Principal’s Message

Harmony Day was celebrated at Seaham today and it was fantastic to see a sea of orange. Thank you to all those parents and community members who were able to share our day with us. Harmony Day is officially on 21 March and its aim is to celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. In 2015 we celebrate fifteen amazing years of Harmony Day. Thank you to our teachers and students who worked hard to put today together. Thank you also to our P&C who organised our sausage sizzle and the Athon which raises much needed funds for our school.

Our draft anti-bulling policy is now published on our school website. To find it go to “Caring for Students” and click on “student safety”. A final review of this document will be shared early in Term Two before its implementation.

On Monday the school leaders and I attended National Young Leaders’ Day in Sydney. There were over 6000 other young leaders there and it was a very inspiring day. Premier Mike Baird, Bindi Irwin and Rachel Leahcar from The Voice were just some of the people who shared their incredible journey. The leaders took away some great advice about what makes a great leader and how they can make a difference.

Years 3,4 & 5,6 Camps: Expression of Interest notes and deposits are due in tomorrow for the Camps for Year Three and Four to Sydney and Five and Six to Canberra. These expression of interests and deposits determine the final overall cost of the excursions. Please notify the office if you need any further assistance with this matter. Payment schedules will be forwarded home next week to assist families with budgeting.

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.
P&C Update:  Thanks again to all those families who were able to support the Easter Raffle fundraiser. There are still some books outstanding so please return them as soon as possible to ensure your entries go into the draw. Some great prizes are being prepared for both the raffle and the Hat Parade. From what I hear it sounds like hat decorating is underway with many families and we are thrilled to advise that the pre-school will now also be joining our event. A big thanks goes to Toni Warburton for this suggestion. The pre-school have planned an excursion to visit our school and they will parade their creations for us prior to the official Hat Parade commencing.

Please note that P&C Meetings will now be held on the first Wednesday of the month so if you have any time next Wednesday from 7.30pm please come along and join our discussion. Regards Tanya McNaughton

Debating News:  On Monday myself, Caitlin, Shelby, Oskar, Finn, Connor, Cameron and Hamish went to Ashtonfield Public School for a debating workshop. It was a lot of fun and we learned a lot about debating. We even had a mini debate at the end. The topic was “we should add two hours to school”. Finn, Connor, Cameron and Hamish were the affirmative and myself, Caitlin, Shelby and Oskar were the negative. Of course my team won. By Rhianna Brooker

Community News: Expression of Interest for Drama Classes at Seaham. We have a fantastic opportunity to have two outstanding Drama Teachers teach drama at Seaham in term two. Lell and Guil are a wife-husband team who taught drama and directed the Maitland Junior Repertory for the past few years. They have produced and directed some excellent children's productions such as the Wizard of Oz and the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. They are currently producing a musical "SEUSSICAL" which will be playing in Maitland, Newcastle and Dungog. Lell and Guil are asking for expressions of interest for students to attend drama classes on Wednesday afternoons between 3.15pm-4.30pm. Classes will take place at Seaham School Hall. Classes will be $160 per student for the ten week term payable to the tutors on a per term basis. Classes would start the first Wednesday back, April 22. There would be both infants and primary groups. A minimum of 30 students would be required for the classes to run. If your child is interested, can you please text your name and the number of children you would like to attend to Guil 0424 701 647.

Seaham Bowthorne Football Club: Attention all Under 10 Soccer players. We Need You. If you love soccer and are aged 9 or turn 10 before August 2015. Please contact Mini Roos Coordinator & Under 10’s coach for Seaham Bowthorne Football Club Michelle Sciberras on 0427 820 144 or email: plaster@mysoul.com.au.

Assembly Awards from 6 March 2015

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Sporting News: PSSA Basketball: On Friday the 13 March I attended the PSSA Hunter Regional Basketball trials. They were on at Maitland Federation Centre, which is where I also play basketball. The trials went from 10am-3pm, and when we got there we were all given a player number for the day. We had to do a lot of different drills so the selectors could see what skills we had and then we played some games. At different times they would cut players out & then the rest would go through to the next stage. I got right through to the end but didn’t make it into the final team this year. Most of the players in the team are in year 6 and some are in my rep team. It was a good experience and a fun day and hopefully I will be able to trial again next year. Harrison Roberts 5/6B

Horse Sports: Mt Pleasant Public School will be hosting their annual Horse Sports Day on Friday 22 May, 2015. Children who are turning 8 by 31 December are eligible to compete. Please contact the office if you require further information.

Zone Cross Country: Zone Cross Country will be held at Lakeside Sporting Complex. Remember students need to be at the event no later than 9.45am. Please bring your hat, sunscreen, water bottle and wear your sports uniform and joggers. Marshalling will commence at 9.55am. If the carnival is postponed due to rain an announcement will be made on local radio stations. All students are asked to meet Mrs Millburn and Mrs Johns at 9.45am at the complex to have your name marked off and again when you leave at the end of the day. Look for the Seaham flag.

Boys Cricket Team: Last Friday 20 March, the boys cricket team versed Clarence Town Public in our first game for the Reg Kelly Shield. We won by one run. Everyone played really well and almost everyone on the team got someone out. When the game was nearly over, Zane had one more bowl and he bowled out the last batsman. By Jordan Flynn and Charlie Grainger

Boys Softball Team: On Tuesday the softball team went to Brandon Park to play against Largs Public. Our team tried as hard as they could, however Largs was much too good. Well done to our boys, Hayden Flynn, Ben Vasic, Angus Thorn, Cody Hancock, Will Richards, Declan McIntosh, Charlie Grainger, Connor McCumstie and Jordan Flynn.
Harmony Day’s Sea of Orange

EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au
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.
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- Operates during school holidays
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FAMILY FUN AT THE
HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE
Easter School Holidays 2015

Easter Fun Day
Saturday 4th April 9.30am - 1.00pm
Join the Easter Bunny for:
- Wetlands Adventures,
- Craft & Face Painting,
- Fun Games,
- Reptile Encounter,
- BBQ.
- $5 Adults, $2 children under 12 (under 3 free)

School Holiday Activities
There’s lots to do, so come along and join in the fun
- Dipnetting, Canoeing, Bike Riding (bring your own bike or hire one),
- Playground, Walking Trails, Become a Wetlands Explorer (go in the draw for a weekly prize pack),
- Bring a picnic or eat at Spoonbill Cafe.

Wetlands will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Easter Monday
Book in for these activities on Wednesday 15th April
Bush Skills Adventure 8 to 12 yrs ($20 per child)
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, a bush damper & learn about useful bush skills too!
Wriggly Wetlanders 5 to 8 yrs ($20 per child)
Explore the wetlands, get creative and crafty with our fun wetland activities.

Bookings Essential - 4951 6466

SPECIAL EVENT
Fundraiser Movie Event - 2nd April
Get your friends together & join us at Glendale Events Cinema for the premiere of

The Spongebob Movie
Sponge Out of Water 3D.
All tickets $12. Entertainment from 5.30pm movie starts at 6.30pm.
Tickets from www.stickytickets.com.au

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Spoonbill Cafe open 9am to 3pm - 7days