Welcome to Week Seven at Seaham Public School. This weekend is a long weekend, so please travel safely if you are going away. Next week is a short week but a very busy week. Starstruck will culminate in the final big rehearsal on Wednesday before the performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Best of luck to our Seaham dancers who have been working hard preparing for the performances.

Bus Behaviour and Safety: I met with Dennis from Busways last Friday and he outlined behaviours expected of students when travelling on the bus and consequences of misbehaviour. Most bus companies have a similar system when addressing negative behaviours. This involves:

- Verbal Warning
- Official Warning where an interim bus pass is given. This pass is only valid for fourteen days. If behaviour is minor the bus pass will be returned by mail with an explanation to parents.
- The school and parents will be notified if the behaviour is more serious or continues and this usually results in the student losing bus pass privileges for a period of time.

For more information on the code of conduct for student’s travelling on buses and the bus driver’s responsibilities, please visit our front office and look for fliers relating to bus safety.

**Kindergarten 2016:** We are now taking names for Kindergarten for 2016. It would be appreciated if families could please contact the school office to register their child’s details.

**Dungog High Sports Gala Day:** Our Year Five and Six students have been invited to take part in a Sports Gala Day held at Dungog High School, Wednesday 17 June. Numbers need to be finalised no later than 10.00 am tomorrow morning, due to this activity being a part of the studies for students participating in the PASS elective and therefore making up a major part of their assessment. Unfortunately if you have not sent permission note and payment in by 10.00 am, you will not be able to attend.

**Swimming Program:** Last Friday was our first week of the Annual Swimming Program for Stage One. We have over forty students participating in this fantastic program. Thank you to our families for their support, which enables our school to continue with this.

**Stage Two Excursion:** Last Wednesday and Thursday Stage Two went on an overnight excursion to Sydney as part of our HSIE Unit on "Early Contacts". The students learned lots of things about the convicts, early settlement and Aboriginal people and their way of life. It was a wonderful experience for all involved. A BIG thank you to our fabulous parent helpers; Mrs Akerman, Mrs Jarvie, Mrs Moir, Mr Kime, Mr Gillon and Mr Hall. Your help over the two days was invaluable.
P&C News: If you are wanting to take advantage of the great savings associated with the Entertainment Book, please return your order to the office by tomorrow. We need a minimum of ten orders to be eligible to participate in this program. Your support not only will benefit our school, but also gives families some fantastic deals.

ANZAC Assembly: Today we are finally able to host our ANZAC Assembly after the recent weather event. We thank everyone for their patience and our sincerely gratitude to the RSL for their attendance.

Stage Two Excursion Recounts:
The Big Dig - If you go to the Big Dig you can pay to do the tour. You will learn how convicts lived and you can also see where men cut the stone from the ground to build a house. You might also see some of the things that belonged to the convicts like pans, clothes, needles, toys, glass, buttons and plenty more: By Brylee Brown 4M

Hyde Park Barracks - Where is it? Hyde Park Barracks is in the middle of the city of Sydney, next to Hyde Park. What can people do there? You can have a guided tour or you can go into the Barracks and look around for yourself. You can sit in a hammock that a convict slept in. You can see the original old building and its roof. You can also see remains of a building and see tools, foods, drinks and materials that the convicts used and have a look at the lash used to whip bad convicts and the old peepholes in the buildings. By Tahlia Jarvie 4M

Ferry Trip - The ferry trip was nice. We caught the ferry from Circular Quay to Darling Harbour. The trip can take up to twenty minutes. On the way you can see the amazing view like the Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. You even go underneath the Sydney Harbour Bridge. WOW. By Ada Jackson 4M

Harbourside Walk - Have a lovely walk along the harbour and sketch the Harbour Bridge and Opera House. It is located right next to the Royal Botanic Gardens. The walk will take you about half an hour. By Claire Penfold 4M

Royal Botanic Gardens - Where? About ten minutes from the Opera House. What? You can walk around the gardens or do the program on the plants and learn how the Aboriginal people used them for food, medicine and shelter. It’s a great place to visit. By Declan O’Donnell 4M
**P&C News:** Thanks to everyone who braved the cold and attended last night’s P&C meeting. We hope the following information helps to keep the school community informed of our progress. Please remember all parents are welcome to any of our meetings without being expected to commit to any particular role. I am very interested in hearing views and ideas about our school from all parents so please feel free to come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 15 July or contact me on 0433 969408.

**Fete Planning:** A big thanks goes to Karen Forsyth our Fete Coordinator, for the impressive progress she has made toward this year’s fete. With the support of other parents, Karen has secured a number of external people who will provide performances, displays and entertainment. Karen will provide more information about other aspects of the fete in the coming weeks.

**Move Night:** Thanks to those parents who have already pledged their support for our next movie night scheduled for Friday 19 June. The movie will commence around 6:30pm so if possible, please try to bring your children to the school hall 10 minutes early to collect your movie pack. Remember parents and other family members are invited to order a BBQ sandwich rather than having to go home or elsewhere for dinner. Just let the office know of how many extra sandwiches you need so we have enough food on the night. It would be appreciated if you could pay for the additional sandwiches when you purchase your tickets however if this isn’t possible, you can still pay on the night. Additional sandwiches will be $2.50 each and there will also be drinks, ice-cream, lollies and additional popcorn for sale on the night. Tickets are available at the school office and remain at the same low price as last year $10 for one child or $15 for a family ticket.

**Mural:** Interest groups will be commencing work on the mural in the coming weeks. The P&C are in the process of purchasing the paint so this fantastic artwork can be finished.

**Canteen:** Thanks to those parents who have offered to help in the Canteen on some of the days it would otherwise have been closed. Your support is greatly appreciated by the hard working committee and volunteers who make this service possible at our school. Just by placing an order with the canteen you help support this fantastic resource so please keep the lunch orders coming !!!

**Court Fencing:** Feedback has been provided by some parents and teachers about whether the re-use of the old school fencing should be pursued. While a quotation for part of the work to re-use the fence has been received, at present to vote seems to support selling the old material and planting an attractive hedge instead. Information about the sale of the old material will be issued by the school at a later date.

**Regards Tanya McNaughton**

**Community News:** Newcastle Knights coming to Dungog - To lift spirits after the horrific floods in the Dungog and Stroud area nearly two months ago, the Newcastle Knights are coming to town next Tuesday. The club is planning to bring a bus load of around 20 of their full time squad plus staff to lift spirits in Dungog and assist with a coaching clinic at the football ground. They are also looking at getting some items to raise funds. The visit was organised in part by Dungog Junior Rugby League Club secretary Lindy Hunt who was successful in getting former Knights’ coach Wayne Bennett to town on four occasions. The team will arrive around 4pm next Tuesday, June 9, where groups of players will walk up and down Dungog’s main street handing out posters, taking photos with fans and visiting shop keepers. “They will then make their way over to Bennett Park for a large group photo at 4.45,” Lindy said. “The Knights will then be involved in a coaching clinic and the club is hosting a barbecue at the ground through to 6pm. “Everyone is welcome to come along and meet the players and join in the clinic.”

**Maitland Repertory Theatre:** Seaham’s very own Oscar Mella will be performing in Alice in Wonderland at the Maitland Repertory Theatre from 19 June—5 July. For bookings please phone 4931 2800 or www.maitlandreptheatre.org. All tickets $17. 7.30pm Friday evenings, 2pm Saturday and Sunday Matinees. Extra performance at 7.30pm Saturday July 4. Brochures available in our office.
On Tuesday 2 June we played Irrawang Public School in the second round of the PSSA Girls Soccer. It was a freezing morning at Bowthorne Park, however once we warmed up the goals began coming. Connie scored our first goal, quickly followed by two goals from Amber and two goals from Bridie. Congratulations on winning our first game 5-0. We are looking forward to our next game. Mrs Bowman

Best of luck to our Starstruck Dancers who will be performing next week. Thank you to the families for their commitment to this massive production. Thank you also to Ms Atchison for her hard work and support in making this possible for our students.

Good luck to our girls netball team who will be playing tomorrow on our newly refurbished multi purpose court at school. The game will commence at 12.15pm.

Debating News: Today we had our first debate against Paterson Public School for The Premier’s Debating Challenge. This is a difficult competition as the team are only allowed one hour to prepare with no assistance from a teacher or a computer allowed. Also, they only find out the topic just before this hour preparation time. We were the affirmative team for the debate and the topic was, “that we should ban primary school kids from playing computer games”. We won our first debate due to some great team work, strong arguments and great deliveries. Well done to Rhianna Brooker, Oskar Mella, Hamish Thorn and Finlay McCumstie. Our next debate is against Clarence Town before the end of term. Congratulations Seaham. Mrs Imber
Please register your interest in the very popular Entertainment Books at our school office. The purchase price is $60 and will be due Friday 12 June. All we need now is your order and we will contact you later about the payment.

Amazing savings are available for the 2015/16 year and at the same time you are supporting our school. Typical savings range from 25 to 50% off as well as 2 for 1 offers for services such as meals, accommodation, car hire and gift shop purchases. Please complete the bottom of this form and return to the school office.

If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Renshaw on 0412 487 366.

Please see http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/tell-me-more/newcastle and click on preview book to view the vouchers and savings available.