

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.

ISSUE 1

7TH FEBRUARY, 2020

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH, 2020 – CURRICULUM DAY

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Seaford North,

Welcome to the 2020 School Year

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. The first day of the new school year is always an exciting one, particularly for our Foundation students. Our Foundation parents received a very special welcome with a lovely 'Tears and Tissue Care Pack' thanks to our wonderful Parents and Friends Club. Thank you to the many parents who stayed to have a coffee and chat in our courtyard, it was lovely to get to know you better.

Mrs Debbie Thompson and Ms Nadia Harris; Ms Lauren Milne; Ms Gabrielle Tindall; Ms Emma Synnott and Ms Courtney Wright 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.

Seaford North Primary School is an exciting and engaging place to be.

We are excited to be an accredited International Baccalaureate World School. These are schools 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>

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.

Parent Teacher Meet and Greets.

We will conduct two afternoons where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher for 10 minutes. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to share information about your child and enable the important partnership to form between you and your child's teacher, a vital component to your child's wellbeing.

These will be held for years 1 to year 6 from 3.50pm to 6.00pm on Monday 24th February and Tuesday 25th February 2020.

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 \$1200 for computer equipment). I thank you again on behalf of all the children. This year I would like to welcome new staff members Mr Kornfeld, Ms, Goodridge, and Ms McDonald. We also welcome back Ms Jordan and Ms Harris. 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, new classrooms built and 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 2020. 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 over the holidays. I would like to thank: Kelly Allan, Charlie and Benjamin, Melissa Walker, Harry and Emily, Monica DuToit and Adrian, Jonathan Ellinghaus and Lily, Sally Buzza and Sophie, Renae Knowles, Jackson and Hayden, Georgie Fletcher and Lola, Paul Birnstihl, Olive and Henry, Clare Patterson and Chloe, Danielle Allen, Oscar and Archie, Katie Scroggie, Basil and Harvey, Lisa Allen, Keeley and Macy and Roger for looking after Casanova.

Without these wonderful helpers we would not have an Animal Palace.

Child Safe

Seaford North Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Our school community recognises the importance of, and a responsibility for, ensuring our school is a safe, supportive and enriching environment which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children and young people, and enables them to thrive in their learning and development.

Our Code of Conduct aims to protect children and reduce any opportunities for child abuse or harm to occur. It also assists in understanding how to avoid or better manage risky behaviours and situations. It is intended to complement child protection legislation,

Department policy, school policies and procedures and professional standards, codes or ethics as these apply to staff and other personnel.

The Principal and school leaders of Seaford North Primary School will support the implementation and monitoring of the Child Safe Standards and Code of Conduct, and will plan, implement and monitor arrangements to provide an inclusive, safe and orderly school and other learning environments. The Principal and school leaders of Seaford North Primary School will also provide information and support to enable the Child Safe Standards and Code of Conduct to operate effectively.

Our Code of Conduct and Commitment to Child Safety and all of our Child Safe Policies are available on our website

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.

Foundation students enjoying their first week of school.





Lee Murnane
Principal

FEBRUARY 2020

Wed 19 th	District Swimming Sports
Monday 24 th	1 – 6 Meet the teacher
Tuesday 25 th	3.50pm – 6.00pm

MARCH 2020

Mon 9 th	Labour Day Public holiday
Tues 10th	CURRICULUM DAY
Tues 17 th	School Photo Day
Thurs 19 th	Family Fun Night 5.30-7.00pm

PERMISSION SLIP RETURNS

District Swimming Sports notice to be returned to your child's grade teacher by **Friday 14th February..**

CSEF – If you are the holder of a **Pension Card** or a **Health Care Card** you are entitled to apply for the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund), please see the Office for an Application Form.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Students are to go to their classrooms at the start of the music. If students arrive after the 9am bell has rung then they are to go to the Office for a late pass.

Parents/guardians are to sign in at the Office if they are needing to enter any of the school buildings.



Preparing and delivering nutritious packed lunches **every Friday**

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PLG follows the Victorian Government's [Healthy Eating Advisory Service](#) for school lunchboxes.

See our full kid-friendly menu at packedlunchguy.com.au





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To Year 6 Parents

Avoid High School bill shock – join Saver Plus this month

Welcome to 2020! As your child starts Year 6, it's time to consider upcoming High School costs.

Do you know how much sending your child to Year 7 in 2021 will cost you?

Consider text books, stationery, uniforms, laptop programs, sport, music, excursions and more! Many parents tell us they are out of pocket over \$5000 for Year 7 costs at local government schools. The costs go up substantially for Catholic and private schools.

Saver Plus can help with Year 7 costs, **matching your savings up to \$500**. We support you to develop a powerful savings habit, and give you practical skills to stretch the family budget further.

To join Saver Plus you will have:

- a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card *and*
- some regular income from work (you or your partner, formal or informal) *and*
- a child at school or studying yourself *and*
- Be receiving an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment (many payments are eligible eg Family Tax Benefit A and B)

If you would like some help with Year 7 costs for next year, February is a great time to join Saver Plus.

We would love to hear from you. Call us to start saving with Saver Plus today!

Angie and Kate

Your local Saver Plus Coordinators



LONG ISLAND MINI WORLD CUP

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- For kids of all abilities from 5 to 10 years old
- Learn new skills through fun game-based activities and play modified games of cricket
- All equipment provided
- Fun and safe environment

SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR CRICKET BLAST PACK!

Includes a ball, drink bottle and drawstring bag



Every Sunday starting 16th February—8th March

9.30am—11am @Ballam Park, Frankston 3199

6 players per side—\$50pp

Girls get a \$10 discount using redemption code: **ISLAND10**

If interested please contact Alistair Burge: ABurge@cricketvictoria.com.au

REGISTER NOW!



The Waterfront Festival 2020

Date: Saturday 15 February, 11am–10pm and Sunday 16 February, 11am–6pm
Cost: FREE entry with costs for rides, market stalls, food and amusements
Location: 7N Pier Promenade, Frankston Waterfront



The Waterfront Festival is your chance to play by the Bay!!!

Relax on the lawn while you enjoy live music, and fuel your weekend of fun with delicious cuisine from some of Victoria's best food trucks. Shop till you drop at the market stalls then grab a friend and brave one of the many rides and amusements on offer.

On Saturday night, be dazzled by a spectacular fireworks display launched from the end of Frankston Pier and don't forget to bring your swimmers to take advantage of the many water-based activities available across the weekend. Find all event information below:

www.waterfrontfestival.com.au

What is an 'Essential Agreement'?

Welcome to another action-packed school year at SNPS! All of our teachers and students have already been working hard, getting to know each other and setting up for a wonderful year of learning.

In a PYP school, every class and every team, has an **essential agreement**, which sets the tone for **collaboration** and **teamwork** and ensures everyone understands the shared expectations. As I write this, our teachers and children are busy discussing and exploring what helps and hinders their learning and wellbeing and utilising these ideas to come up with their own essential agreement. Students and teachers work together to phrase their ideas as positive statements (things we **should do**, rather than a list of don'ts). They spend time refining, revising and building understanding of this list until a set of statements that everyone agrees to, is developed. Children then sign the agreement to show their commitment to upholding the shared expectations.

Essential agreements are a living document, they are referred to often and when needed, adjustments are made.

Some of the statements that our children have already come up with include:

- We take risks and challenge ourselves when learning new things
- We are positive and resilient
- We communicate effectively with each other by listening and being open-minded and accepting of other people's opinions and ideas
- We use our creativity and ideas

It is an absolute pleasure to see how well our children **understand** their learning needs and those of their peers!

A little later in the term, you can expect a copy of your child/ren's essential agreement to be sent home. Please feel free to chat with them about what the agreement means to them and how it supports them in their learning, wellbeing and ability to effectively collaborate with their classmates. Their thoughtful responses may just surprise you!

Chloe Gannon
PYP Coordinator

Seaford 3198 Beach Patrol 2020



We've added something new in 2020 to help entertain and engage the kids during beach cleans. Bring on the Trash Treasure Hunt! There are four different Trash Treasure Hunt lists with varying degrees of difficulties, fun for kids of all ages! Try and complete the Trash Treasure Hunt to win a sustainable prize and help learn even more about preventing unnecessary waste!

See our 2020 Calendar Below and sign up here:

<https://www.beachpatrol.com.au/Member-Sign-Up>



How to Pack A Nude Food - Zero Waste Lunch Box

<https://www.biome.com.au/blog/pack-a-nude-food-zero-waste-lunch-box/>

Fundraising? Check out this sustainable option!

https://www.biome.com.au/content/253-fundraiser?utm_source=Biome+Community&utm_campaign=9966a98e8b-EDM_210120_BTS30wavstoreduceimpact&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_dc1b137b5e-9966a98e8b-216598005&mc_cid=9966a98e8b&mc_eid=329b976586

