

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 5TH NOVEMBER

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18TH OCTOBER, 2018

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Seaford North,

Welcome Back

I hope that all students, parents and staff were able to enjoy a relaxing couple of weeks away from the school environment and have returned ready for a busy term. After two weeks away from the challenges of school we have all returned to start a busy Term 4 and exciting 11 weeks. Welcome back to everyone and to our new students and families. We hope your time at our school is productive and valuable. It's lovely to see the refreshed faces of eager learners and the tanned faces of staff and students who ventured to northern holiday resorts or OS. I do hope that all families have had an enjoyable holiday. Finally our Melbourne weather has been kind and hopefully the health and wellbeing of our community members is now also on the improve.

Teachers have returned refreshed for Term 4 and have many activities planned, including a range of excursions and incursions (Foundation – Grade 6). Transition for our 2019 Foundation students, graduation, excursions and incursions, class parties, reports and our annual **Wetlands Fun Run (starting at PRSC this year due to our building works)** in November are all events that ensure this will be an exciting time.

In the coming weeks, our school leadership team will be establishing our 2019 class structures. If you have any information that you believe is relevant to us about your child's learning needs, that I need to be aware of, please let me know, **in writing by Friday 2nd November.**

2019 Grade placement Process

What is the process for grade placement?

The opportunities to build relationships and the sense of belonging underpin the process of allocating students to classes as well as where and with whom they will best work with. The process of class placement begins with this newsletter.

When placing students in grades we aim to ensure that each student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. In order to achieve this goal teachers carefully consider when compiling grade lists:

- Academic ability
- Social groupings
- Behaviour
- Potential conflict situations
- Gender balance
- Group dynamics
- Specific learning needs

You may be confident that all teachers at Seaford North have your child's best interest at heart when placing them in specific grades.

As I have already said, occasionally some parents have pertinent information to assist in the placement of their child such as a change of family status; specific learning needs; personality idiosyncrasies or any educational concerns or needs in regard to their child/ren's class placement for 2019. In such instances, I invite you to write to me, so that these can be taken into consideration.

Again this information must be in **writing**, addressed to the principal and received by **Friday November 2nd, 2018**.

All information will be treated with confidentiality and reviewed based on merit. Requests for specific teachers will not be accommodated. Once class lists are finalised, no changes will be made.

Staff invest a great deal of time and thought into establishing classes and I'm extremely confident that we will get the balance right for 2019.

Each child is asked:

*"List three to five students you think you can or want to **work well with** and you would like us to consider placing in your class for next year."* (note not best friends)

The teachers then work very hard to try to accommodate as many of these as possible. Finally, teachers review the lists a number of times to ensure all criteria are met before finalising classes. The final class lists along with the parent information are passed to leadership for input and to deal with confidential issues.

SunSmart

Our school fully supports the **SunSmart** program and now that we are moving into the warmer weather, students need to wear navy blue broad brimmed or bucket hats when they are in the yard at recess and lunchtime, and also when they are participating in sport or physical education classes. There are designated shady areas where students will need to remain if they forget to bring their hat. Please ensure your child's hat is named.

Term 4 Public Holiday & Term Dates

The last day of school for 2018 is Friday 21st December (early dismissal at 1.30pm). Grade 1 – 6 Students commence the 2019 school year on Wednesday 30th January 2019 (teachers commence on Tuesday 29th January). Foundation students will commence on Thursday 31st January 2019.

Carols Evening and picnic Our Carols Evening will be held on Thursday 13th December (6.00 - 7.30pm). All students will participate and perform an item. The classes will start to prepare their items after the Cup Weekend. Please put this date in your diary as the children love their families to attend.

Term 4 Public Holiday & Term Dates

Students are not required at school on Tuesday 6th November (Melbourne Cup Day) – please note that **Monday 5th November is a pupil-free day**.

Lee Murnane – Principal

COMPASS

The parent portal has been introduced at SNPS. Parents are able to advise of student absences and also update change of address and phone number details. The school newsletter is also available to access. Log in information was sent home to parents at the end of Term 3. If you require login details again please contact the school office.

CURRICULUM DAY **Monday 5th November will be a** **student free day.**

Staff will be on site attending curriculum based professional development sessions.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Thurs 18th Indigenous Incurison 3/4 & 5/6
Sat 27th Trivia Night 7pm @ Patterson
River S.C.

Tue 30th **Book Character dress up day.**
Wed 31st Foundation Butterfly Adventures

NOVEMBER

Mon 5th

CURRICULUM DAY

Thurs 8th Grand Parent and Special Friends Day
Mon 19th to Grades 2, 3 & 4 Swimming Program
Fri 23rd
Tue 27th 2019 Foundation transition Program

DECEMBER

Tues 4th 2019 Foundation transition Program
Tues 11th 2019 Foundation transition Program
Thurs 13th Christmas Concert
Wed 19th Grade 6 Graduation
Fri 21st End Term 4. 1.30pm dismissal.

PERMISSION SLIP RETURNS

Foundation Butterfly Adventures Incurison
Wednesday 31st October **Permission Slip to be
returned by Thursday 25th October.**

Swimming Program Permission slip, payment
and Assessment forms to be returned before
Friday 9th November.

Indigenous Incurison grades 3/4 & 5/6
permission slip to be returned by **Thursday 20th
September.**

SCHOOL NOTICES

Parents please note: all notices are on
the school website [www.seaford-
northps.vic.edu.au](http://www.seaford-northps.vic.edu.au) in the EVENTS
section. Notices can also be found on
Compass.

Working Bee – School council has
approved a working bee to be conducted
over the weekend of Saturday 17th and
Sunday 18th November. Stuart Thompson will
coordinate a schedule of jobs and organise
parents to assist with specific tasks. Notices
with more information on time slots etc will
be sent home.

Chess club



A big thank you to all the students who attend Chess Club and make it such an awesome place to be! Some of our Chess Club members received recognition at assembly for their efforts – these students attend regularly and are always kind and enthusiastic. Our chess leaders received some awards for their leadership skills and their service at Chess Club. Our leaders aren't just chess leaders, they are student leaders – helping students to set up games, welcome new students and generally assist with setting up, packing up, and other general duties. A big thank you to all our wonderful Chess Club student leaders. Jaqui O'Leary.

Parent's Club

Tickets for our Op Shop Trivia Night on October 27th are selling fast. Online bookings must be paid for at the School Office no later than October 20th. NO tickets will be sold on the night.

Remember this is an adults only event, with all proceeds from ticket sales and auction on the night going to the school. Auction items will include accommodation packages, music lessons, a spit roaster, toys, beauty and health products, plus a lot more.

Tickets can be booked at –www.eventbrite.com.au

DENTAL SERVICE.

Reminder - School dental service
for students will be commencing on
Tuesday 23rd October



School Uniforms - PSW SHOP

PSW are relocating to 22/13 Gateway Drive, Carrum Downs. Last day for Frankston store is Saturday 27th October 2018. Grand Opening of new store is Wednesday 7th November 2018.

NEW Tennis Coaching Programs available at the North Seaford Tennis Club

All levels welcome

Kids and Adult sessions daily, private and groups. To book call Val on **0409 581 322**

Tennis Australia professionals Val Cerqualia and Jo-Anne Faull www.energytennis.com.au



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Boys Division Basketball.

On Wednesday the Grade 6 boy's basketball team travelled to Springers Leisure Centre to participate in the Kingston Division Summer Finals. We competed against Malvern, Parkdale and Hampton Primary Schools. Unfortunately, we didn't make it through to the next stage but are extremely proud of this accomplishment. This is a great effort by our Seaford North team and we look forward to the future of the sport with the completion of the hall next year. Thank you also to Kelli Hawkins for volunteering to score on the day.

Congratulations boys on your achievement!



Hunter Hawkins, Devon Armstrong, Noah Peterson, Xavier Pravednikov, Arius Tzelios, Max Harber, Callum Atkins, Tom Goudy, Cooper Hynes.

PLAYERS WANTED!

S.T.C.C JUNIORS

Boys & Girls! Your local club, Seaford Tigers C.C would love for you to come and play cricket with us this summer! Lots of fun! Lots of friends!

Great Club, Fantastic Facilities, Family Friendly.

JUNIOR FEES ARE JUST \$35 or \$50 WITH A SHIRT U/10, U/12, U/14, U/16

**TRAINING WEDNESDAYS 4:30PM
BELVEDERE PARK | 151 EAST RD SEAFORD
EVERYONE WELCOME**

Contact Brett Millar - 0416 141 513



STARS OF THE WEEK

Grades 3 – 6 incursion



Grades 3 6 enjoying a performance by Cultural Infusion, titled “Indigenous infusion with western creation”



So much fun!



**5/6
WOORABINDA
CAMP**



What a blast!



*Thanks to Mr
Goudy and Mr
McGennissen*



**5/6
WOORABINDA
CAMP**



*Thanks to
SNPS staff*



Common Sense Media Ratings

In the world we live in today, our kids are facing a digital revolution and have access to technology, media and social networks that are drastically changing their childhood.

Today, kids spend an average of 50 hours of screen time each week. The media content they are exposed to has a major impact on their social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. As parents and caregivers, it is important that we learn how to use technology and media appropriately in order to support our kids but with technology continuously changing, this is a very difficult task.

When you are trying to make difficult decisions ask yourself questions such as, how much screen time is healthy for my child? What movies, games or apps are age and developmentally appropriate for my child?

There are websites and resources you can go to for support.



Common Sense Media is an excellent resource for parents, teachers and caregivers in helping them to make smart media choices. Their website has the largest library of age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music. They also have a parent concerns and parents blog to help families communicate about their challenges and questions around raising children in the digital age.


Refer to the website below for further information on common sense media ratings

www.commonsensemedia.org

Example of Ratings and Information

Fortnite

Game review by David Chapman, Common Sense Media



Common Sense says
age 13+ ★★★★★
Battle it out or use strategy in fantastic action game.

PG, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Xbox One | \$59.99 | 2017

Save Rate game
Sign in or join to save for later

Parents say age 11+ ★★★★ Based on 403 reviews	Kids say age 10+ ★★★★ Based on 372 reviews
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USER REVIEWS

PARENTS SAY	KIDS SAY
Adult Written by: helenk February 26, 2018 This game is about killing other humans not monsters! My wife and I were concerned about letting our 9 and 12 year old sons play the game so we consulted with this website which essentially stated that Fortnite is... Continue reading	age 8+ ★ Report this review
Parent Written by: Desquinto101 February 27, 2018 Gun Violence Super created I read 40 reviews by other parents and kids, some who think this game is okay for kids as young as 6 years old. Most reviews say something like, it's not... Continue reading	age 10+ ★★★★★ Report this review

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

FORTNITE is currently one of the most popular video games in the world, but the majority of most players' attention isn't on the original strategy-focused, single-player campaign (also known as Save the World), but rather the stand-alone last-player-standing mode known as Battle Royale. Here, gamers take on up to 100 other players, by themselves, with a partner or as part of a team, to be the last one standing in the largest, open-world map. During

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IS IT ANY GOOD?

The popularity of this sandbox shooter's multiplayer mode has eclipsed the single-player, strategy-focused story, but no matter which you play, it's fast-paced and will keep you coming back for more. Fortnite Battle Royale became perhaps the most popular game in the world by early 2018. Its cartoonish take on last-player-standing gameplay has struck a chord with both parents and kids alike. The game's fun, fast-paced action, but it demands that gamers be willing to go through many long

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Frozen

Movie review by Sandle Angulo Chen, Common Sense Media



Common Sense says
age 5+ ★★★★★
Wintry Disney musical is fabulous celebration of sisterhood.

PG | 2013 | 102 minutes

Save Rate movie
Sign in or join to save for later

Parents say age 7+ ★★★★ Based on 133 reviews	Kids say age 5+ ★★★★ Based on 324 reviews
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USER REVIEWS

PARENTS SAY	KIDS SAY
Parent of a 5 and 7 year old Written by: Beth-went December 27, 2013 Underwhelmed Cute and cynical, but I just don't see why commonsensemedia and so many other reviewers are raving about this film. It's not awful, but there are quite... Continue reading	age 7+ ★★★★★ Report this review
Adult Written by: helenk November 27, 2013 Good family movie for the holiday weekend This was a good movie overall. I enjoyed how the "true love" message played out in a different way than usual. There is no real villain in the movie... Continue reading	age 5+ ★★★★★ Report this review

TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT ...

- Families can talk about Frozen's message. What do Anna and Elsa learn over the course of the movie? Kids: How can you apply the movie's lessons to your own life?
- What do you think of the act of out that saves the kingdom?

A LOT OR A LITTLE?

The parents' guide to what's in this movie.

A+ Educational Value	5 Positive Messages	5 Positive Role Models & Relationships
4 Violence & Scariness	2 Inappropriate Content	1 Language
S Consumerism	2 Drinking, Drugs & Smoking	

Athletics

On Friday 14th September 39 students represented SNPS at the Patterson & Chelsea District Athletics Championships at Ballam Park. We had strong representation across both track and field events, with our children participating in 48 events throughout the day. It was a great day with the weather turning it on for us and everyone putting in their best efforts.

Our students achieved some excellent results with them receiving 14 1st, 14 2nd and 14 3rd placings. All 1st and 2nd place getters continued on to the Kingston Division Championships on Wednesday 10th October.

A big thank you to everyone who came down and supported the students on the day and to Katie for assisting in training sessions on Monday mornings. Well done to all our students for their extraordinary efforts, they should be very proud of their achievements. It was wonderful to see our students support and encourage each other throughout the day.

On Wednesday 10th October our students competed at the Kingston Division Championships. We had 8 students qualify to compete at the Southern Metro Region Athletics Carnival on Thursday 18th October which is an outstanding level of competition to reach. We also had a few students just miss out finishing in 3rd and 4th place. I would like to thank the parents who have assisted with the transportation of students to and from these events. On behalf of the school community, we wish everyone competing at Region a wonderful competition.

Mrs Stefanie Middleton

Physical Education Teacher & Sports Co-Ordinator

