Principal’s Message

What is happening at Seaham?  We have had some technical issues with our webpage calendar recently which means it hasn’t been updated for a while. It was back online this week so I have started adding important dates throughout the year. Please check these and consider them if you are planning family events in 2015.

Absences and Exemption:  New policies have come into place in regards to family holidays and extended absences during the school term. Information in our newsletter recently contained the “compulsory school attendance” information for parents. As the information stated, families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, please make an appointment to discuss it with me, or complete the travel application for extended leave.

Each case will be looked at and some leniency will apply if holidays were booked prior to this policy update.

Emergency Evacuation Drill:  Today in the second break we held an emergency evacuation drill. These drills are a mandatory Departmental procedure to enable the process to be continually monitored in the case of an emergency.

Easter Raffle & Hat Parade:  I would like to send a HUGE thanks on behalf of the P&C Committee to the Seaham School community for your fantastic support for the Easter Raffle. While a final tally hasn’t been calculated, it is definitely looking like we can offer a healthy number of prizes for the raffle and of course prizes for the midday hat parade. It has been so nice to hear some of the children talk about their plans to decorate a hat for the parade and the P&C are hoping we can provide a fun activity for the last day of term which can be enjoyed by students, teachers and family members. I look forward to seeing many of you there. There should be some great photo opportunities! Regards, Tanya McNaughton

Interest Groups: Friday will be the last week for Interest groups and we will be hosting it again next term, where children will be able to choose different activities.

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.
School Fete: It is the school social event of the year - the 2015 School Fete. Keep Friday 23 October 2015 free in your calendar.

To ensure we have a successful fete we will be holding planning meetings throughout the year. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25 March at 6.30 pm in the library. If you would like to assist please come along. If you can't attend the meeting and would like to help out either by speaking to businesses regarding donations or by volunteering on the day please email Karen Forsyth at malkazforsyth83@gmail.com

Canteen Roster

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Canteen News: Attached with today's newsletter on page 9 is a special lunch order form for Harmony Day next Thursday. Orders and money need to be forwarded to the office by Monday 23 March, 2015 to enable the ordering to be completed. We thank you for your assistance with this matter.

FOEI: Thank you to those families who have returned their FOEI information forms. We have again attached the form to this week's newsletter for your convenience. Please note that parents that are not permanently living with their child/ren, also need to complete and return.

P&C Update: The monthly P&C Meetings will now be held on the first Wednesday of each month. This change means we will be holding another meeting in the last week of term on Wednesday 1 April at 7.30pm in the library (no this is not an April fool joke to see who turns up !). The extra meeting this term will help us plan for the next event to be held early in Term 2 (Movie Night). It will also be an opportunity to keep our actions moving along regarding the finalisation of the fantastic new sports court and plans for this year's fete, just to name a few. As always we welcome all parents to our meetings whether you want to join the committee or just come along to meetings when you can to provide us with your thoughts and feedback. All input is welcome and encouraged.

I would like to express a huge congratulations to the extremely dedicated P&C members who have worked so hard over the last few years to ensure the new sports facilities became a reality. This project commenced well before I joined the committee last year and has involved an incredible amount of work. While many people made contributions to this achievement, a special mention should go to Kerri McGaw (President from 2012-2014). Kerri's commitment to this project is why the school now has such a fabulous facility and I know many parents and students have expressed to me how thrilled they are with the results. With this project soon to wrap up, our thoughts can now start to move to the future and work on developing a school “Wish List”. We will be in touch soon with parents to gather as many ideas as possible so we can strive for targets that will provide improvements for as many students as possible. This is a fantastic school community to be part of and I thank everyone who has offered to lend a hand with the many P&C initiatives we would like to achieve.

Regards Tanya McNaughton, President P&C

Newsletter: Thank you to those families who have responded to the electronic newsletter form. We will be forwarding home next week to those families that have not nominated their preference the form for completion. Please fill out appropriately and return to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

EOI: The expression of interest application forms for High School for 2016 are due back to the office tomorrow. Please contact the office if you need any assistance with this matter.

Skoolbag App: Notes and instructions were forwarded home this week for families who have a smart phone for installation and download of the Seaham Public School Skoolbag App. This communication tool has proved successful in many schools and we are hoping that it gives families an alternative source for receiving communication and alerts. If there is a school related item either from the P&C or Canteen or any other matter, please either email or call the office and we can add it to Skoobag if appropriate. As mentioned in previous newsletters, schools are a very busy place and results are often not sent to the school for some time. Please let the office know of any results and we will also add it under our sport news on this app.

Features of Skoolbag: Under Parent eForms is the absentee note option for families. You can complete this eForm about your child’s absence and it will be sent through to the school. This eForm also has the option for change of details. This is another alternative where families can complete the eForm and advise the office of any change to address, contact numbers, family dynamics etc.
**Sporting News:** It has been a very busy last few weeks for sport within the school and at PSSA level. Congratulations to all students who have participated. Results will be published as they come to hand.

**School Cross Country:** Well done again to all who participated and contributed to make the morning a success. The winning house for Cross Country was FISHER. Results of the first six place getters and subsequent zone team are as follows.

**8/9 Girls:** Champion Claire Moir
Allana Johnson, Hillary Grainger, Jonnie Bree Gore, Charlie Codrington and Lilly Imber.

**8/9 Boys:** Champion Brandon Tomkins
Francis Kime, Tommy Mella, Jack Armitage, Ethan Rowe and Max Leggett.

**10 Girls:** Champion Rebecca Drew
Alex Murphy, Maddison Delforce, Veronica Nunan, Charlotte Renshaw and Brylee Brown.

**10 Boys:** Champion Hayden Flynn

**11 Girls:** Champion Paige Williams
Gabi Leggett, Maddison Johnson, Clare Maroney, Brooklyn Clarke and Sarah Hannaway.

**11 Boys:** Champion Harrison Roberts
Ben Vasic, Oskar Mella, Max McCulloch, Jordan Flynn and Cameron Parker.

**12/13 Girls:** Champion Amber Sullivan
Dallas Johnson, Madolyn McNaughton, Ally Mason, Bridie Holloway and Eliza O’Donnell.

**12/13 Boys:** Champion Sam Codrington
Cooper Collins, Zane Codrington, Couper Gore, Connor McCumstie and Jordan Flynn.

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**Girls PSSA Soccer Trials:**

Eliza O’Donnell, Emily Williams, Rhianna Brooker and Bridie Holloway went to the zone soccer trials at Tomaree Sports Complex. All the girls that were there were really good at soccer and it was a tough game. Rhianna and I were lucky enough to be selected for the Hunter Trials to be held at Mayfield West on Wednesday 1 April, 2015. **By:** Bridie Holloway and Rhianna Brooker

**Boys PSSA Soccer Trials and Netball Trials:** We will report on the boys soccer trials and netball trials in next week’s newsletter, this will enable results to be available.
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:
> School, free push notification alerts
> School events
> School newsletters
> School documents
> School RSS feeds
> School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

**How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone**

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
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4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
Dear Families

Please find below details to complete in relation to receiving an electronic copy of our weekly newsletter emailed to you. This will enable families to have a coloured newsletter to replace receiving a paper copy on Thursdays.

Please complete the below details with your current email details (more than one email address is permitted). If you do not have access to email and would therefore still like to receive your paper copy, please indicate where necessary.

Thanking you.

Seaham Public School

Electronic Newsletter

Family Name: _____________________________________________________________

Student Name: (Eldest in Family) _____________________________________________

Class: ______________

Email address for Newsletters: ________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________

No I do not wish to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter.

☐ Family Name: _____________________________________________________________

Student Name: (Eldest in Family) __________________ ____________________________

Class: ______________
EASTER HAT PARADE

Last day of Term 1
Thursday 2 April 2015
Time: 12.30pm

Parents, Carer’s and Friends Welcome
Prizes awarded for:
The Brightest Hat
The Most Effort with Decorating
Most Enthusiastic while in Parade

Winners will be chosen from
Stages 1, 2 and 3 for each category

Easter Raffle will be drawn after the parade.
Parent/Carer 1 with whom students normally live

Students: ____________________________________________________________

Title: __________ Family Name:__________________________ Given Name:__________________________

Country of Birth: ____________________________________________________________

☐ Male ☐ Female

☐ Aboriginality ☐ Torres Strait Islander ☐ Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Occupation Group: Please choose the group that best describes your occupation

☐ Group 8 (Have not been in paid work in the last 12 months)
☐ Group 4 (Machine operators, hospitality staff, assistants, labourers and related workers)
☐ Group 3 (Tradesmen/women, clerks and skilled office, sales and service staff)
☐ Group 2 (Other business managers, arts/media/sportspersons and associate professionals)
☐ Group 1 (Senior management in large business organisation, government administration and defence and qualified professionals)

Occupation: ____________________________________________________________ (please state actual occupation)

School Education: What is the highest level of schooling completed? For persons who never attended school, mark “Year 9 or equivalent or below”.

☐ Year 12 or equivalent ☐ Year 11 or equivalent ☐ Year 10 or equivalent ☐ Year 9 or equivalent or below

What is the highest qualification completed?

☐ No non-school qualification ☐ Certificate I to IV (including trade certificate) ☐ Advanced Diploma/Diploma
☐ Bachelor Degree or above

Parent/Carer 2 with whom students normally live

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The canteen is holding a special lunch and red day on Harmony Day Thursday 26, March 2015. To assist with catering, please return your order form and payment to school by **Monday 23 March (next Monday)**. Please order for all the members of your family attending Harmony Day.

Students and families will need to bring their own lunch if they do not pre-order a sausage sandwich.

The canteen will be open for drinks and snacks at second break. Lollies will also be available to buy on that day. (maximum of $1.00)

**Thank you - The Canteen Committee**

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### Special lunch Harmony day order form

Please return your order form and payment to school by **Monday 23 March** to assist with catering. **One order form per family is required.**

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