way**'. Tomorrow our classes will have conversations and participate in lessons focusing on positive action to address bullying. Tomorrow is also our **PBL Reward Day**. Students are able to be out of uniform and attend a free disco in the hall (K-2:: 1:15 - 1:55pm)(3-6:: 2:20 - 3pm). Please remind students to cover shoulders (no singlets) and wear appropriate shoes for sport and running (no flip flops).

Shave for a Cure - One of our students will look very different on Friday. Harry Tomkins has decided to shave his head to raise money and awareness for people living with cancer. We will be discussing with Harry ways to raise awareness and money and perhaps do something special at school in the coming weeks. Well done Harry !

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) A Letter will be going home to students in years 4-6 regarding the TTFM survey. Please only complete if you don't want your child to participate in the survey. The information we gather from these surveys is valuable and is used in our school planning.



Balance Swimming Scheme: \$85

Stage 1 - commences
Friday 8 June 2018

Stage 2 - commences
Friday 27 July 2018

Stage 3 - commences
Friday 31 August 2018

Permission notes will be going home early next term. Payments can be made anytime either by cash or cheque or via the online parent payment (POP) on the Seaham School website.

Dates For Diaries 2018

Friday 16 March PBL Reward Day
Wednesday 21 March Kindergarten Interviews
Thursday 22 March Opening of Parliament 1PM
Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 March Stage 2 Overnight Camp
Wednesday 28 March School Athletics Carnival
Thursday 29 March Harmony Day Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday 4 April Zone Touch Football
Friday 6 April Cross Country
Wednesday 11 April School Photos
Friday 13 April PSSA Rugby League Gala Day Last Day Term 1
Tuesday 1 May Students return - Term 2
Friday 8 June 2018 Balance Swimming - Stage 1
Friday 27 July 2018 Balance Swimming - Stage 2
Mon 13 & Tues 14 August Teen Talk Years 5&6
Friday 31 August Balance Swimming - Stage 3
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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Seaham Park & Wetland Committee

Seaham Park & Wetlands Committee is appointed by Port Stephens Council under the provisions of Section 355 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The committee consists of an Executive – Chair / Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – Advisory and General members.

The committee meets on average 4 times a year (every 3 months).

The committee is involved in the care, assistance and management of Council facilities in the Seaham area, primarily Seaham Park and Seaham Wetlands, on a voluntary basis. Responsibilities include providing a community link to assist Council staff in consulting with the community on management plans.

The committee has been active since 2009 and made many improvements to Seaham Park including the new toilet block, skate park, sunshade over the playground equipment, BBQ, picnic tables and shelters.

Our next **AGM** will be held on Monday 19 March 2018 at 7.00pm at Seaham Hall. It will be followed by a general meeting. Please consider coming along to the meeting to find out what is happening in our community and how you might be able to contribute.

Email – Seaham.Park@gmail.com



P&C UPDATE :

Thankyou to those parents who responded to our call for nominations for positions on the P & C executive.

We no longer require an emergency meeting next week. We will hold our next meeting on Wednesday 4 April at 6:30pm. Nominations will be discussed and positions will become formal at this meeting.

All new members are welcome to join us. This Meeting will go ahead at 6:30pm, however we will discuss the best time slot that suits everyone for future meetings and choose a new time accordingly.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing executive members for all their hard work and time over the past few years.

The resources and activities that you have helped to provide our school and our students have been greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Allison Imber (Correspondence Secretary)

Friday 16 March PBL Reward Day

Out of Uniform
& Disco

K-2: 1:15 - 1:55pm

3-6: 2:20 - 3pm

Congratulations to all
Students !!

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 still a few 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.

Canteen Roster 2018

Friday 16 March

Kelly Laver

Kylie Elbourne

Monday 19 March

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Tuesday 20 March

Lucy O'Brien

Wednesday 21 March

Chrissy Olive

Thursday 22 March

Mel Armer

Friday 23 March

Chrissy Olive

Monday 26 March

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Tuesday 27 March

Nat Meehan

Wednesday 28 March

Chrissy Olive

Thursday 29 March

Chrissy Olive

Ali Taylor

Rachel

Peta

Friday 30 March

GOOD FRIDAY

CANTEEN NEWS

**VOLUNTEERS
ARE NEEDED
ON
THURSDAYS
FROM TERM 2
OR THE
CANTEEN
WILL BE
CLOSED
EACH
THURSDAY**

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.

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
26 February	27 February	28 February	1 March	2 March
5 March	6 March	7 March	8 March	9 March
12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March	16 March Kate Davies Celia Chrissy Olive
19 March VOLUNTEER NEEDED	20 March Lucy O'Brien	21 March Chrissy Olive	22 March Mel Armer	23 March Kate Davies Celia
26 March Chrissy Olive	27 March VOLUNTEER NEEDED	28 March Chrissy Olive	29 March Harmony Day E / Hat Parade Chrissy, Ali, Rachel & Peta	30 March Good Friday CLOSED
2 April Easter Monday CLOSED	3 April Peta Salter	4 April Chrissy Olive	5 April Leanne Sullivan	6 April VOLUNTEER NEEDED
9 April Jess Strachan	10 April Mel Armer	11 April Chrissy Olive	12 April Red Day Jess Strachan	13 April VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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.



Hunter Basketball Trials:

We started the day with drills then we played a few games. A team of twelve were selected of possibles and probables.

We all tried hard but the competition was very tough. Special mention to Maddie for selection in the top fifteen.

Unfortunately Maddie just missed out on selection in the team.

Well done to Maddie, Jye, Harrison and Jack.



Zone Football Trials :

On the 9 March Max H, Ethan, Charlie and Ash went to Mallabula Sporting Oval to compete in PSSA Football trials. Out of the four boys Ash was the only one who made it into the team.

We all played well and had a lot of fun. We wish the Year 5 good luck for next year !!!

Ash & Max

Welcome to our new student



Shelby Giffiis
1/2D

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.

Good for Kids good for life

EDIBLE GARDENS

Vegetable and herb gardens are a fantastic way to get the kids interested in vegetables. And even better, they help you to save money on the groceries. Here are some tips to get you started:

- Choose a sunny spot in your garden close to a water source
- To save time purchase a raised garden bed from your local hardware store or to save money simply build your own with treated pine.
- Do a little bit of research as to what vegetables are in season to get the best results
- To save money on fertilisers you can make your own compost from vegetable scraps in the kitchen
- Get the kids involved and have fun!



YOUNG LEADERS DAY :

On Monday 12 March all the leaders and ministers went to the Young Leaders Day, at the International Convention Centre. All the speakers were very interesting. The speakers were John Coutis, Lauren Cheadle, Harrison Craig and Matt Cosgrove. I'm sure we all enjoyed the day except for the fact that we got up at 4:15am.

Tommy, Ash and Travis



Young Leaders Day 2018





STEM

5/6B



On Friday Year 5/6B had a STEM day in our classroom. Our challenge was to build a free standing bridge. Our resources were pipe cleaners, toilet rolls, paper plate, paddle pop sticks and 60cm of tape. We had to make the bridge 30cm long. It was quite a hard task but everyone got through it. We had to test our bridge by dropping a 1kg weight onto the bridge. Some bridges held 6kg. Teachers then started dropping weights from high above like an asteroid falling. The group with the last bridge standing received a lucky dip from the prize box. Bailee



Last Friday Year 5/6B made bridges out of squares, pipe cleaners, tape, toilet rolls, paddle pop sticks and a paper plate. We had to make the bridge 5cm above ground and 30cm long and it had to be free-standing. It had to hold weights. A car was pulled across it with string. Most of the bridges, including mine broke with 6kg on them. Mr Bennett dropped weights on the bridges but unfortunately none of them survived. Jasmine M



Seaham OOSH



Cost from as
low as **\$8.65**
per session
*Conditions
Apply*



Are you looking for high quality
reliable After School Care?

Do you require a fun, supportive and
social environment for your child to
participate in a variety of activities?

Contact the
administration office on 49880308
or email:
childcare@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

HARMONY DAY:

The Canteen Committee warmly invites Parents and Friends to join us in a Multi-Cultural Feast as part of

"Seaham Public School's Harmony Day Celebration"

Thursday 29th March 2018 at 11am

A delicious menu from around the world is available to

honour diversity and acknowledge that everyone belongs !.

Please come and join in the celebration



**"WHERE WE
BECOME ONE"**

HEADLICE : There has been a case of head lice reported this week at school. Please check your child's hair and treat appropriately.

Symptoms : Itchy scalp, Nits (eggs) are tiny white specks stuck to hair.

Treatment: Treat immediately. Notify school, return when treatment is completed.

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**.

UNIFORM ORDERS :

Please find attached our Winter Uniform order form. If you wish to order uniforms for your child/ren please call into the office to pick up an order envelope or contact the office for an order envelope to be sent home with your child. **ORDERS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY 3RD APRIL.**

Kim Penfold, Uniform Co-ordinator

Name	Class
Contact telephone number	
	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Total \$
Unisex Blue Polo	\$25
Unisex Sports Polo	\$25
Microfibre Track Pants	\$25
Microfibre Jacket	\$37
Microfibre Sports Short	\$14
School Jumper	\$22
Hat Sizes	\$13 XS/S S/M L
ONLY AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL ORDERS::	
Unisex Long Sleeve Polo	\$25
Rain Proof Jacket	\$45
Material @ \$12 per mtr -	
School Dresses available at Lowes Raymond Terrace	Cash/Cheque enclosed \$

Cheque payments made payable to Seaham Public School P&C

UNIFORMS CAN BE PAID PER THE SCHOOL PARENTS ON LINE FACILITY (POP)

☐ Paid per cash/cheque

☐ Paid on P.O.P.

All Uniform Enquiries to:

Kim Penfold

0431 307 035

Girls shorts and skorts are available at Best & Less & Big W for approx \$20 and Lowes from \$27

School dresses can be purchased at Lowes from \$55

Boys shorts available from \$16 at Big W, Best & Less & Lowes

Winter pants and track pants can be purchased from Big W & Best & Less from \$16 and Lowes from \$35

Please contact Deb Hammond on 0448 999 625 to have school dresses made to size and for all alterations