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

Welcome to week five at Seaham Public School. Yesterday was a wonderful day at Seaham Park with our K-2 students enjoying their sports day. Thank you to Mrs Stewart and her team for the organisation and to the many parents who chipped in and supported the day. Thank you so much. It was fabulous to see the beaming smiles as they participated in their races and received their ribbons.

Staff News - We currently have some staff members on or about to take some leave. Mrs Bowman will be replaced by Miss Broadbent for the rest of the term. Mrs Butler is taking three weeks leave in the office, Mrs Stulz will be stepping into the office manager's position. Thank you to Mr Labecki who has been filling in for Mrs Willoughby on Monday and Tuesdays for the majority of this term. Next week Mrs Milburn will be on leave and she will be replaced by Mrs Smith. As mentioned last week our teachers spend a lot of time preparing for these absences and I thank them for ensuring normal class programs continue during these times.

Morning Supervision - Parents please be aware that students who arrive at school before 8:30am do not receive direct supervision. Students are asked to sit on the bench seats under the big cover until the teacher is on duty from 8:30am. Lately the number of early arrivals has increased dramatically. I have spoken to some parents and realise that some families need to drop their children early. If your child is able to be dropped off or walk to school to arrive after 8:30am would be most appreciated and also alleviate safety concerns for large numbers unsupervised during those times.

BALANCE SWIMMING SCHEME : \$85 - REMINDER

Stage 2 & Stage 3 - will commence on Friday 31 August 2018

Places for **Stage 3** are still available. Please return your permission note and payment. 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**

Tuesday 28 August Father's Day Breakfast
Thursday 30 August Father's Day Stall
Friday 31 August Balance Swimming Stage 2 & 3 Commences
Tuesday 4 September Rebels Rugby League Challenge Hunter River High School Showcase
Friday 7 September Parliament
Wednesday 12 September Rotary competition Debate - Seaham v St.Brighds
Friday 14 September Stage 3 - Dungog High School
Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 September School Musical
Wednesday 26 September School Disco
Friday 28 September Parliament
Tuesday 23, 30 October Tuesday 6, 13 November Kindy Orientation
October 22-24 Point Wolstoncroft Years 5&6
Wednesday 5 December Presentation Night
Tuesday 11 December Year 6 Farewell

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.

KINDERGARTEN 2019

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 school office to receive an enrolment pack.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Dates for our Kinder Orientation Program is as follows:

Tuesday 23 October 10:30am - 11:30am

Tuesday 30 October 10:30am - 11:30am

Tuesday 6 November 10:30am - 11:30am

Tuesday 13 November 10:30 - 11:30am

PEER SUPPORT

In this week's final session of the Peer Support module, *Promoting Harmony*, the children will be creating a chatterbox, helping them reflect on what they have learned over the past 7 weeks. They will be reminded to reflect on their values and how they can demonstrate these to other people. Each Peer Support group will have the opportunity to celebrate what they have learned and the new friendships and connections they have made.

STEM DAY - HUNTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

At the Year 4 STEM day we had a fun time with fun activities. We had to program a small Lego robot. It needed to be driven through a set of small obstacles, turn left, stop at a pedestrian crossing and reverse in a car park on a mat with a road design on it. Using touch screen computers and a coaching app, we drove our robot through the road mat.



Unfortunately some teams did not make it. We all had fun at the STEM day. We're looking forward to next time.

By Hamish



Canteen Roster 2018

Friday 24 August
Kate & Celia

Monday 27 August
Sandra

Tuesday 28 August
Lucy & Kate O'Brien

Wednesday 29 August
Rachel &
Karen Codrington

Thursday 30 August
Leanne Sullivan

Friday 31 August
Kate & Jodi

LIBRARY NEWS

CBCA Book Week 20 to 24 August. We have been celebrating Book Week in the Library. The children voted the picture books '**Rodney Loses It**' and '**Mopoke**' as the winners. The judges chose '**Rodney Loses It**' and '**A Walk In The Bush**'. We had lots of fun reading all of the shortlist.

Mrs Ferrie

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Years 3 - 6. The 2018 Premiers Reading Challenge closes on 31st August. Please make sure your child has entered all the books they have read by the 31 August. I will need to validate their records so they can receive their certificates.

Mrs Ferrie
Librarian

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.

P&C COMMITTEE

P&C MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. Meetings only run for 45 minutes to 1 hour.
Everyone is welcome to attend !!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a **volunteer** interested in organising our mango fundraiser to be held at the end of the year. This is a great fundraiser for our school every year. The volunteer will need to collate the orders, then place the orders, then be available to distribute the boxes of mangoes on the day of delivery. All instructions and information will be given to any person or persons who may be able to volunteer for this great fundraiser.

Please contact **Nat Meehan** on **0423 430 890**.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest for people to join a committee to help organise a **colour run fundraiser event**. This event will be held in Term 1 2019. We need to form a committee prior to the end of the year so arrangements can be organised. Please contact **Lucy O'Brien** on **0402 213 872** if you are able to join this committee. Details about the event will be provided after the committee is formed.

TELL THEM FROM ME - STUDENT SURVEY

We are delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: 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.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 27 August and 26 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 31st October 2018. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

FATHER'S/CARERS & GRANDFATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST - REMINDER

Breakfast for our Father's/Carers & Grandfather's will be held on Tuesday 28 August. Order forms have been sent home with students. Please return order forms and payment by Friday 24 August.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Our Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 30 August. Cost is \$5 per gift.

Tell Them From Me student survey

Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

1. What is the *Tell Them From Me* student survey?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey asks questions about factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes. It aims to help improve the learning outcomes of students. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the student point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions relate to the following measures for **primary schools**:

Participation in sports and extra-curricular activities	Behaviour at school	Effective learning time
Use of ICT for learning	Homework behaviour	Teaching relevance and rigour
Sense of belonging	Interest and motivation	Perseverance
Positive relationships	Effort	Experience of being bullied
Valuing school outcomes	Skills and learning challenge	Advocacy at school
Positive teacher-student relations	Expectations for success	Positive learning climate

The survey questions relate to the following measures for **secondary schools**:

Participation in sports and extra-curricular activities	Homework behaviour	Expectations for success
Skills and learning challenge	Academic self-concept	Behaviour at school
Experience of being bullied	Truancy	Sense of belonging
Interest and motivation	Effective learning time	Aspirations: finishing Year 12, University, TAFE
Positive relationships	Effort	Teaching relevance and rigour
Wellness	Valuing school outcomes	Positive learning climate
Academic buoyancy	Advocacy at school	Advocacy outside school
Positive teacher-student relations	Use of ICT for learning	Perseverance

3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open to all NSW government schools at no cost to them. Your child's school has decided to participate.



4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey will provide school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

5. What does my child need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes less than 30 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. Schools will make computers or laptops available so that students can complete the survey during school hours.

6. Does my child have to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped. Parents/students have a right to apply for access to, and correction of, a student's information.

7. Will the school be able to identify my child from their responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will not be made available.

A small number of staff in the department's Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) will have access to individual student responses for the purpose of state-wide

analysis. Individual students' data will be held on a secure server with access strictly limited to CESE researchers. The researchers are interested in trends only – not in individual student responses. No student will be identified in any publication. No school will be identified unless they have given permission.

8. What sort of analysis will be done on the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of students at their school. CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the department, including performance data.

The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between wellbeing, engagement, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE's analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

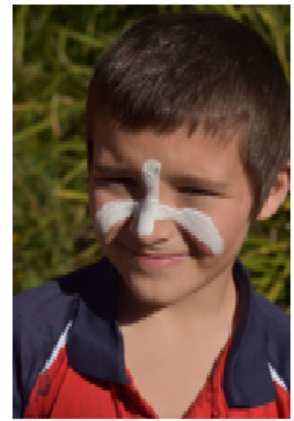
9. Can all school students participate in the survey?

The primary school survey is designed for students in Years 4 to 6. Schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in these year groups to participate. Secondary schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in Years 7 to 12 to participate.

10. When will the *Tell Them From Me* survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools at the end of Term 1 and (optionally) Term 3/4.

STAGE 2 - MURROOK EXCURSION



Read student stories over the page.



STAGE 2 MURROOK EXCURSION

UNTYING ROPES and BOOMERANG THROWING CHALLENGES

First we got there and did an untangling rope challenge on each other. We also did boomerang throwing. Some people were really good at it. Then, at the end of that activity, the instructor showed us how to undo the ropes, and then he said let's do some art.

PAINTING

Next when we were at the art place, the instructor said "do you want to paint a boomerang or a "canvas tile panel" and guess what was more popular - the boomerang. So we all did that, and if we were done early, we could paint a design on a piece of paper.

DANCING

We all enjoyed being part of some aboriginal dancing.

ANCIENT ARTEFACTS

Then we went to look at ancient artefacts. There were sharp rocks and spears (that if you did something really bad you would get a spear through the leg and you would have to pull it out). I think most students would agree that it was an amazing excursion. **Caleb Buckland**

Marlee Penfold

On Thursday the 16 August 4B, 3/4A and 2/3I went to the Murrook Cultural Centre. There were lots of activities. Some of the activities were painting a boomerang/canvas, dancing, learning about artefacts and boomerang throwing. We also had to escape a rope that was tied to our hands, and it was really hard. We learnt a lot about traditional Aboriginal culture. If kids were naughty they got a spear through their leg. There was a pool that we weren't allowed to go in. In conclusion we had a great day.



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS - CONTACT NUMBERS

Kelly Laver	0447 027 159	Alison Taylor	0468 742 214 49 964540	Annette Harding	49 964 547
Melissa Armer	0474 692 064 (Tuesday)	Rebecca Vella	0412 594 658	Tricia Haynes	0407 919 902
Karen Codrington	0413 991 444 (Tues or Thurs)	Kelly O'Hare	0408 668 642	Alyson Hodgson	0400 192 439
Colleen Cox	49 524 857 (with Leanne)	Leanne Cox	0410 320 957 (Wednesday)	Nat Meehan	0423 430 890
Sam Mella	0403 194 531	Leanne Sullivan	0407 891 259 49 886 421	Renae Armitage	49 886 007
Kylie Elbourne	0421 035 645	Jess Strachan	0422 184 533	Erin Bobako	0405 038 893
Jodi Watson	0478 091 791	Lucy O'Brien	0402 213 872 (Tuesday)	Chrissy Olive	0434 582 341
Alison Drew	0401 620 132 49 886 252	Peta Salter	0403 276 880 49 873 569	Renae Griffis	0400 974 522
Steph Stapleton	0408 960 139	Sally Letham	0422 663 672 (Friday)	Vanessa Fox	0422 053 380 (Tues & Thurs)
Kate Davies	0409 789 609 (Mon/Wed/Fri)	Jade	0412 197 936 (Mon/Thurs)		

INFANTS SPORTS FUN DAY

It was a perfect day for our K-2 fun sports day. The children participated in their races with enthusiasm and really got into the spirit cheering each other on. There was lots more fun after lunch with the relays, throwing events, ball games, hurdles and sack races. A big thankyou to all of the parents who participated in the ball games with the children- they loved it!

Thankyou to Rebecca, Kate and Wayne who ran some laps leading the long races- a huge effort! Thankyou to all of the parents who assisted on the day and to the Davies family for the yummy watermelon and the Canteen who supplied us with a Quelch stick. Great job everyone.



Canteen Roster - Term Three 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday29
	24 July	25 July	26 July	27 July
30 July	31 July	1 Aug	2 Aug	3 Aug
6 Aug	7 Aug	8 Aug	9 Aug	10 Aug
13 Aug	14 Aug	15 Aug	16 Aug	17 Aug
20 Aug	21 Aug	22 Aug	23 Aug	24 Aug Kate & Celia
27 Aug Sandra	28 Aug Lucy & Kate O'Brien	29 Aug Rachel Karen Codrington	30 Aug Leanne Sullivan	31 Aug Kate & Jodi
3 Sept Rena Armitage	4 Sept	5 Sept Chrissy Olive	6 Sept Peta Salter	7 Sept Sam Mella Kate
10 Sept Sandra	11 Sept Lucy O'Brien	12 Sept Chrissy Olive	13 Sept	14 Sept Kate
17 Sept Alison Taylor Lynda Cope	18 Sept	19 Sept Chrissy Olive	20 Sept Peta Salter	21 Sept Kate & Celia
24 Sept Sandra	25 Sept	26 Sept	27 Sept	28 Sept

MUMS, DADS, FRIENDS, NANS & POPS CAN YOU HELP ???????????? WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS

Please find above, the Canteen Roster for Term 3.
If your allotted day does not suit, please contact
Alison Taylor on 0468 742 214 or another volunteer.

**Mon, Wed, Friday @ 9.00am - 12:35pm
Tue & Thur @1.35 - 2:05pm**

Phone numbers of all our volunteers are published in this newsletter. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please contact another volunteer to change your day or arrange a swap . If you are unable to arrange another day or a swap, please contact Alison Taylor on 0468 742 214.

OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN IS NOW OPEN ON MONDAY'S FOR LUNCH ORDERS.

BILLY G'S COURMET COOKIE DOUGH

The Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough fundraiser is on again. Online orders finish at midnight Thursday 6 September. All other orders need to be returned to the office by 3pm on Friday 7 September. Unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted after this time. Orders will be delivered to the school on Thursday 20 September.

COMMUNITY PBL RECIPIENT



Samuel Armer

Samuel ensured another student was included in a handball game. He guided her into the game, made sure she knew the rules and encouraged her during play.

RAYMOND TERRACE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE

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EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY TIME



MARKETPLACE LOVE THIS PLACE
FOR SUPPORTING PBL WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY



We value:

Safety

Trust and honesty

Acting responsibly

Respect

In Raymond Terrace we are proud citizens that treat each other with respect, take ownership of our daily choices and strive for a safe community.

Raymond Terrace Community PBL Student Nomination

Student's name _____

School _____

Reason for nomination _____

