Welcome to the 2017 School Year to every member of our school community.

I hope you have all had a chance to recharge your batteries and are ready to face the new academic year with enthusiasm. It was great to see all the smiling faces greeting me at assembly, ready to start our new year. I would also like to welcome our new families to the school and extend an invitation to them to get involved in the school through classroom helpers, Parents Club, School Council, Working Bees, Animal Palace and special event days.

Our Foundation group (preps) are just delightful to watch as they learn about our school and their teachers. Mrs. Thompson, Ms. Yang, Mr. Press, Ms. Wright and Ms. Porto have done an amazing job in providing the children with a warm and caring welcome into their classrooms. School will be a major part of your child’s life, and we share with you in both the excitement and responsibility for ensuring it is successful, happy and secure. In the Early Years the aim has been to ensure that new prep students and their parents are ready for entry into the school through a comprehensive transition program.

Seaford North Primary School is an exciting and engaging place to be. We are excited to be a candidate school for the Primary Years Programme of the International Baccalaureate. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Seaford North Primary School believes is important for our students.

*Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the Career-related Programme (CP). For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit [http://www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

Seaford North Primary School is strongly supported by a committed School Council with sub-committees in Education, Finance, Buildings and Grounds and Marketing & Publicity. The Parents Club plays a key role in providing opportunities for parents to establish social networks, as well as initiating fundraising activities vital to maintaining our high standards. An important part of this family involvement begins with our welcoming “Family Fun Night” picnic / BBQ. An open invitation stands for everyone to become involved. Thursday 2nd March 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parental involvement is an integral part of the school’s programs. The school promotes participation and regular communication between teachers and parents hence our “meet and greet” program. Parents assist across a broad range of school activities such as, excursions, Motor Development Program, Parent Helpers in classrooms, School Council, Parents’ Club, Animal Palace etc.
Seaford North Primary School has a deserved reputation for encouraging its students to reach their full potential in a safe, caring environment. The quality of its educational programs, with emphasis on literacy and numeracy, provides the best possible foundation for further education. We believe curriculum planning should be forward looking, focusing on providing students with the skills for lifelong learning and the ability to be adaptable and flexible in a changing world. The school encourages a caring atmosphere where children feel emotionally, socially and physically secure. Our children being resilient is extremely important.

Part of your voluntary contributions is going towards the updating of some of our air conditioning and more portable technologies which will be constantly used by your children. Site licences for new educational software to integrate into the curriculum will also add a new exciting aspect for your children. Without your valuable contributions through the levies and voluntary contributions none of these enhancements to programs and facilities could happen. (It is interesting to note that in our quarterly grant from the Department, we received only $300 for computer equipment). I thank you again on behalf of all the children. This year I would like to welcome new staff members Hannah Anderson 5/6A, Renee Wise 5/6R, Fiona Kops 2K, Rebecca Givogue 3/4G, Rachael Hickling 2H, Pas Porto Foundation PW and Maggie Wang Chinese/Mandarin. We also welcome back 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. The skills of these teachers are sure to add much to our already excellent programs in the school. I would also like to welcome the staff returning after the much needed holidays. During the holidays much was happening around the school and in classrooms, painting all around the school, new portable furnished, walls installed etc.
This year will again be a year full of challenges. I am very impressed by the dedication of the school staff, who spent considerable time during the school vacation preparing and planning for 2017. We had a very smooth start to the year largely due to the professionalism of staff and the administrative team, especially with the organisation of the book sales.

Animal Palace Helpers
We also had many parents and children who helped in our Animal Palace. I would like to thank Leanne Peterson, with Josh and Noah; Graeme Cater and Selina; Peter Phillips and Sophie; Guy Riley, with Harry and Poppy; Dorothy Mozejko and Jorja Grace; Sean Mulholland and Kat, Ronan and Declan; Leonie Thompson with Bailey and Olivia; Candice Lamb, with Charlie and Aysha Stewart; Michelle Lantz with Rory and Tess; Vicki Henderson and Chloe; Emma Preston and Morph Gordon; Diana Antoniou and Luke; Katie Scroggie, with Basil and Harvey; Robyn Rodda and Neveah; Jacqui Harris, with Kaden and Antonio Sforza; Sheridan Chapple and Isobel; Melissa Walker, with Harry and Emily; and Jackie Goedhart with Ossian Houlihan. Without these wonderful helpers we would not have an Animal Palace.

Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school.
Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to look into their preferred options in this regard. The Department cannot provide advice to parents or guardians on the purchase of individual student accident policy or ambulance cover.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Lee Murnane

COMING EVENTS

**FEBRUARY**
Thur 16th Swimming trials
Mon 20th & Grades 1 to 6 Parent Teacher meet
& greet 3.50pm to 6.00pm
Tue 21st

**MARCH**
Thurs 2nd Family Fun Night 5.30-7.30
Tues 7th SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Mon 20th to Year 5/6 Canberra Camp
Fri 24th

Meet and Greet Parent Teacher Meetings request form due back by Friday 17th February.

Grade 1 to 6 Student Internet Use Agreement due back ASAP

Swimming Trials participation forms due back Tuesday 14th February.

Parents Club News

Popcorn Friday – During Friday lunch break freshly popped bags of popcorn are available for $1, children
will have a choice of sweet or salted popcorn. Help is needed, a roster of ‘Parent popcorner’ for term 1 has gone out if you are available on a Friday between 11.40am and 1.10pm we would love to hear from you.

**OFFICE NEWS**

**SCHOOL NOTICES**

All notices to be returned to each child’s class teacher including any cash money. Payments for school fees and Eftpos payments come to the office with paper work.

**STUDENT ABSENCE**

It is a requirement of The Department of Education & Training that the school is aware of why children are not attending school. If your child is away ill, on holiday, dentist or for whatever reason the school needs to know. There are a number of ways in which you can let us know, The Phone App, Email or Web Page, Written Note with student when returning to school or you can ring the Office. **If your child is away for 2 days or more it needs to be in writing.**

**Hats for PE!**

Hi everyone this is a friendly reminder that hats are compulsory for students during term 1. This includes all PE and inter-school sports lessons. Children that do not have a hat will be unable to participate in these lessons. A follow up note will be sent home to notify parents regarding children that do not bring their hats. Thank you for your cooperation, Stefanie Middleton Phys Ed Coordinator

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**Tuesday 8th March**

Photo Envelopes are going home PLEASE TRY NOT TO LOSE OR MISPLACE THEM they have been set up by the photo company with your child’s name and ID on them. Envelopes are to come to school with your child on **PHOTO DAY** not before, if your child doesn’t have an envelope on the day and you wish to order photos you are to contact the company direct.

**PENSION CARD AND HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS PLEASE NOTE**

CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. You are eligible if you are the holder of a Health Care Card or a Pension Card that was current as of the 1st day of term one or term 2. If you are eligible please call in to the school office with your card and fill out an Application Form. The annual CSEF amount per student is $125 for primary school students.

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**Would $500 help you pay for school costs like uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a tablet or laptop?**

You may be eligible to join Saver Plus and match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500!

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**FRANKSTON SHARKS BMX CLUB COME AND TRY DAY**

11th February 2017

11am – 12pm followed by a free race from 12.30.
Come and try out BMX racing at Frankston BMX club located at 101 Old Wells Road Seaford (next door to the motocross track) Open to male and females from ages 2 years and up. email: frankston@bmxv.com.au

CHELSEA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB, INC
Chelsea Recreation Reserve
13 Beardsworth Avenue,
Chelsea, Vic. 3196

2017 Registration Day
Sunday 19th February 2017
10:30am – 2:00 pm

Come on down and join our fun, friendly and family oriented club. Meet the Coaches, who are all fully qualified. All Players from Under 9’s to Under 17’s are welcome.

This season we will have dedicated GIRLS Teams, for Under 12’s and Under 15’s.

At Chelsea Junior Football Club, ALL PLAYERS are recognised at the end of Season presentation.

Fees are $145 per Player or $240 per Family.

Please note all NEW Members are required to bring along a copy of their Birth Certificate and a Medical Action Plan, should they have any medical conditions we need to be aware of.

We look forward to seeing some new faces this year.
If you have any questions, please contact our Registrar, Tanya Boyd on 0408 588 477 or registrar@chelseajfc.com.au

2017 PREPS 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL