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LIVE – LEARN – CARE

Principal's Message

Hello to our wonderful Seaham community and welcome to our last newsletter for the term. I wish our community, students and staff a wonderful and restful term break. If you are travelling please stay safe. School resumes for all students and staff on Monday, October 14.

End of Year Presentation - Today in our newsletter and on the Sentral Parent Portal there is information about options for our presentation and performance, showcasing our dances and talented students. Your feedback is really valuable in letting us know the preferred option for this event. We have always had night presentations supported well by our community. The negative is at night we don't always have all students in attendance.

Food Drop - Thank you to the families that have supported our Seaham Public School food drop in support of the Wesley Mission. It is not too late to drop non perishable food items to our school front office for collection. Thank you to community member Mitch Matalone for organising this support. These items will help needy families in our community.

Community PBL - This weeks worthy community PBL award recipient is Neve Redman. Neve is an outstanding student who achieves in many different areas. She has represented the school wonderfully in public speaking, debating and recently at Tournament of Minds. Outside of school Neve is a talented artist with her work showing at the 'Waste to Art' Exhibition soon to be held at Lake Macquarie (see information inside). Neve has also been awarded a Port Stephens Council art grant to work on a seven part series entitled 'Terrace Reflections'.



Neve Redman

Neve is an outstanding and talented student excelling as an artist. Neve has created a piece for the 'Waste to Art' exhibition in Lake Macquarie and has been awarded a Port Stephens Council art grant to work on a seven part series as part of 'Terrace Reflections'

Dates For Diaries

Friday 27 September Book Club orders close Last day of Term 3
Friday 25 October H.R.H.S Sports Day Year 6
Monday 14 October First day of Term 4
Monday 28 October Kindy Orientation
Monday 4 November Kindy Orientation
Monday 11 November Kindy Orientation Swim School commences Stage 1 & 2
Wednesday 13 to Friday 15 November Stage 3 Camp
Monday 18 November Kindy Orientation
Thursday 28 November Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday Dec 4 Presentation Night
Friday Dec 6 Surf Fun Safe Stage 3
Tuesday Dec 17 Revolution Park Stage 2 & 3
Wednesday Dec 18 Last day for students

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

Orders Closes

Tomorrow

Friday 27th

September

Assembly Awards

KR

Hunter Bostock - Making better choices in the classroom and on the playground

Will Bacon - Great sounding out and reading in literacy

Mason Dipietro - His efforts & answers when collecting and graphing data

Sienna Fraser - Her efforts and answers when talking about numbers in maths

1/2A

Oscar Neilson - Improved reading skills

Lars Redman - Trying hard to stay focused in class

Meila Haynes - Always ready to learn and demonstrates the 5L's

Zephyr Delarosa-Rea - Fast computation skills during number review

1/20

Flynn McElwaine - A great effort practising our class performance

Asce Baglin - Improved efforts with his learning tasks

Poppy McKennon - Working hard to improve her sentence structure

Eric Cunningham - Improvement in the completion of his tasks

3/4B

Penny Hogan - Commitment to producing high quality penmanship

Deanna Solomons - Diligently editing work before publishing

Aurora Dorney - Confidence when applying learnt processes for balancing equations

Harry George—Adding extra detail on maps

Audrey Botha - Being reliable, helpful & positive

3/4M

Nate Iacconi - His positive attitude and persistence when tackling tricky maths tasks

Sadie Wikner - Helping others when making and writing instructions for origami

Meredith Black - Being a diligent worker who is always ready to take on new tasks & challenges

Kaitlyn Penfold - Being an attentive listener and always following instructions carefully

Cooper Boxall - Challenging himself during maths and demonstrating persistence with tricky tasks

4/5B

Xavier Ingall - Completing a highly engaging project on the Olympics

Laura Neilson - Using excellent vocabulary during writing for purpose

Darby Phillips - Taking pride in her bookwork

Monica Drosd - Showing consideration towards others in the classroom

5/6E

Zeke Botha - Being an active & positive student

Colbie Rudd - Excellence in book presentation

Jaiden Beetson - Improved effort in writing

Zoe South - Being a great school leader by setting a wonderful example to younger students

Captains Award

Freya Tsang - For great leadership in Tournament of Minds competition

Assembly Photos



NSW Schools Cup Regional

On Friday 20th September, Seaham PS Netball team travelled to Maitland to play in the Schools Cup Regional Finals.

It was a massive achievement for our team to reach this level of the Schools Cup and every player should be proud of their efforts.

Thank you to the parents who assisted on the day.

Mrs Granale & Mrs Roberts



Seaham Supershots - Netball

We played Hunter Valley Grammar School Sunsets. On our team we have 9 players. From our school we have Amber, Amy, Marley & Sadie. We had an amazing finish, we won 16-13! Our team was losing the whole game but in the last ten minutes our players were on fire, our defence (Sadie & Anna) kept intercepting, so did our whole team.

Amber is our GA, Amy our GS, Marley an all rounder and Sadie our GK. We had tough umpires. When we won our team was over the moon but the other team was crying. Our team did a cheer for their efforts, we said "Three cheers for the Sunsets!"

Overall it was a fun game and everyone got trophy's!

Sadie & Amber



Gymnastics



Neve Redman - J.A.S.O.N "Just a Sea of Neglect"

I spent an hour collecting rubbish along the foreshore on Stockton Beach during the holidays as part of the Waste to Art workshop run by ReNewy Newcastle and Newcastle City Council. My family used to live in Stockton and my grandparents have a strong connection to the area.

It was surprising how much waste we could find on what is a pretty clean beach. We found everything from lollipop sticks, lost toys and water bottles, and unfortunately, a used nappy. Along the beach was also a lot of coal pieces and broken glass that has been tumbled in the sea.

It is really sad to see what ends up in our ocean and is left on the beach by people. I recently visited Birubi beach at the other end of Stockton Beach in Port Stephens. These beaches are spectacular and such a drawcard for this area. We are so lucky to live here and should be caring for the beach and the ocean.

Using driftwood and some of the rubbish pieces I found, I was inspired to make a sculpture that turns waste into art. This beach has been a part of my childhood, so I styled my piece like a child's mobile. The pieces of coal and iron represent Newcastle Harbour whilst the other pieces represent a range of activities that people do along the beach. I hope that people stop polluting our beaches and ocean and learn that what they leave behind has an impact.



Awaba Mountain Bike Race –Obie Benson

On Friday 13th (Week 8) Obie travelled to Awaba to compete in the Mountain Bike racing. It was a very busy and fun day full of challenging obstacles, and Obie worked himself so hard he even started to feel a bit sick! Well done to all competitors- looks like everyone had a blast!

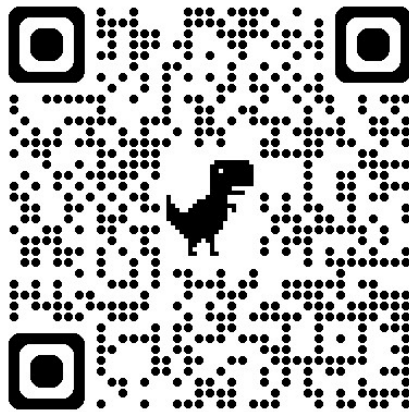


End of Year Event—Parent & Carer Survey

During Term 4 Seaham students will be participating in a dance program leading up to a performance at the end of the year. We are considering combining performances and our end of year presentation. We are asking for community feedback on what this could look like and what time of the day is preferred.

You can provide your feedback by following the link or QR code to an online survey, filling in the form below and returning to the school or simply calling the office with your preference.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CHNL000dqLbjWTAEzr8XUZtbkcsNmScQRVEoZ0VyR2E/edit>



Please tick the format and time your prefer. You can also add a comment, if you wish.

1. Separate Presentation and Performance as in the past (Both Night)
2. Separate Presentation (Night), Performance (Day)
3. Combined Presentation/Performance (Day - 10am)
4. Combined Presentation/Performance (Early Evening 4pm)
5. Combined Presentation/Performance (Night 6pm)

Comments - _____

Attendance

As part of our current school plan, we have been working towards improving attendance across our school. This term we had a focus on improving attendance with more of a whole class focus. Classes have been working towards earning a reward for high attendance, on time, every day. While we have seen some improvement, no class has achieved all their stickers yet. Remember, you can help by notifying the office of absences through the Sentral Parent Portal. If you're running late, a quick phone call before 9am will help as well.

Next term, we will be monitoring our individual student attendance data more closely. Our aim for student attendance is 95% or above, as every day away is learning time lost. We will be implementing a new monitoring process to identify and work with families to improve attendance where a student is attending 85% of the time or less. This will involve initial contact from a class teacher or executive, working together to identify any barriers to attendance, further monitoring and communication, and of course celebrating success.

Every minute of every day counts!

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day

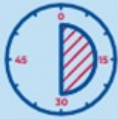


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3 days

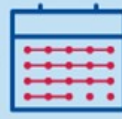


30 mins
per day



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18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

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Cutlery

As we strive to create a safe and sustainable environment for our children, we kindly ask that you pack cutlery from home for your child when it is needed.

Having their own utensils promotes hygiene, encourages independence as well as helps reduce the amount of disposable waste.

Thank you for your support.





CHILDREN'S WEEK

ART COMPETITION

Create an artwork that showcases the ways you connect with and look after the natural world around you. In the spirit of sustainability, you are encouraged to use materials you already have available, such as old art supplies, recycled items like bottles, paper and fabric scraps, or natural elements including leaves, sticks and bark. Your artwork may take the form of a drawing, painting, photograph or digital piece.

The competition is open to all children and young people up to the age of 18 and living in NSW.

ENTIRES CLOSE: Sunday 13 October 2024

Age group categories: Under 5, 6-11, 12-18

9 winners will receive an award and prize:
1st Prize – \$200 gift card, 2nd Prize – \$100 gift card,
3rd Prize – \$50 gift card

For more information and to submit your entry, please use the below QR code:



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Minister's 2024 Christmas Card Competition

The Minister for Education and Early Learning, the Hon Prue Car, invites Kindergarten to Year 6 students from across NSW public schools to design the cover artwork for her 2024 Christmas card.

Students are encouraged to use their imagination to depict the theme 'My special Christmas memory'. The three winning artists will have their artwork featured on the Minister's 2024 Christmas card, receive a book pack and 20 copies of the card for their own personal use. Runners up will feature on cards for the Secretary and Deputy Secretaries of the NSW Department of Education.

Competition guidelines:

- Kindergarten to Year 6 students who attend a NSW public school are eligible to participate.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted.
- Schools are to submit the artwork entries on behalf of their students by email to mcc@det.nsw.edu.au. Please name saved artwork files in the format of schoolname-firstname-lastname-grade.png, i.e. Christmas-PS-Santa-Claus-Year3.png.
- Each artwork entry must include the student's full name and school name.
- Artworks may be created using any medium but are to be no larger than 21cm x 30cm (A4). The artworks may be in portrait or landscape format.

How to enter:

Submit artwork to mcc@det.nsw.edu.au by 5:00pm AEDT 18 October 2024. Winning artists will be notified by 1 November 2024 and will need to complete a Permission to Publish form.

For more information, email mcc@det.nsw.edu.au or ring Clara Carayannis on 7814 3364



Save the Koala Month

Roadside Signage Competition



Did you know that this month is Save the Koala Month?

We're inviting primary school students to design a creative and impactful message that will appear on roadside signage.

One of the biggest threats to our koala population is roads and being struck by vehicles. This is your chance to help save the koalas by designing a roadside message to drivers.

The winning entry will receive:



Their message on a
roadside VMS board
from Nov to March



A Koala
adoption



A soft koala toy from
the Port Stephens
Koala Hospital



Scan the QR code to learn more
and to enter the competition





Visit

Tomaree National Park

Nature hosts the best stories

Junior ranger: Tomaree coastal adventure tour

Tomaree National Park

Wednesday 2nd October, 2024
9:30am – 11:30am

Join a NPWS Discovery Ranger for an adventure you won't forget from Bush to Beach on this Junior ranger coastal adventure tour through Tomaree National Park.

Meander through the angophora forest to the shoreline of little Kingsley beach and discover the unique plants and animals that live in this magical park.

Understand the important role of workers in a national park, and how you can help to conserve and protect these special places.

Discover what role our future environmental leaders can play in preserving these important places into the future.

Bookings Essential & Fees Apply

For more information and to book please visit

[Junior ranger: Tomaree coastal adventure tour | NSW National Parks](#)

or call 1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS)

Photo: NPWS Discovery Ranger (Photographer A. Hollingworth)
DPE (2025)



#NSWParks



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Ocean rockpool nature tour Tomaree

Tomaree National Park

**Wednesday 2nd October, 2024
1pm to 3pm**

Discover the amazing world of rockpools along the rocky shores of Fishermans Bay, within Tomaree National Park.

Explore this dynamic and diverse marine environment and learn about the different animals that can survive in this unique environment. Look below the surface to discover another world.

Search for Cunjevoi or "sea squirt", Port Jackson shark egg cases, cuttlefish, crabs, beautiful shells like limpets and zebra shells as well as sponges and algae.

Look out for Bottlenose dolphins as they are often seen off the rock shelves swimming and playing in large groups. You may even be lucky enough to spot a whale from the shoreline.

PLEASE BOOK ONLINE

For more information and to book please visit

[Ocean rockpool nature tour: Tomaree | NSW National Parks](#)

or call 1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS)

Photo: Tomaree National Park (J. Spencer)
DPE 2022



#NSWParks



FISHING WORKSHOPS

Raymond Terrace | Karuah | Lemon Tree Passage | Nelson Bay

Are you under 18 years old and interested in fishing?
Join one of our Port Stephens Youth Fishing Workshops
during the September School Holidays!

Mon 30 Sep

10am to midday
Raymond Terrace

Raymond Terrace
Pier

Mon 30 Sep

1pm to 3pm
Karuah

Longworth Park

Tue 1 Oct

10am to midday
Lemon Tree Passage

Lemon Tree Passage
Wharf

Tue 1 Oct

1pm to 3pm
Nelson Bay

Marina break wall
(Meet outside Bay
Harbour Café)



Spots are limited. Scan the QR code
to learn more about the workshops
and register now.



FISHING COMPETITION

Want to put your fishing skills to the test AND win up to
\$2,000 in prizes? Register in our Fishing Competition!



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Share Our Space

Seaham Public will be participating in the Share Our Space program for the Term 3 school holidays (30 September - 11 October 2024), when we will open our school grounds to our community. Through Share Our Space, we ensure everyone in our community has access to quality outdoor facilities during the school holidays.

If you and your family would like to use our school playground during the holidays please enter via the Warren St pedestrian gate.

There will be no supervision provided during Share Our Space, we kindly ask that all children are supervised at all times by a responsible adult. During Share Our Space, school toilets will not be open.



CANTEEN

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

CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

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

SNACKS - 1:30 - 2PM (OPTIONAL)

MONDAY, 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.

SCHOOL24

www.school24.net.au

REGISTRATION

Go to: www.school24.net.au

Press the **blue** registration button to create your account. Enter your unique school ID number to help us match your account with your school.

School Name registration ID:: **25376963**

You will then be asked to complete your personal details. Once completed click **Create Account**.

ORDER YOUR SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS OR UNIFORMS ON SCHOOL 24