

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.

CURRICULUM DAY MONDAY 21st MAY

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Seaford North,

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IBPYP). As you know Seaford North Primary School is a candidate International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IBPUP) World School, with teaching pedagogy based on student-centred inquiry learning with an international perspective. A rigorous curriculum involves students in six inquiry units per year, which meet the requirements of both the Victorian Curriculum and the PYP. Classroom programs focus on catering for individual learning styles and abilities. Teachers work in teams to ensure comprehensive planning provides for challenging learning. An IB education fosters **creativity** and imagination. It offers students opportunities for considering the nature of human thought and for developing the skills and commitments necessary not only to remember, but also to analyse one's own thinking and effort – as well as the products and performances that grow from them.

Through **inquiry, action** and **reflection**, the IB programme aims to develop a range of competencies and dispositions that include skills for thinking, working with others, communicating, self-management and research.

The school's Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO) priority, 'Excellence in Teaching and Learning', focuses on '**Building Practice Excellence**' and '**Curriculum Planning and Assessment**' across the school. Key Improvement Strategies include further developing school wide collegiate planning and teaching, and developing a whole school vision for contemporary pedagogy, so that consistent practice is evident across the school. The importance of developing a whole school vision for contemporary pedagogy, based on robust research by the International Baccalaureate Organisation formed the basis of professional learning. Sharing classroom practice through collaborative planning and a formal classroom observation program is an important part of the professional development program.

The school is committed to continue a focus on catering to the individual needs of students, with a strong use of data to plan and implement targeted learning programs. An environment of high expectations for all students has been established.

The school places a high emphasis on student engagement through its wellbeing programs and also its focus on a student centered curriculum. Students are encouraged to be active learners, following their own interests where possible, within the PYP framework. Goal setting and self-reflection are encouraged, and reporting to parents includes student led conferences across the upper year levels. Students are encouraged to reflect on their progress and plan future directions. Classroom programs focus on catering for individual learning styles and abilities.

IB Stars of the Week





Anzac Day

On Monday 23th April we had a special ANZAC Day assembly at 9.00am. Thank you to our school captains and Junior School Council President for their organisation of the ceremony.

On Tuesday 24th April our School Captains and JSC Presidents will attend the Schools' Service at the Seaford RSL.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our Year 3-6 students who participated in our schools cross country on Wednesday. Your efforts were pleasing to see and it was great to see so many tough it out and finish so well. A lot of our students will represent Seaford North PS at our District Cross-Country Carnival. We wish them all the best. Thank you to Ms Middleton, staff and the many parents who supported the children on the day. Good luck to all students

School Working Bee

A huge thankyou to Stuart Thompson for his organisation of this event and to all the parents and children who turned up and did a great job making our school more attractive and safe. Very difficult getting the kids out of the sand pits now!



Lee Murnane
Principal

COMING EVENTS

MAY

Weds 2nd eSmart parent workshop.
7.00pm– 8.00pm
Wed 2nd 3-6 House Cross Country
Fri 4th 5/6 Interschool Sport – Cornish College
Fri 11th 5/6 Interschool Sport – Chelsea P.S.

Mon 21st

CURRICULUM DAY

JUNE

Fri 1st 5/6 Interschool Sport – Aspendale P.S.
Fri 8th 5/6 Interschool Sport – Edithvale P.S.
Fri 15th 5/6 Interschool Sport – Seaford P.S.
Fri 22nd 5/6 Interschool Sport – Bonbeach P.S.

JULY

Mon 16th-Wed 18th – Grades 3/4G, 3/4A & 3/4R Camp
Wed 18th – Fri 20th – Grades 3/4C & 3/4W Camp

OCTOBER

Mon 8th to Fri 12th Year 5/6 camp to Woorabinda

PERMISSION SLIP RETURNS

Year 3/4 camp permission slip and deposit – NO LATER THAN Monday 7th May, 2018

Year 5/6 camp deposit and slip – NO LATER THAN Thursday 24th May, 2018.

COMING IN JUNE –

**LAMONT BOOK FAIR. Bargains for all!
More details to come.**

3-6 House Cross-Country 2018

On Wednesday 2nd May, we held our annual Cross-Country event around the school oval and arboretum. The 9/10 year olds completed a 2km course and the 11/12 year olds completed a 3km course. It was pleasing to see our students participate to the best of their ability and represent their house. Our students encouraged each other and cheered on their teammates. Many students showed persistence in what is a challenging event. You should all be extremely proud of your efforts. I am pleased to announce once again that it was a close finish between the four houses with 1st going to Gold on 494 points, 2nd going to Blue on 468 points, 3rd going to Green on 443 points and 4th going to Red on 438 points. Everyone that competed on the day earned points for their house. Thank you to the parents who came, offered assistance on the day, and supported our students throughout the event.

Mrs Middleton

P.E. Teacher & Coordinator

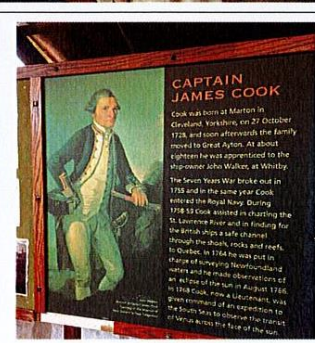
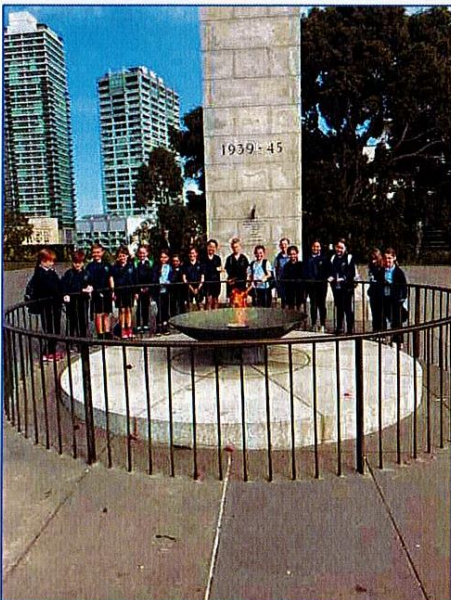
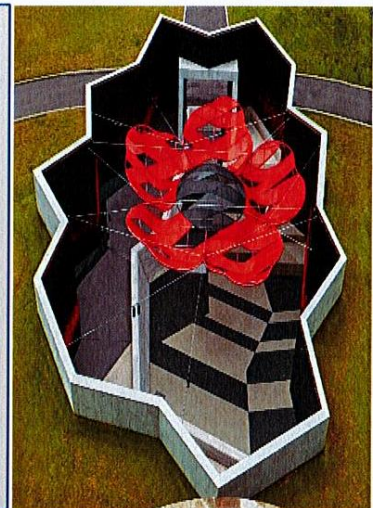
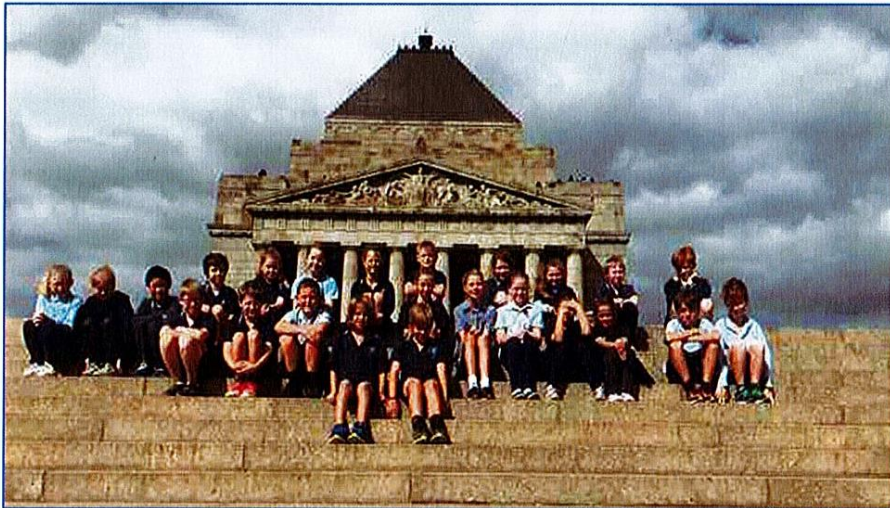


AROUND THE GROUNDS

3/4 Excursion to

The Shrine of Remembrance and Cooks' Cottage

To complement our Grade 3/4 Inquiry Units 'How We Express Ourselves' and 'Where We Are in Place and Time' the 3/4 students attended an excursion on Thursday the 26th of April to The Shrine of Remembrance and Cooks' Cottage. We experienced a guided tour around the Shrine grounds, visited the museum and the 'sanctuary'. We also visited Fitzroy Gardens to see Cooks' Cottage and dressed up in old-fashioned clothing.



PARENT PORTAL



It has recently come to our attention the amount of S.N.P.S students in years 1-6 playing this player vs player combat game.

Please see below for some simple FAQ's that may help protect your children online.

What is Fortnite?

According to the eSafety Commissioner, published on the Australian Government website, 'Fortnite' is a shooter game where players are dropped onto an island without a weapon. Players then make their way around the island to find weapons and use them to battle other players and zombie-like characters, as well as building shelters to protect themselves against enemies and deadly storms. Hidden around the island are weapons and items, including crossbows, rifles and grenade launchers.

Who should be playing this game?

This game is not recommended for children under 12 years of age. While the game itself does not feature any profanity, players have direct contact with other players and may be exposed to offensive or inappropriate language or unwanted contact through the chat or voice function. This puts young children at risk of exposure to cyberbullying and inappropriate language that cannot be monitored. *Please note: You do not have to provide your age to play this game.*

Are there ways to spend money?

The game is free to play on a number of devices including, MAC, Playstation 4, Windows and Xbox 1, however there are options to pay for and play an extended version as well as purchase bonus weapons and materials when playing.

What do children need in order to access this game?

In order to play, the game requires children sign up and create a username using an email address. As 'Fortnite' is an online multiplayer game, players must interact with a number of different players who are picked at random. You cannot turn this function off.



Talk to your kids about:

- **Violence in video games.** 'Fortnite' uses cartoonish violence, but children are still using multiple types of guns to shoot other players. Is this appropriate for their age?
- **Teamwork.** How do children play to win but also foster good sportsmanship?
- **Moderation and screen time.** 'Fortnite' encourages players to play again and again. What are the rules in your house? How much is too much?

Parents & Friends of SNPS update

Easter wrap-up - Winners & Thank you

We had an amazing range of Easter activities to wrap up last term. Lots of lucky, and talented, children won hampers and prizes for the Easter Bonnet Parade and colouring competition.

Thank you to our President Caroline Roberts, Bailey Lidgerwood and Sarah for helping judge the Easter Bonnet parade.

Colouring Competition winners:

- Foundation to Grade 2 group – Georgia F/ T
- Grade 3/4 group – Laila 3/4 R
- Grade 5/6 group – Jack McGuire

Easter Raffle winners:

- First Prize Easter Goodies Hamper with *O'Brien Group Arena Family Ice Skating Voucher* valued at \$85 – Rose Parker F/M
- Second Prize Easter Goodies Hamper with *Moonlit Sanctuary Family Day Pass Voucher* valued at \$56 – Hunter Ardley 2A
- Third Prize Easter Goodies Hamper with a *BeachBox Physiotherapy Massage Voucher* valued at \$50 – Sophia Pavlov
- Fourth Prize Box of Organic Goodies from New Harvest Produce valued at \$40 = Morgan Neave 3/4G

A HUGE thank you to all parents & friends and local businesses who donated the wonderful prizes.



Working Bee

A big thank you to the amazing volunteers who gave up some of their precious weekend to tidy up around the school grounds, making the school safer for our kids and also look a whole lot better. Even our principal, Mr Murnane, dropped by to help shovel some new sand into the sandpit.

A BIG thanks to Stu Lidgerwood for helping organise it all. He worked all day, organised all the supplies and provided lots of snacks and drinks for the hard workers.



Mother's Day stall and raffle

Mother's day is fast approaching and we have a number of things planned to celebrate the momentous occasion.

SAVE THE DATE - Mother's Day Stall - Friday 11th

May. We will have the amazing hand-made items from the SNiPS creative parents team and we will also have a new range of exciting gifts for the kids to choose from. Items range in price from 50c - \$10.

Mother's Day Raffle – Tickets will be going home soon so keep an eye out for them. We have had a few fabulous local businesses already donate to the Mother's Day hampers but we are always looking for more items.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - There will be a special afternoon tea for mothers and mother-figures in the gazebo after school on Friday 11th May. Come along, have a cuppa and something to eat and take some time to celebrate all you do. BYO travel mug.

Volunteers needed

Mother's Day stall – we need a number of volunteers for the Mothers day stall – Dad's, Friends, Mum's please contact parentsclubsnps@gmail.com and let us know if you can help for a few hours.

Other news

Popcorn Friday has started again. Thank you to the lovely lot of volunteers who have helped fill the roster for Term 2. Popcorn is \$1 and comes in 2 delicious flavours – sweet or salty. Teachers collect money and orders first thing Friday morning and the freshly cooked popcorn is ready for pick up at lunchtime.

Next Parents Club Meeting – Tuesday May 8, 7-9pm – everyone is welcome! Don't be shy, drop past and say hi! We are always looking for fundraising and social ideas and of course, helpers 😊.



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We currently have 170 families that receive the newsletter via email. Thank you!

We are hoping for even more families this year to make this choice!

If you have had a change of email address or would now like the school newsletter emailed to you instead, please complete the form below and return to the office or your child's class teacher.

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