SCHOOL NEWS
Term 1, Week 7
9 March 2016

Princial’s Message
Welcome to week seven at Seaham Public School. What a celebration it was on Monday when we opened our school parliament. Thank you to our special guests and family members, who were able to attend and share our special day.

Kate Washington MP was extremely impressed with our parliament. Thank you to Mrs Bowman and the stage three students for presenting it so well.

PBL:  (Positive Behaviour for Learning) is coming with the first lesson being rolled out tomorrow morning. The theme of the first lesson is positive talk and all classes will be discussing what positive talk looks like and feels like.

Teachers have been blown away by the quality of mascots. Teachers, this week, are deciding on the winning entry. This will be published in next week's newsletter and then the next step will be naming the character.

Part of the PBL process has involved looking at structures in place for positive and negative behaviour. The student welfare policy is being updated and will be published on our webpage shortly. New additions and adjustments will be highlighted to make the changes easier to identify.

High School Expression of Interests:  Expression of Interest forms for students in Year Six moving into high school next year were forwarded home yesterday. Forms need to be handed back into our school office prior to Friday 18 March, 2016. If you are needing any assistance with completion of these forms, please contact our office.

SMS Emergency Messaging:  We strongly recommend that each family submit their nominated mobile number to be included in our emergency SMS messaging.

Years Five & Six Point Wolstoncroft Expression of Interest:  Notes have been forwarded home today for an expression of interest for Years Five and Six for their annual major excursion. This year students will attending the Point Wolstoncroft camp. Expression of Interest and $30 non-refundable deposits are due back to school by Thursday 24 March, 2016.

Years Three & Four Overnight Excursion:  Years Three and Four will be attending The Great Aussie Bush Camp later in the year. Expression of Interest notes and request for deposit will be sent home shortly.

Easter Raffle:  Raffle ticket sheets for the upcoming Easter Raffle were sent home last week with our newsletter. Prizes will include, chocolates, candy and soft toys. We have attached the ticket sheets again for your convenience. These can be sold at 3 for $5 ($20) or $2 per ticket ($24). Please complete the buyers details on the ticket and return both pages to the office (buyers do not receive a ticket) by Monday 21, March.

Stage One History Walking Excursion:  Years One and Two will be walking to the Seaham Church and Tom’s Cottage on Monday 14 March. Please see the note that will be forwarded home tomorrow for more details.
Canteen News: Just a reminder to families to submit the orders for the "Multi-Cultural Feast" by Friday 18 March. The order form is attached for your convenience.

Canteen Term Two Roster: A copy of the term two roster is available at the office (next to the sign in book) and in the canteen. Please nominate your shifts for next term now.

Easter Raffle Prize Donations: We would like to ask families to support us in providing the Giant Easter Raffle prizes by making a donation of chocolate, candy or soft toy. There is a large plastic tub in the school foyer for all donations.

School Uniforms: Thank you to Kim Penfold for her coordination of our school uniforms in Catherine Woodbine’s absence. Kim will be taking care of all uniform enquires and orders until further notice. Kim can be contacted on 0431 307 035.

Reading Eggs: Due to many enquiries, please find below our Reading Eggs instructions for families again for your records.

If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact the Reading Eggs Program on 02 8585 4020. Reading Eggs is available for all K-6 students. Please see your student’s teacher if you have any questions in regard to this fantastic program.

1. Go to the “Reading Eggs” home page, www.readingeggs.com
2. Register now for a free trial-parents click here
3. Fill out the information required and submit
4. Check your emails and follow “log in” instructions
5. Go to “Add a Child”
6. Click on No.3 and fill out “log in” details from details supplied by the school. Children’s username and password.
7. This should enable you to log onto the home page each time

Pedestrian Safety: Children need assistance dealing with the traffic environment until at least the age of 10 as they are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep them safe. Like learning to drive a car, children need practise and experience to walk in the traffic environment. Children are vulnerable road users. Anywhere where there is a potential for moving vehicles is a potentially dangerous traffic situation for children. This includes residential areas, car-parks, at traffic lights, along footpaths, pedestrian and other crossings, driveways, quiet streets, and busy streets. Although children may think they can handle crossing a road by themselves, remember that children:

- are easily distracted and focus on only one aspect of what is happening
- are smaller and harder for drivers to see
- are less predictable than other pedestrians
- cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles

Many children below the age of 10 years do not have the capability or judgment to handle many pedestrian situations.

- cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from
- are unable to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions
- do not understand abstract ideas - such as road safety
- are unable to identify safe places to cross the road
- tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic

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Assembly Awards

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<td>5/6D - Jesse Turner and Rebecca Drew</td>
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Parliament News:  Thank you to our special guests, parents, grandparents and friends who attended Seaham Public School’s first Official Opening of Parliament. In particular, we would like to thank Kate Washington MP, who took the time to present badges to the Ministers and smiled through all the photos that went with the day.

The sitting of Parliament ran very smoothly and according to Kate with much more respect than the real Parliament that she was attending later that day. Councillor Paul Le Mottee and Principal of Hunter River High School, Deb Dibley also commented on how wonderful it was to see students participating so well in the proceedings. It was a pleasure to share with everyone our wonderful School Parliament and we hope to see many more guests attend our future Parliament sittings. We will advise parents and friends of the dates in the School Newsletter.

Our next sitting of Parliament will be held Friday Week 10, 1 April 2016.
Friends and school canteen make for wonderful and memorable lunch times
Dear Families

**EMERGENCY SMS ALERTS**

We have very recently purchased a emergency SMS Alert only for families to be contacted in an emergency situation only. This could include some of the following after it is deemed a safe environment:

- Bush Fire Emergency
- Flood Emergency
- Lockdown/Evacuation Emergencies (not drills)
- Bomb Threats

This alert enables us to put in one nominated mobile number per family. School emergencies will also be added to Skoolbag where possible, with this option just being able to hopefully reach all families that may not have a smart phone. Please note that as our school system is changing, this process may be altered after implementation.

Please complete the below and return to the office as soon as possible to enable your family to be included.

Many thanks.

**Seaham Public School**

Emergency SMS Messaging

Family Name: ________________________________

Student Name: (Eldest in Family) ________________________________

Nominated mobile contact number: ________________________________

If you do not have a mobile phone, please indicate below.

Family Name: ________________________________

Student Name: (Eldest in Family) ________________________________
The Canteen Committee is holding a Multi-cultural Feast and Red Day on Harmony Day Thursday 24 March 2016. To assist with catering, please return your order form and payment to school by Friday 18 March. 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 meal. We have organized a menu to reflect Harmony Day. The canteen will be open for drinks snacks at second break. Gelato cones will be available for counter sales for $2.50.

Thank you - The Canteen Committee

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Special lunch Harmony day order form
This year we will deliver all orders to each students class. All parent orders will be delivered to the eldest child’s class. Please return the order form and payment to school by Monday 18 March to assist with catering. Only one order form per family please.

Student Family Name/Names: ________________________________________________________________

Student Christian Name: _____________________________ Class: ________________

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Parent Name: _____________________________ Eldest Student’s Class: ________________

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Tickets $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00
Each family pack of tickets is valued at $20.00 if purchased at 3 for $5.00.

Please return these sheets with your payment to the school office by Monday 21 March 2016

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