

SEAFORD NORTH NEWSLETTER

School Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide all Seaford North Primary School students with a high quality, challenging, global education which develops compassion and respect. We provide engaging learning opportunities that includes essential knowledge, concepts, skills and attitudes, enabling students to transfer these to new situations necessary in a rapidly changing world.
We are committed to differentiation so that students work at their level and are able to make decisions about their learning in line with the curriculum.
We encourage students to take responsibility with their learning so that they can be purposeful and make a difference to themselves and their world.

LAST DAY OF TERM 2 FRIDAY 29TH JUNE - 1.30 FINISH

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Seaford North,

Seaford North is an IB World candidate School that strives to be internationally minded. Our purpose is to provide a supportive safe and dynamic learning environment. We promote inquiry, curiosity, creativity and individuality. We aim to develop a resilient, open-minded school community where all students become independent, emotionally intelligent and socially competent as they strive to achieve their potential as global citizens.

Same-day notification of unexplained student absences

New Attendance Requirements

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence**, by phone on 97865674, by using the **school phone app** or **email at seaford.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au** early in the morning. Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

1. Contact details

There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on the school phone app or school phone 97865674 or email details to, seaford.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.

2. Notify the school of your child's absence

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

Please remember to call the school on 97865674 or school phone app or email at seaford.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly. Please do not use Class DoJo for absences.

3. Same-day notification of unexplained student absences

Our school will **text/call** you as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why. If you are notified by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by **texting/calling/emailing** to let us know where your child is. If we cannot reach you because we don't have your correct contact details (i.e.: message notification fail, disconnected number), then we will make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school, where possible, on the same day of the unexplained absence.

Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school, and where possible, please inform us in advance of upcoming absences.

Save this number! Our school uses **SMS/text** to contact parents/carers as soon as practical on the day on an unexplained student absence. Save this number 97865674 into your phone so you know it is the school contacting you if you receive a text. A separate notice from DET is also being sent out.

Reports

At this time of the term I always like to give parents something to think about as they read their child's formal report. It reinforces the fact that all children are different; learn in different ways and at different rates and they really want to please you.

Reading your child's report

By Michael Grose (author of nine parenting books, parenting educator to over 1500 Australian schools)

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder . . . always does her best . . . lacks concentration . . . easily distracted . . . a pleasure to teach . . .

Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

Focus on strengths. Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects. **Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.**

If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.

Take note of student self- assessment.

Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

Tree Lopping

As part of our school Occupational Health and Safety checks we have our trees checked each year. Unfortunately, some of our trees need to be removed or branches cut as they could be dangerous. The safety of our community is our number one concern, so we will be having some cut down and removed during the Term 2 holiday break.

Prep enrolments for 2019-siblings

Prep enrolments for 2019 are currently underway. Thank you to the families who have already lodged an enrolment form. It would be most helpful if parents could return the enrolment form (download from our website or available from the office) as soon as possible.

End of term early dismissal at 1.30pm

Parents are reminded that Term 2 concludes this Friday 29/06/18. The students will finish their school day at **1.30pm**.

School Concert Dance sessions with a professional choreographer

A Professional Choreographer has been engaged to conduct dance classes with all students at SNPS, in preparation for our fabulous School Musical Production occurring on Monday 27th August. All Children need to attend these classes. They are heaps of fun and captivated even the most reluctant students last time we employed this company. "I Can Dance" is a not for profit educational theatre working with over 15,000 primary school students a year. It offers programs that help develop social skills, self-esteem, resilience and physical well-being. The choreography is pitched perfectly at the level and interest of the children. It is also in line with positive messages relayed at school – confidence, persistence, getting along with others, follow dreams etc. The dancing is great – varied (traditional, multi-cultural, and contemporary) and appealing to children. The students enjoy every aspect. They are totally engaged throughout. They respond enthusiastically to story and music – spontaneous clapping and enthusiasm in answering questions-offering ideas-indicating understanding and appreciation. All for only \$3.00 a dance class.

WWF

On Friday the 15th June the Junior School Council organised an animal dress up day for the World Wildlife Fund. This was a **by the kids, for the kids, for the animals** event which the children wanted to hold before the holidays. This was the only date available that did not clash with other things happening. Congratulations kids you did a wonderful job.



*Remember the lessons from our Resilience Project.
Always ask your children:*

What are three things that went well for you today?
What are the best things that happened to you today?
Who are you most grateful for and why?
What are you looking forward to most about tomorrow?

Stars of the Week



Lee Murnane - Principal

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

Fri 29th Last day of Term 2 – 1.30 finish

JULY

Mon 16th-Wed 18th – Grades 3/4G, 3/4A & 3/4R Camp

Wed 18th – Fri 20th – Grades 3/4C & 3/4W Camp

Mon 23rd –Wed 25th Commonwealth Bank talks

AUGUST

Mon 27th School Concert
Matinee Performance 12pm – 2pm
Evening Performance 7pm – 9pm

OCTOBER

Mon 8th to Fri 12th Year 5/6 camp to Woorabinda
Sat 27th Trivia Night

PERMISSION SLIP RETURNS

SNPS Whole School Production Dance Lessons
Term 3 –Please return permission forms with payment of \$19.00 by **Friday 22nd June.**

SCHOOL CONCERT

The Importance of Being Ernest the earwig....

Monday 27th August, Matinee Performance 12:00p.m.-2:00p.m. Evening Performance 7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. Tickets on sale from 9am Monday 2 July, 2018 Frankston Arts Centre. Telephon: (03) 9784 1060 (Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm: Sat 9am – 2pm) or online at www.thefac.com.au SNPS students do not require a ticket..



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Drums, Keyboard & Guitar Lessons
On School Campus!



Instrumental Music Programs – On School Campus!

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons during and outside of school hours

Drum Ensembles

- \$8.95 per child per ensemble (15-25 students for 30-45 minutes during recess / lunch)
- Exciting drums program starting with "bucket drums" – a loud ensemble that builds rhythm, requires teamwork and sounds incredible!
- PMI teachers supply percussion instruments for ensembles

Keyboard & Guitar Lessons

- \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

P: 1300 362 824 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

End of Term 2! How did that happen!

End of term lunch orders

Lunch Orders will be ready in time for children to eat before the end of Term 2 assembly.



SNiPS

In term 3 *Made by SNiPs* is coming to school on Friday mornings. More parents have wanted to join in the crafting and social fun but haven't been able to make it to Friday nights, so we are doing both

Date - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th August,

Time - 9-10.30am at SNPS **OR**

Time – 8pm at Johanna's house

We have plenty of fun crafts to make for the Fathers Day stall. No skills required just a chance to mingle with parents and make some fabulous homemade gifts.

We need – Empty 400g tins for a craft project. It helpful if you could drop them off clean and with removed. A box has been placed at the office. Stay tuned for more details in Term 3.



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Grant and funding update

Emily Parker, our new Parents Club Grants Officer has been doing an amazing job in seeking out grants for SNPS to apply for and benefit from.

- A HUGE thank you to *Seaford RSL* who are strengthening their collaboration with the school by supporting the purchase of sports tops with a \$250 contribution.
- The SNPS Indigenous Garden submission for the Leader Local Grants has made it to the top 3 submissions!!! Thanks to everyone that voted and shared the link for family and friends to vote. The final result will be announced in Late July.

The Parents Club are also working on a number of grant submissions for SNPS in the areas of sustainability, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) and healthy living. Stay tuned for updates.

Next term

- Fathers Day stall
- Movie Night
- Foundation Parents Social night

Happy Holidays!!!

PARENT PORTAL

In a technology rich world, it is vital for children to manage a healthy balance between ICT and other activities. Below are 8 strategies parents can use at home to encourage children to achieve a healthy balanced lifestyle by monitoring their screen time.



It is important to lead by example, so share these ideas with your children and choose a starting point together!



Ways to manage web-connected devices in the home

Parental control tools help parents monitor and limit what their children do online. There are many tools available and they all offer different functions, with some even allowing parents to limit the time children spend on specific websites or games.

They are an effective to encourage communication with children about their online activities. Currently there are more effective tools for use with PCs and Macs than with mobile, tablet devices and game consoles. Additional parental supervision is required.

What do parental controls do?

Every parental control tool is different. Most tools:

- can block children from accessing specific websites, protocols or applications
 - filter different kinds of content
- allow parents to monitor use with reports on sites accessed, the length of time and frequency of access
 - can be used to set time limits, blocking access after a set time

Do parental controls block all inappropriate content?

It is essential to note that no parental control tool is 100 per cent effective. It is important to understand the nature of devices that children are using. Also talk to them about staying safe online and being aware of the behaviours of themselves and others.

For more information go to:

<https://esafety.gov.au/iparent>

We all want to keep our children safe. The tips on the following page are from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner to help you better understand how your children are accessing the online world and, how you can manage their use. Enjoy a safe holiday break!

7 WAYS

parents can manage
web connected devices
in the home



ALMOST

1 in 3

teens are accessing
the internet between
10pm and midnight

[Aussie teens & kids online >](#)

1



39 %
of teens use a
tablet to go online

[Parental controls for tablets >](#)

Parental control tools
are available for
Apple's iOS
& Android.

Playstation,
Xbox, Wii and
Steam have
parental controls.

2



47%

of teens play games online

[Games & parental controls >](#)

3



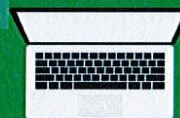
64 %
of teens stream
video on
YouTube & TV

[Streaming services settings >](#)

YouTube and
YouTube Kids have a
safety mode;
YouTube Red offers
ad-free videos.
Netflix and Stan offer
age-based settings.

Microsoft Windows
and Apple's MAC
OSX offer **family
restrictions and
monitoring.**

4



74%

of teens use a computer to go online

[Use safety settings >](#)

5



78 %
of teens
research and
browse on
the internet

[Tips on searching safely >](#)

**Safe search
settings** are
available for Google
Safe Search, Google
Chrome and Yahoo7.

Telstra Mobile Protect,
Vodafone Guardian,
Apple iOS and
Android have **safety
options.**

6



80%
use a smart
phone

[Smart phone parental controls >](#)

Parental controls
can keep kids safe
on many screens

Telstra
provides
**parental
control tools**
and homework
time blackouts;
Optus and
Vodafone
provide
guidance on
tools.

7



86 %

have home broadband access

[See parental controls >](#)

THEY CAN

- ✓ Block sexually explicit sites
- ✓ Set screen time limits
- ✓ Block in-app purchases
- ✓ Block numbers and SMS
- ✓ Allow or block websites
- ✓ Restrict chat features
- ✓ Allow parental monitoring



REMEMBER

No parental control is 100% fail safe. Keep
children's trust by using these tools
openly at home

More safeguards for parents





BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR

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Winter Holiday Club

More Excursions, New technology, Ozobots, Circuitry Classes, Art & Craft, Giant Games... Something for everyone. **BOOK NOW.**



Seaford North Primary School

Hallifax Street SEAFORD VIC 3198

0452 247 689 (07:00 -18:00)

club based

Monday, 02 July

Hi-Tech Heroes

Create your very own colourful hi-tech characters.

Full Fee: \$64.60

Out of pocket: \$13.65 to \$32.30

incursion

Tuesday, 03 July

Codebots

Learn the logic of code with the help of a miniature robot.

Full Fee: \$84.60

Out of pocket: \$23.65 to \$42.30

incursion

Wednesday, 04 July

Cold Weather Crafts

Beat the cold with some cool crafts - creative snow globes and candles.

Full Fee: \$77.10

Out of pocket: \$19.90 to \$38.55

excursion

Thursday, 05 July

Incredibles 2 at Village Cine...

We're off to the movies to see the action-packed Incredibles 2!

Please arrive by 8:45am.

Full Fee: \$92.03

Out of pocket: \$27.36 to \$46.02

incursion

Friday, 06 July

The Big Play

Today is going to be BIG (literally) when we play over sized editions of some of our favourite games.

Full Fee: \$81.10

Out of pocket: \$21.90 to \$40.55

excursion

Monday, 09 July

Innovations In Play at Chipm...

Jump, climb and slide your way through a wild adventure.

Please arrive by 8:45am. Remember to bring socks!

Full Fee: \$98.13

Out of pocket: \$30.41 to \$49.07

incursion

Tuesday, 10 July

Go Join The Circuits

How do circuits work? Today we'll find out through exciting activities.

Full Fee: \$84.60

Out of pocket: \$23.65 to \$42.30

excursion

Wednesday, 11 July

Bounce-o-tronic at Gravity Z...

We'll be putting gravity to the test when we trampoline to new heights.

Note: Please arrive by 8:45am. Remember to bring socks!

Full Fee: \$99.70

Out of pocket: \$31.20 to \$49.85

incursion

Thursday, 12 July

Movement In Music

Get active and use your imaginations with activities that incorporate special wireless headphones.

Full Fee: \$84.60

Out of pocket: \$23.65 to \$42.30

club based

Friday, 13 July

Cyber Savvy

Learn how to stay safe online with Cyber Safety tips and tricks.

Full Fee: \$64.60

Out of pocket: \$13.65 to \$32.30



CAMP AUSTRALIA

Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own healthy snack and lunch (no nut products or food that requires heating please), wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day.

Something for every child.

campaustalia.com.au/holidayclubs