

NEWSLETTER

9th February 2023

Term 1, Issue 1

Diary Dates – 2023

FEBRUARY

- 17 Chinese New Year whole school celebration
- 28 Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet Grade 1 – 6 4pm – 6pm

MARCH

- 1 Foundation students start attending Wednesdays
- 1 Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet Grade 1 – 6 4pm – 6pm
- 23 School photos
- 30 Family Fun Event; 2pm – 3:30pm

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.

Principal's Report



Welcome to Seaford North PS for 2023.

On behalf of all our staff, a warm welcome to all our students and parents for the 2023 school year. Hope you have all had a wonderful time over the summer holidays. I thank our staff for their hard work over the holidays to ensure all was ready in

classrooms and offices for a smooth start to school. We are pleased to be welcoming new staff members to SNPS, Zac Taylor will be teaching Year 3T, Bobby Tran 1T, Jaclyn Small 1SM, and aides Sarah Elias, Carissa Coughlin, Sally Henderson, and Mashi Weerakkody joins our Admin Team.

On Tuesday our new Foundation students commenced their first day of school. There were lots of smiling faces, a few tears and photos being taken that will be lasting memories of this very important occasion. Welcome and best wishes to our new staff members and families who are starting with us also.

A reminder that unless students are attending before care with Team Kids they should not be onsite at school before 8.45am. Teachers are supervising the school grounds from 8.45am onwards.

Please come up and say hi if you see me in the yard both before and after school, and if you need a bit longer to chat or have something that you would prefer to sit down and discuss, please feel free to speak to the office about making time to come in and see me. You can also contact me via Compass, or by sending an email to the office which will be passed on to me.

I look forward to a wonderful year of learning and laughing together!

Principal
Lee Murnane



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their Elders past, present and emerging.

Our Foundation Students





Family Fun Event

Event to run Thursday 30th March from 2:00-3:30pm with all parents invited. With activities for all grade levels outside on the oval, such as egg and spoon, sack, three-legged race etc.

More information to come.

Parent/Teacher 'Meet and Greet'

'Meet and Greet' Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held in your child's classroom for Grade 1 to Grade 6 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March 2023. The Meet and Greet gives parents/carers the opportunity to provide valuable information to their child's new teacher.

The parents/carers of the 2023 Foundation students have had this opportunity earlier this term and are not required to attend. However, if you were unable to attend a meeting, please feel free to arrange a suitable time with your child's Foundation teacher at any stage. Scheduled meetings were conducted for our Foundation students during February.

Meetings are scheduled for no longer than 10 minutes. Longer meetings can be scheduled directly with your child's classroom teacher if needed.

Booking Process via Compass

For these interviews we are using COMPASS online booking system. All families will receive a notification once the booking system is ready to be used.

By using Compass, you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best. If there are any issues accessing the internet for booking purposes, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Please access the system as follows:

- Go to the school's home page: www.seaford-northps.vic.edu.au and click on the COMPASS icon, or access via your electronic mobile device.
- If you encounter any problems when making a booking for your child/ren, please contact your child/ren's classroom teacher.

Animal Palace Helpers

We also had many parents and children who helped in our Animal Palace over the holidays. I would like to thank: Kylie Heitsch (Annilese and Benjamin), Graeme Cater, Jonathan Ellinghaus (Lily), Rachel Diamond (Ashley), Paul Birnstihl (Oliver and Henry), Jess Chrimes (Eve and Max), Emma Waxman (Francesca), Chantelle Aylward (Jae), Jane Thorn (Gemma and James), Natalie Finney (Elliot and Adele) and Kelly Matthews (Lauren).

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

The Resilience Project – Student Journals



Mental health is a growing concern in our community especially with our youth. It is alarming that the statistics show a large increase in issues even with primary age students. Our highly successful Resilience Project will continue this year. Through our programs at Seaford North PS, we will inspire our children to practise the evidence-based strategies that build resilience, mindfulness and improve mental health, decision making and coping skills.

The Resilience Project is about to begin in all classrooms. Our aim is to build awareness and understanding around strategies to assist our children to develop resilience, practise gratitude, mindfulness and empathy.

All our children need The Resilience Project Student Journal if they are to successfully participate in this valuable program.

Gratitude and Mindfulness (Questions to 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?

Seaford North School Council

Seaford North PS is governed by our School Council. The Council is made up of volunteers from our parent community and also from our teaching staff, including myself. Justine Fletcher is the current President of our Council. We will be running nominations and elections for the 2023 School Council over the next few weeks. You may be interested in joining our Council and contributing to our school's development over the next two years. Further information about the nomination and election process will be available shortly. If you are interested or have any questions please contact me.

Reminders from the Office

REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS

1st Session: 9:00am – 10:40am

Recess: 10:40am – 11:10am

2nd Session: 11:10am – 1:00pm

Lunch: 1:00pm – 1:50pm

3rd Session: 1:50pm – 3:30pm

Late arrivals

If your child/ren arrive after 9:00am please make sure you come to the office to get a late pass. Parents are able to sign their children in using the Compass Kiosk. The late pass slip can then be taken to the teacher in the classroom. Any children who arrive after 9:00am and do not come to the office for a late pass will be marked as absent and a message will be sent home to parents notifying them that their child is not at school.

Early collection

Should you need to pick your student up early from school on any day, please let the office staff know and they will pass the message on to the teacher - teachers are not always free to check or respond to messages during the day.

You will need to attend the office to sign out your student either on the Compass Kiosk or with the office staff, then you can collect your student from their classroom.

Recess is from 10.40am to 11.10am – we recommend you come prior to 10.35am

Lunch is from 1.00pm to 1.50pm – we recommend you come prior to 12.55pm

If you need to collect your student between 3.10pm and 3.30pm, please come to the office before 3.10pm as the end of school days are particularly busy.

If you would like someone else to collect your student, please ensure they are either listed as an emergency contact or you have let office staff know who they are. They will also need to bring ID

Absences

It is a department requirement that all student absences are explained by a parent/carer. If your child is absent from school, please enter an attendance note on Compass or call the office and leave a message detailing your child's name, class and why they are absent.

The office will be contacting parents of students who have unexplained absences so that attendance notes can be entered onto Compass.

2023 Term Dates

Term 1 – Students in Grades 1 – 6 start Monday 30th January, Foundation students start Tuesday 31st January at 9.30am to Thursday 6th April.

Foundation students will not attend school on Wednesday for the month of February. Wednesdays will be testing days and one appointment time will be allocated.

Term 2 – Monday 24th April to Friday 23rd June.

Term 3 – Monday 10th July to Friday 15th September.

Term 4 – Monday 2nd October to Wednesday 20th December

2026 TERM DATES

There have been changes to Victorian school term dates for 2026. This will provide an opportunity for Victorian communities to participate more broadly in the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

The 2026 Commonwealth Games will take place across regional Victoria from Tuesday 17th March to Sunday 29th March 2026, with Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat, Gippsland and Shepparton hosting a range of activities and events for 20 different sports and 9 para-sports.

The 2026 Victorian school term dates are:

Term 1 - Tuesday 27th January to Friday 13th March 2026

Term 2 - Monday 30th March to Friday 19th June 2026

Term 3 - Monday 6th July to Friday 18th September 2026

Term 4 - Monday 5th October to Friday 18th December 2026

For the list of school term dates until the end of 2030, refer to [School term dates and holidays in Victoria.](#)

Library Books

There are still a number of library books yet to be returned from last year. If you have any library books at home that are overdue to be returned could you please send them back to school as soon as possible.

Subway

Subway lunches are back! Subways will be available to order for lunch on Fridays - just head to canteenhub.com.au to order. **The cut off day and time for Subway orders is Wednesday at 10.30am.** Any difficulties or errors, please email contact@subsforyou.com.



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Primary Music Institute (PMI)



Instrumental Music Lessons- on school campus
Places available for Term 1, 2023



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$20.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home –contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education (the department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- **Student background information** – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.

- **Immunisation status** – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
- **Visa status** – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the:

[Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)



School Sport Victoria Team Online Registration Process.

12 Years and Under

Registration for trials for **AFL, Cricket, Golf, Netball, Soccer, Hockey, Rugby, Softball and Basketball** for state teams are now open.

The SSV website www.ssv.vic.edu.au provides important information and a video on the process as well as application forms and must be visited.

Key points include:

1. Parents must consult with their Sport Teacher/Coordinator at the school to ensure their child has a high skill level to trial and represent their school.
2. It is imperative that teachers will decide on your child's capability of representing their school at a state level **before** registering online.
3. This discussion with the school Sport Teacher is necessary as all students **MUST** get the Sport Teacher/Coordinator and the Principal signature on their registration form prior to attending a trial.
4. The Eventbrite ticket, application form signed by the Principal and Sport Teacher/Coordinator and proof of payment must be handed to the Division Trial Coordinator on the day of the trial.
5. Applicants will be notified of arrangements for the Division trial once registrations have closed.

Note: Registrations close 11.59pm Wednesday 1 March 2023

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

Drum Lessons



At Seaford Nth Primary Starting Term 1, 2023!

Drum Lessons will be starting at Seaford North Primary School in Term1 - 2023, with Noel Tenny. Noel has been teaching for more than 25 years, and has performed both nationally & internationally. Past band include - Frankie J Holden, Bjorn Again, Pean, Captain Spalding. Noel is currently playing & touring with both "The Australian INXS show", and the Bon Jovi Tribute "Blaze of Glory". He also plays in wedding band, The Baker boys.

Drum lessons are one on one and held at a suitable time during school hours. Noel's aim is to get students playing along with as much music as possible (lots of songs!), as well as working on technique, various beats, and technical exercises.

Students will need a pair of drum sticks and a folder for music sheets to get started. Students progress much quicker if they have a drum kit or electronic drum kit to practice on, but is not essential to get started.

Year levels prep to 6, 20 min lessons = \$26 per lesson, half hour lessons = \$36 per lesson.

For expressions of interest & any other questions please contact Noel on 0419355041, or email tomtomtenny@gmail.com



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