Dear Parents, Students, Teachers and Friends,

Season’s Greetings from the team at Seaford North PS

Happy Holidays

Once again we find ourselves at the end of an exciting school year for Seaford North. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone for your support; friendship and team work as we have worked together to steadily improve the learning outcomes for all our children, to make Seaford North Primary the very best school possible and the school of choice in the area.

The last year seems to have flown; can you believe it is almost Christmas? But when we look back at all our achievements they are many, with high academic achievement, wonderful work and inquiries units happening in all classrooms, fantastic performances from our children in our school concert, our classes who regularly get our “IB Learner Profile attitudes” and “Friends for Life” message across, the great art work highlighted throughout the school and everyone will remember the school Christmas Concert on Tuesday night involving children from prep to grade 6 - very, very talented children and a real testament to the success of our programs. Wasn’t it great to see all those smiling faces up on stage? Christmas is a very special time of the year especially for our children.

The continued high standard of work and student achievement in all the classrooms and specialist areas is testament to the hard work of our teaching staff and the support the children get from home.

Thank you to the School Leadership Team
To my Assistant Principal, Ms Anthy Seremetis, and Leadership Team Members, Ms. Sallyanne Jackson, Ms Tara Williams, Lisa Coates, Casey Marriott, Mel Turner and Ms Diane Wakefield, a big thank you for the crucial role they play in the coordination and operation of our school and the vital support they have given me.

I am also very proud of all our staff team and a big thank you for all your dedication, expertise and commitment to our students. I am also indeed fortunate to have such highly skilled and competent administrative staff. I would like to thank Mrs Diane Wakefield and Mrs Sharyn Austin for doing such a wonderful job ably assisted by Wendy Baker our “Jill of all trades”, who did a great job to continue to make the library, first aid and animal palace run so well, providing a great service to the school.

So many factors contribute to the success of Seaford North, with the support of parents being a vital one. The Parents Club has again had an outstanding year. So many people have helped and I would like to...
thank you all, in particular Natacha, Lana, Emma and all their helpers who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. Our School Council, led by President Mrs Catherine Bromley and our Parents Club with President Lana have made a wonderful contribution to the school. Thank you to all the council members for your time and positive contribution to council and sub committees over 2016. There is always many, many behind the scenes helpers who also do a wonderful job and to all of you a big thank you.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Thank you to all the staff who will be supplying the yummy food. And a huge thank you to all our wonderful Parent helpers who really enhance the education and whole school experience of all our children. Please come along and join us on Monday.

Year Six Graduation
I would like to say a special farewell to our Grade 6 graduating students as they move onto their secondary years. I know Ms Jackson, Ms. Williams and Mr Petrie are very proud of your achievements and wish you all the very best in the future as do I.

New and returning Staff in 2017 and school structure
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In 2017 we look forward to the part-time return of Ms Dadoukian and from family leave Ms Chloe Gannon resuming her position as PYP/Curriculum coordinator replacing Ms Lisa Coates, who has done a wonderful job taking staff and children to where they are now in their PYP journey.

Mr John Petrie is retiring. Ms Harris and Ms Turner are going on family leave, Ms Hoffner, Mr Yang and Ms Ferguson will not be returning next year.

We also have new staff joining the team in 2017. Following the conclusion of state-wide recruitment processes over the past 3 months, I am pleased to announce the following 2017 appointments:

Hannah Anderson 5/6A; Pakenham Springs PS
Renee Wise 5/6R; Somerville PS
Fiona Kops 2K; Cranbourne Park PS
Rebecca Givoguie 3/4G; Glen Iris PS
Rachael Hickling 2H; Regular work at Seaford North PS
Pas Porto Foundation PW
Maggie Wang Chinese/Mandarin; Camberwell Grammar School

All new teachers bring a range of professional and life experiences to our school and we look forward to welcoming them to our teaching team.

Grade Structures for 2017

Foundation Mrs Debbie Thompson; Ms Kim Wright and Ms Pas Porto; Ms Yueni Yang; Mr Richard Press

Year One Ms Lisa Dadoukian and Ms Claire Bergman; Ms Rebecca Collins
Ms Renee Gauthier

Year Two Ms Rachel Bowles; Ms Fiona Kops; Ms Rachael Hickling

Year 3-4 Ms Lauren Milne; Ms Rebecca Givoguie; Ms Casey Marriott; Ms Courtney Wright

Year 5-6 Ms Sally-ann Jackson; Ms Tara Williams; Hannah Anderson; Renee Wise

Curriculum/PYP Coordinator
Ms Chloe Gannon

Specialist Areas
Mr Andy Millwood - Science
Ms Stefanie Middleton - Physical Education
Ms Sarah McIntosh - Visual and Performing Arts
Ms Maggie Wang - Chinese (Mandarin)

May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Lee Murnane
**COMING EVENTS**

**DECEMBER**
Tue 20th FINAL DAY OF TERM 4 1.30 FINISH

**2017 JANUARY**
Mon 30th Book Collection Day 9am-12noon
Mon 30th Teachers start back at school
Tue 31st Curriculum Day

**FEBRUARY**
Wed 1st Grades 1 to 6 start school
Thur 2nd Preps start school

**MARCH**
Tues 7th School photo day
Mon 20th to Fri 24th Year 5/6 Canberra Camp

**BOOK LIST PICK UP**
Monday 30th January, 2017 between 9am and 12 noon.
If you have paid for your book list please go directly to the BER building, if unpaid please go to the Office to pay before pickup.

**PARENTS CLUB THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the following events: Christmas Stall we raised $2150.00, Night Market we raised $1587.30, Prep BBQ, Grade 6 Graduation Dinner, Popcorn Helpers and thanking in advance the parents that are helping with the Last Day Lunch, without your help we couldn’t do any of the above functions.

So far this year we have raised over $21,000.00 for our school which is a fantastic effort. This year the school has purchased 1500 new take home reader books, headphones for our computers, a new popcorn machine, 78 new laptops, as well as the ongoing lease of laptops. Our ongoing fundraising efforts benefit every child in our school, allowing us to update our technology and ensure we are able to purchase anything needed to enhance the children’s education at Seaford North. We are one of the best resourced schools in the area through your efforts, so please continue your support of our fundraising in 2017.

Thank you – Parents Club

**PARENTS CLUB NEWS**

**COIN COLLECTION @ 02/12**

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**TOTAL RAISED $1348.40.** A massive thank you to Leonie for collecting and counting the coins every Friday we raised $1248.40 this year and Prep T have won the class party for the most amount collected.

**RSL AWARD**

Congratulations to Eve Virgiotis on receiving the RSL award from the Seaford RSL Club for her enthusiasm, dedication to learning and wonderful citizenship.

Eve received her ward at a ceremony last week along with other recipients from primary and secondary schools in the area. Well done Eve!
OUR NEW PROGRAM OF INQUIRY

Timing is everything! With the change to a Victorian Curriculum and the Seaford North PS staff showing tremendous understanding of how the Program of Inquiry (POI) works, it was time to develop one for Seaford North Primary School. Staff have worked collaboratively at developing the entire program which rotates on a two yearly cycle, except for our Foundation years. This will allow for forward planning in terms of budgetary decisions for resourcing the school, booking incursions and excursions and students, and for knowing what the year’s work will entails, to name a few.

The challenge for us was to meet the needs of IB and at the same time, meet the needs of the Victorian Government. Every school tackles this a different way so Programs of Inquiry look different at each school, even though we use the exact same documents as a basis for planning. The IBO framework is designed in such a way that the POI can be customised to meet the needs of the community.

Presently we are finalising the POI by looking for cross overs, units that look too similar, making sure we are using accurate language and making sure the Victorian and International arenas are covered. Once this is complete, we will be able to line up the Physical Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Chinese, Science, Mathematics and English that authentically links to each central idea, making it a transdisciplinary program.

Next year, the odd year’s POI will be published on the website so that parents too can see exactly what big ideas will be taught and in what order. This may also help you to support your child’s learning and experiences in relation to the central idea.

The Seaford North PS Book Fair

Children loved browsing all of the shiny new books for sale at our book fair; it was a great joy to witness! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, special friends and teachers who supported the Seaford North Primary School Book Fair that coincided with our Education Week.

The fair was open from Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th November in the BER. During that time, we sold books to the value of a whopping $3035.50. This included the purchase of 38 specially selected books that were donated to the school. Each donated book now has a special acknowledgement in them that looks like this:

Donatees were also given a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the school. Mr Murnane also acknowledged all of these families at our Assembly. Children can look forward to seeing these books on the shelves in 2017.

Besides these donated books, our sales earned us the opportunity to select a further $910 worth of books for the school. We’ve started this process!!

Thank you to Di Wakefield, Sue Latham and Bernie King for your help; it was greatly appreciated. Again thank you for your support for this worthwhile event.

Lisa Coates showing
MR PETRIE’S RETIREMENT CRICKET MATCH

COME AND JOIN MR PETRIE IN A GAME OF CRICKET.

Friday 10th February, 2017 at 3pm on the school oval.

YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN BLANKET AND PICNIC