Principal’s Message
Week Four already. Time is certainly moving quickly this term. Student’s in Year Three and Five have been sitting NAPLAN this week with the final test, numeracy concluding this morning. Remember NAPLAN is just one part of our assessment. Teachers also assess many other facets of school life. Our mid year report will go home on 24 June, Week ten. The slight change this year is the mid year general comment, which is again included in this report. There will be no generic comments on the other KLA’s. The general comment will include a more personal comment that includes skills and achievements in those areas.

School Staffing: Thank you to Mrs Reilly for her hard work at Seaham during the last twelve months. We wish her well in her future career in Education. There is no word on her permanent replacement. I have asked Ms Lowcock to step in as 2/3R classroom teacher in the interim. Ms Lowcock knows the students and the program and can step in with minimal disruption. Mrs Imber and casual staff will pick up the Library and release teacher load. Mrs Johns will also be taking four weeks leave starting next Wednesday. Mr Bennett will be teaching 2/3J during that time and will continue on with Mrs John’s program.

School iPads: At the end of last year the school purchased ten mini iPads for our students use for varied programs. Our Year Six class of 2014 raised some funds to go towards this acquisition along with our P&C and school based funds. Students are loving this technology and opportunity.

National Volunteer Week: This week is National Volunteer Week. This year with the theme Give Happy, Live Happy we are celebrating that not only are volunteers helping make the lives of others happier, they too are happier as a result. Just a few hours of volunteer work can make a difference in happiness and mood, so pledge to volunteer this National Volunteer Week and you too can Give Happy, Live Happy. We want to make Australia the happiest place on Earth! School Volunteers: We sincerely thank our school volunteers for their assistance with school life at Seaham Public. From our canteen volunteers, to P&C members, uniform coordinator, school banking and of course our fantastic classroom helpers. Without your involvement in our school community, our school would not be able to thrive like it does. Just a reminder to our many volunteers, to please ensure you complete the WWC application. Attached with today’s newsletter are the steps you need to complete this process.

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.
Canteen News: The canteen has significant vacancies in their roster for this term which makes it impossible for the canteen to operate on these days. If you can help on these days, please contact Peta Salter on 0402 276 880. We understand how difficult it is for families with their commitments, however if you or extended family or friends could spare some time either monthly, or once a term to assist on our canteen it would be greatly appreciated.

Year Six Jumpers: Our Year Six jumpers have arrived. Our students look great and are enjoying their final year at Seaham Public.

Years One & Two Transport Excursion: Our Years One and Two students transport excursion is on Tuesday, 19 May. This particular excursion is an extremely hectic one where students get to experience bus travel, train travel, visit Customs House, have lunch on the Foreshore, ride the ferry, explore Fighter World and return to school for afternoon buses and pickup. Thank you to Mrs Stewart for her organisation. We look forward to seeing some pictures and reading some recounts in next week’s newsletter.

Swimming Program: Years 1 & 2 will be commencing the swimming program in week 6 of this term. The cost of this fantastic program is $70. Thank you to those that have already paid. There are still places available for those that wish their child to be included in this fantastic program. It is an intensive one day per week program hosted over five weeks at Balance at Mayfield. This cost covers the bus hire and instruction. We highly recommend student’s participation.

Student/Family Statements: We have this week forwarded home per post an up to date account for your budgeting purposes. Work books and technology fees are overdue, so please make arrangements with the office for payment plans. We certainly understand your financial positions and therefore strongly encourage you to make small regular payments. We thank you for your continued support to our school.

School Uniform Orders: Our uniform coordinator will be submitting a final winter uniform order early next week. If you require winter uniform items, please order now. Payments can be made on pickup. **No further orders for winter uniforms will be submitted after this order.** Please see order form attached on page 7.

School Assemblies: We still are waiting on final confirmation, however we are hoping that our ANZAC assembly will be in week seven of this term and in week nine, 4M will be hosting an item. Assemblies will be Thursday’s for this term and next term due to the swimming program.

Community News: Maitland Gaol Open Day. Maitland Gaol will open its gates to the public for free from 9.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday 17 May. An exciting range of activities will be taking place. These include:
- Mini Tours (Available for $10 per person, see the Tickets page for more details or to make a booking)
- Kids games including monster Chess & Connect Four
- Jumping Castle
- Battlezone demonstrations
- Needlework and quilting demonstrations
- Vintage car displays

Food will be available for purchase with East Maitland Men’s shed cooking a delicious BBQ, and Hot N Tasty Baked Potatoes, coming along to with their signature spuds. Blackbird Artisan Bakery will also be open as usual offering a range of dining options. Visitors will also get the opportunity to be one of the first to experience the new interpretive Maitland Gaol hospital display, an area of the gaol opening for the first time since the gaol closed in 1998. For more information please contact Maitland Gaol by calling 02 4936 6482, or by emailing info@maitlandgaol.com.au
**Kindergarten Visit To Hunter Valley Zoo:** Last Friday our Kindergarten students travelled to Cessnock to visit Hunter Valley Zoo. Thank you to Mrs Lawler for her coordination of the excursion and to our parent helpers for their assistance on the day. Everyone had a wonderful day. Please see below some favourite moments.

Lunch was awesome because I was excited that my mum had packed me some really yummy food.  
**By Ally**

I loved patting the super soft koalas.  
**By Zion**

I thought it was funny watching the ostriches chase each other.  
**By Nicholas**

I liked the kangaroos the best because they were cute and soft.  
By Asha

The alligators were cool because they were big and fat.  
**By Dillon**

I loved the emus the best because they were running around being crazy and wild.  
**By Laura**

I liked the snake. It was a red bellied black snake and it was jumping on the glass trying to get me.  
**By Eva**

The alligators were my favourite. They loved sunbaking. I also liked the monkeys. Two of them dropped their food. They were eating eggs and bananas.  
**By Riley**

The meerkats live in some really cool homes called burrows.  
**By Regan**

I loved the tiny monkeys the best.  
**By Lilly**

I loved the camels and I learnt about what they eat.  
**By Jocelyn**
Our Year Four students are enjoying their “Aim High Science Lessons” from Newcastle University. It is fantastic to see our students participating in a range of experiments which demonstrates just how exciting Science is.

Thank you to the Newcastle University for offering our students at Seaham Public the opportunity to experience “Science” on a whole new level.
The New Working With Children Check for Unpaid/Volunteers

A working with children check is a prerequisite for anyone in child-related work, paid or unpaid. Anyone who works face-to-face with your child must have a Working With Children Check clearance (or a completed application in progress). It does not matter whether they are paid, volunteering or self-employed. Please note that there is no fee payable for volunteers and the WWC is valid for five years.

Please follow the steps to complete this process.

- go to www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au
- Click the start here button on the right hand side of the page. You will be taken to a new page.
- Click the apply for your check tab to the right of the page.
- Complete form. If you are a volunteer ensure that you select “volunteer” in the section, “purpose for check”
- Select Volunteer under the purpose check tab
- In the child related sector, Parent Volunteer—Other.
- Continue the application following the prompts and hit next.
- You will need to also complete the known as other name section if you known by any other name but your Maiden name.
- The second page is the consent form, which you will need to tick both boxes, and complete the verification code given.
- Please print out or copy the New Application Receipt, add your name to the top of the print out and either give to the office or email it seaham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- You will now need to take this receipt to a NSW Motor Registry or NSW Council Agency to verify your identity. Attached is the proof of identity documentation that you will need.
- Once the verification process is complete (which will take approx. 4 weeks) at the NSW Motor Registry or NSW Council Agency, you will be issued with your WWC number.
- Once you have received the WWC number and documentation, please give a copy to the school office.
Seaham Preschool is a community based not for profit service.

What we are known for:

- Providing play based education for children aged 3-5 years
- Being open Monday to Friday extended hours of 8am-4pm
- Closing every school holidays and gazetted public holidays (no charge for these times)
- Offering reduced fees for Indigenous families and health care card holders
- Offering Government reduced fees for 4 and 5 year olds (turning 4 on or before 31st July)
- Are within a rural setting on 1.5 acres
- Have many community links and support
- Have a close and professional relationship with our families, community and local school.

Call in to visit us or phone to enquire.

We are located at: 10 Torrence Street, Seaham
Ph: 02 4988 7126
www.cscommunity.org.au
## School Uniform Pre Order Form

Student Name: ___________________________ Class __________________

Contact Number: ___________________________

Please place uniform orders in large uniform box inside the school office door.

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Any enquiries please phone Catherine Woodbine
0405 360 800

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