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Public School

LIVE – LEARN – CARE

Principal's Message

Hello to our wonderful Seaham community and welcome to week 8. We hope you have had a positive week. It has been another busy and successful week at Seaham with NAPLAN for years three and five winding up today. NAPLAN is one assessment in time and gives parents and teachers a good gauge on how they are going in literacy and numeracy. Teachers also use many other assessment tools to check in on student achievement. Internal data collection including daily work samples and observations is always the most accurate measure of achievement. Once NAPLAN results are communicated please contact the school if you have concerns and we can arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher or alternatively keep an eye out for information about our mid year parent/teacher interviews.

Easter—Next Friday, March 29 is Good Friday. We are excited about our Easter hat parade on Thursday, March 28. Parents, friends and community members are most welcome to attend. Our students can make their hat at home and bring it in on the day. Please communicate with your child's class teacher if you wish them to make their hat at school. The parade starts at 12:40pm in our school hall. We hope to see you there.

Attendance—We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being at school. We know that school is the best place to learn. By attending school everyday your child will get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options. Last year we encouraged regular attendance by rewarding the class with the highest percentage of students attending each week. Students who have a reason for being absent and where parents have communicated this reason will not be penalised. We look forward to announcing our winner next week.

Dates For Diaries

Tuesday 26 March
P&C meeting 3:15pm

Thursday 28 March
Easter Hat Parade

Friday 29 March
Good Friday &
Monday 1 April
Easter Public Holiday

Wednesday 3 April
Soccer Gala day

Thursday 4 April
Touch gala day

Friday 5 April
School Cross Country

Wednesday 10 April
9's League gala day

Friday 12 April
Last day Term 1

Monday 29 April
SDD - **Staff only**

Tuesday 30 April
Students Return

Friday 3 May
10's League Gala day

Tuesday May 14
Athletics Carnival

Friday 3 May
Under 10's League gala day

Friday 17 May
Zone Cross Country

Friday 5 July
Last day Term 2

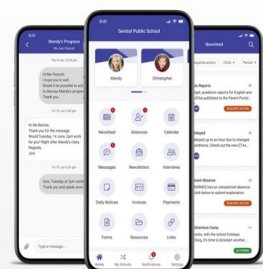
Reminder

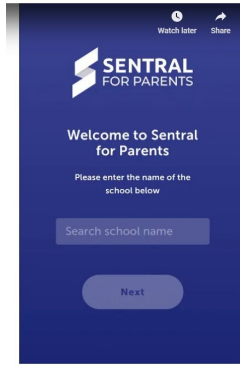
New Parent Portal is here. Information and Family Access Keys have been sent home. From term 2 parents must be registered to have access to payments, excursion permissions, daily notifications and newsletters.

Newsletters will not be emailed from Term 2 and will be uploaded onto SENTRAL every week.

Download the Parents App

The Sentral for Parents app allows you to monitor your child's school journey simply and efficiently. You will find numerous smart features that help streamline your day. Receive messages and notifications from teachers, report absences, make payments for school activities and more. The Sentral for Parents app helps you stay connected and informed about your child's education.





The new SENTRAL Parent Portal is up and running.

Parents need to create a parent portal account with their **unique access key**, which has been sent home. If you haven't received it please contact the office. All payments, excursion permissions, daily notices and weekly newsletters will only be available in SENTRAL **from Term 2**.

1. Download the app. Depending on your device, visit either the Apple App Store, or the Google Play Store.
2. Search for your school in the search box.
3. Tap Next.
4. Tap Register here.
5. Enter your details.
6. Tap Create Account. This process also creates a Sentral Parent Portal account. You can use the login details created here to access the app, and the Parent Portal.
7. You will receive a confirmation email.
8. Click the link in the confirmation email to verify your details.
9. Log in to the app.
10. Use the access key provided by your school to add your children to the app. Access keys can be added in the Settings menu. An Access key can only be used by one parent, if the 2nd parent would like their own, please contact the office.
11. You will then see the Home Screen.
12. View the QuickStart guide.

You're now ready to use the app.

To support you with our move to Sentral Finance, please review our FAQs. They're designed to help you become more familiar with Sentral Finance and all its benefits:

[FAQs](#)

(<https://www.sentral.com.au/sentralfinanceparentfaqs>)

You can also find our Sentral for Parents Portal and App, FAQs [here](#)

(<https://www.sentral.com.au/portal-app-help#faq>)

Regards

Craig Partridge

Principal

HARMONY DAY



CANTEEN

CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

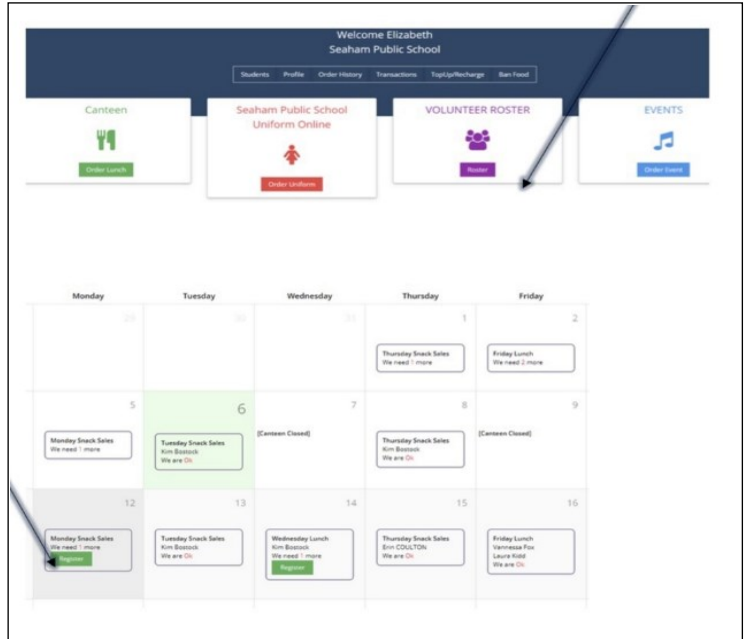
LUNCH ORDERS - 11:30am - 12:30 pm

SNACKS - 1:30 - 2PM (OPTIONAL)

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

SNACKS ONLY - 1:30 - 2PM

Our canteen is always needing volunteers. If you have any spare time and would like to help, please log in to **school 24** and follow the prompts.



EASTER HAT PARADE

Seaham Public School Easter Hat Parade



**Thursday March 28,
12:40pm in the school hall**



**BYO Easter hat OR make one
at school.
Parents and Community
welcome**

P&C COMMITTEE

Last week we held our annual AGM and we are pleased to advise that the most essential roles have been nominated and filled. Details are below.

We desperately need more members to join our P & C and have our first general meeting of the year scheduled for next Tuesday, the 26th of March, at 3.10pm. This meeting will be held in our school library, and children can attend with the parents and caregivers if need be. For those interested in joining us, however cannot make the meeting in person, we have also set up a Zoom meeting with the following details ::

Topic: P & C Meeting

Time: Mar 26, 2024 03:00 pm (actually starting at 3.10pm)

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/69249233359?pwd=d2lTeUIrU1ljMkJXZnpQTlBkaFRmCUT09>

Meeting ID: 692 4923 3359

Passcode: 052503

Members are able to contribute to discussions and have input on matters relating to the school and are asked to contribute a \$1 coin as part of the process of joining our committee.

Thankyou to the following people for volunteering your time and filling this roles :

President Elizabeth Bacon

Secretary Allison Imber

Treasurer Rachel Kennedy

Canteen Manager Kim Bostock

Uniform Coordinator Kim Penfold

Book club Coordinator Til-lea Balcombe

The position of Treasurer is open for re-nomination if we have any other volunteers willing to take on this role. Thankyou again for your continued support. Please consider joining our committee this year, as we are in need of new members and your contributions make our school a better place for your children.

Liz Bacon (President)

PSSA NETBALL

On Wednesday, Seaham Public School Netball Team participated in the PSSA Carnival. We played 5 games against some tough competition but finished the day undefeated! Every player should be very proud of their efforts! The highlight of the day was the team's sportsmanship, I am proud to lead such a respectful team. Four of our teammates made the possibles and probables, Isabelle Bacon, Layla Bridge, Ruby Kete and Sophie Taylor. Isabelle, Layla and Ruby made the PSSA team which is a massive achievement! We are looking forward to our next game as a team. Well done everyone!

Mrs Granale
Netball Co-ordinator





P&C Meeting
26th March

3.15pm

School Library
Zoom Meeting

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NSW Department of Education



Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening friendships



Build skills through fun

Good for kids





good for life



Start the day right with brekky

Eating breakfast fuels the body and gives kids more energy to concentrate and focus at school. It also gives kids the energy to be physically active!

Here are some tips to encourage kids to eat breakfast everyday:

-  Involve kids in planning, shopping and making breakfast. This teaches them to plan, prepare and cook meals
-  Prepare the night before - i.e., get the kitchen utensils out ready to use, bowls, plates, cups, cut up fruit and pop it in the fridge
-  Try healthy grab and go options: fruit, trail mix, yoghurt, fruit smoothies, baked beans or wholegrain cereal bites
-  Encourage your kids to start each day with breakfast! Make time to sit and enjoy eating breakfast together



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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.