NEWSLETTER



14th September 2023

Term 3, Issue 12

Diary Dates – 2023 SEPTEMBER

- 15 Footy & Sports Colours Day
- 15 Last Day Term 3 (early finish 1:30pm)

OCTOBER

- 2 Curriculum Day (No School)
- 3 First Day for Students for Term 4
- 13 Gr 4 Museum of Chinese Australian History Excursion

NOVEMBER

- 6 Curriculum Day (No School)
- 13 Gr 5/6 Woorabindo Camp Week
- 27 Gr 3/4 Phillip Island Camp (Leaving)
- 29 Gr 3/4 Phillip Island Camp (Returning)

DECEMBER

- 19 Last Day of Term 4 for students (Normal finish time 3:30pm)
- 20 Curriculum Day (No School)

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.



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.

Principal's Report

Dear SNPS Families

WOW! What an amazing Term 3 it has been – jam packed with exciting activities and special events here at SNPS.

Staff Update

As the term ends, I would also like to provide a staff update. Our fabulous science teacher, Ms Deb Bruenjes, is relocating to sunny Queensland with her family. We wish Ms Bruenjes all the best with her future endeavours. Ms Bruenjes, we thank you for all your efforts!

Ms Katie Watterson is also finishing her time with us at SNPS. Ms Watterson is expecting her 4th child and we wish her and her family well during this very special time. Thank you, Ms Watterson, for your time here at SNPS - your dedication to the Visual Arts program has not gone unnoticed. We look forward to meeting your little one!

As we say goodbye to these two wonderful staff members, we also say a huge welcome and hello to our two new staff members.

We welcome Ms Jessie Shattock to the team. Ms Shattock will be taking over as our science teacher, three days a week.

We would also like to welcome Ms Renee Murdoch. Ms Murdoch has been employed as our Visual Arts teacher, three days a week. Ms Murdoch will

be working with Ms Jordan to continue the fabulous work happening in our Visual Arts program.

PLEASE NOTE:

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER EARLY FINISH TIME: 1:30PM

TERM 4 BEGINS TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER – ALL STUDENTS RETURN





Student hats

In accordance with our SunSmart policy, whenever the UV index reaches 3 or above, students are to commence wearing hats. We are requesting that all children wear a sun protective hat, such as, broad-brimmed, bucket-style or legionnaire hat, that shades the face, neck and ears for all outdoor activities (including recess, lunch and P.E.) from **Monday 11th September.** Students who are not wearing an appropriate protective hat will be asked to play in a designated shaded area.

As we prepare to welcome Mr Lee Murnane back to SNPS as Principal, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community.

Our staff (leadership, teachers, integration aides, office admin) thank you for all your tremendous hard work this term.

To our parents/carers, your support is essential. We thank you for this and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership for the betterment of all our students.

And of course, the biggest thank you is reserved for the most important members of this fabulous school community – our students. Thank you for demonstrating to us all what can be achieved when you put your mind to it!

I am very proud of everyone's achievements. The level of commitment, dedication and resilience demonstrated by all our school community members is to be commended.... yet again!

Just a reminder to all our families that I will resume my position as Assistant Principal next term. I look forward to working with all our SNPS families – please do not hesitate to make an appointment via the office to see me. I am always happy to discuss ways our brilliant school staff can continue to support our fabulous students.

Have a wonderful break, stay safe and above all, have fun with family, friends and loved ones.

Looking forward to seeing all our families back at school on Tuesday 3rd October – don't forget Monday 2nd October is a Curriculum Day – student free day.

Take care everyone.

Anthy Seremetis Acting Principal

YouChoose Production

As we all know, our School Production was a ROARING success! All our students did an amazing job. A special shout out to Ms Jaqui O'Leary for coordinating this massive event. Thank you to all our staff for their tireless efforts. Thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting this event – tremendous things happen when we all work in partnership.

To our brilliant choreographers Maria and Anto from 'icandance'. Thank you again for working with our students and staff. We are so appreciative of all your efforts.

To our fantastic volunteers – thank you for your time and dedication. We appreciate everything that you all contributed to making this production a major success.











YouChoose School Production USB Ordering

A reminder that you only have until midnight on the 6th of October to order a copy of our school production.

Qantem Multimedia professionally filmed the matinee of the production, and the link below can used to order USB's or an MP4 File download. The download will also include special behind the scenes footage from rehearsals, as well as cast and dance rehearsal photos and videos.

USBs: \$35 MP4: \$25

https://www.trybooking.com/CLBLW

Orders will be received from the 9th – 13th October. MP4 Links will be emailed directly to the email address supplied when ordering and USB copies will be delivered directly to the school.

F – 4 Swimming Program

Our F-4 Swimming Program took place this term at Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre (PARC). The students had an incredible time. Thank you to the staff at PARC for their efforts. Our PE staff also did an incredible job coordinating our swimming program. To our staff and students here at SNPS, we thank you for your flexibility and cooperation in ensuring that our swimming program ran smoothly. Thank you also to our parent/carer volunteers who came along to support and assist with this important program – much appreciated.























Gotcha, House and Science Week Colouring Awards











Students of the Week





District Athletics

On Tuesday September 12th, 48 students from SNPS proudly represented our school in the Patterson District Athletics Carnival at Ballam Park. We were proud to have students competing in a variety of track and field events including 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus, Shotput and 100m relay. Our attending teachers were proud of the encouragement, teamwork and positive attitudes shown throughout the day. We appreciate our families and students being understanding of the last-minute postponement of the original event due to poor weather. We were grateful for a rescheduled date that brought warm weather and sunny skies. We would like to acknowledge the students who qualified into the District Athletics event but were unable to attend due to the date change or illness. A big thank you to parents and family members for supporting our students on the day.

A special shoutout to our podium finishers:

Aiden Paul: 1st Shot Put

Aiden Van-Leur: 2nd 800m Run & 1st 1500m Run

Ariel Cole: 1st 1500m Run
Charlotte Mether: 1st Hurdles
Cooper Smith: 2nd 1500m Run

Eve Lambert: 1st 1500m Run
Harvey Hough: 2nd Shot Put
Hunter Booth: 1st High Jump
Ivy-Rose Robbins: 2nd Discus

Lily Zhara: 1st 100m SprintMackenzie Boldiz: 1st High Jump

Marcus Santoni-Drakos: 2nd High Jump & 3rd Long Jump

Nash Livermore: 1st High Jump

Noah Packer: 1st 100m Sprint & 1st Hurdles
 Patrick Noonan: 1st 800m Run & 1st 1500m

Parker Beverley: 1st Shot PutWill Sheehan: 2nd Discus

Zoe Zigouras: 2nd Triple Jump

 9-10 year old boys: Max Kelly, Noah Packer, Marcus Santoni-Drakos and Henry Kunkel-Dowd: 1st Place in the 4x100m relay.

• 12-13 year old girls: Lily Zahra, Frankie Collins, Ariel Cole, Anni Heitsch: 1st Place in the 4x100m relay.











STEM Conference - Carrum Primary School

Six Seaford North students recently attended a STEAM Design and Maker (Science, technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) Conference at Carrum Primary School on Friday 25th August. The conference was run by students from a range of local schools who have been completing different STEAM based projects at their schools. There were a number of students speaking about their projects in areas like biomimicry, robotics, Minecraft, electrical engineering and 3D printing. Our students got the opportunity to engage in two 90 minute workshops where they got to explore bio mimicry and use



nature to inspire designs to solve problems or improve functionality of current inventions. Using microscopes connected to laptops, students explored natural objects up close to help think of different uses or functions nature could be used for. Students then got to design a 3D bug house using Tinker CAD, taking into account the dimensions, movement and needs of different bugs. All students were risk takers and presented their designs on the big screen. An awesome day was had by all.





















eSafety at SNPS

ESMART AND SAFE SCHOOLS

As part of Seaford North Primary School's ongoing approach and commitment to eSafety, our newsletters will contain regular information about what our students are learning in the classroom about Digital Literacy.









Our newsletters will also provide resources and articles that may assist our community in creating and supporting healthy and safe digital behaviours and attitudes for our students. Our first installment comes directly from the eSafety Commissioner with tips and tricks about healthy screen time.



eSmart Coordinators, Rachael Hickling and Fiona Kops

eSafety parents

Screen time for your child - 7 tips

There is a lot of conflicting advice and emerging research around screen time. But, the right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine. It can be easy to focus only on the clock and how long your child is spending in front of the screen, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement are just as important.

Consider your child's screen use in the context of their overall health and wellbeing – for example, is online time getting in the way of their sleep and exercise? Is it impacting on their face-to-face connections with family and friends? The answers to these questions will guide you and help strike the right balance of online and offline activities for your child.



1. Be involved

Sharing screen time and online activities like gaming with your child helps you gauge the appropriateness of what they are doing and manage potential risks. It's also a great way to start conversations with your child about their online experiences.

2. Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use

If you decide that setting screen time limits is right for you and your child, discuss these new rules with your child. Older children are more likely to cooperate if they have been part of the decision-making process. Colourful pictures or charts of daily limits and other important activities is a fun way to get younger children on board.

3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off

Part of our role as parents is to set clear limitations and boundaries. The same applies to technology limitations so, being clear and consistent about the consequences for your child if they do not stick to these rules is paramount. The Raising Children Network provides some useful tools and advice.



4. Set device-free zones and times at home

Device-free zones can help you manage your family's digital use. Here are some ideas for setting digital boundaries within your home:

- · no devices in the bedroom for younger children
- · all screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children
- · all screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime
- · all family members switch off at dinner time
- · charge devices overnight in a place your child cannot access



6. Use tech tools to help manage access

There are robust products and device functions which allow you to see which apps are being used in your home and for how long. But try not to use these tools to secretly monitor your child. Instead, be open about the process and check the whole family's usage, including your own. Start with Google Family Link for Android devices or parental controls and Screen Time for iPhone/iPad.



Your behaviour is one of the most effective ways to help your child develop a positive digital mindset. Show your child you can put down your device too.



5. Ask your child to explain their screen use

Get your child in the habit of explaining why they want to be in front of a screen or online. It's a great way to get them thinking about their own digital habits and balancing screen time with other activities.



Footy and Sports Colours Day

On the last day of Term 3 (Friday, September 15th), the Junior School Council will be hosting our annual Footy & Sports Colours Day.

Students are welcome to come to school dressed in their favourite AFL team colours, or colours of another sporting code.

Depending on weather conditions, there will be a longest kick competition held on the school oval. Certificates will be awarded at assembly to the longest male and female kickers for each class.



News from the Parents & Friends of SNPS

Family Movie Night

The proposed date of the Family Movie Night is yet to be confirmed. Stay tuned for more information.

SNPS Fete Update

A fete donation calendar has been sent home with students.

On each of the days, students can come to school in casual clothes and bring along the corresponding donation.

Please note: the theme of the dress-up for Friday, September 15th is the SNPS footy and sports colours day. Students can bring a pre-loved book beginning

Friday 15th September through to Friday 6th October (end of first week term 4).

The donated books will be collected by the class teachers and JSC representatives will also assist with this.

Uniforms/Belongings

We have noticed a number of jumpers, hats, drink bottles and other uniform items appearing around the school without names. Please be vigilant in clearly naming all uniform items and personal belongings (lunch boxes, sports equipment etc.). This allows us to return any found items to the rightful owner.

Road Safety Around the School

Just a friendly reminder of the importance of road safety during pick up and drop off times. To assist us in maintaining a safe environment during these busy times, please remember to observe ALL street signs located around our school: Airlie Grove, Hallifax Street and Clovelley Parade. Please do not cause congestion by pulling up in areas where cars are constantly moving through. To ensure that all our students are able to safely enter and exit their cars, please find a suitable parking spot beyond the No Standing signs. Thank you everyone for making SNPS a safe environment for all!

Please also be considerate of our neighbours and turn your engine off if you are parking for longer periods outside their home and do not block their driveways.

Reminders from the Office

2024 Foundation Enrolment Forms

A reminder that if you have a child starting school next year, please return your enrolment form to the office as soon as possible.



NAPLAN Results

If you have not already collected your child's NAPLAN results, please come and collect them from the office as soon as possible.

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 child up early from school, 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 child, either on the Compass Kiosk or with the office staff, then you can collect your child from their classroom.

Recess is from 10:40am to 11:10am – we recommend you come prior to 10:30am

Lunch is from 1:00pm to 1:50pm - we recommend you come prior to 12:50pm or after 2pm

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 child/ren, 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.

Regular School Hours	2023 Term Dates
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	 Term 1 – Students in Grades 1 – 6 start Monday 30th January, Foundation students start Tuesday 31st January at 9:30am to Thursday 6th April. 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

Upcoming Excursions and Incursions

All upcoming excursions and incursions will appear as events on Compass and will require consent, and where required, payment to be completed by parents before the cut off date of the event. If consent and payment (as required) is not received by the cut off date it will no longer be accepted through Compass and may result in your child not being able to attend. Please find below a list of the upcoming events and cut off dates for consent and payment.

Event	Date	Cost	Cut off date
Grade 4 Museum of Chinese Australian History	Oct 13	\$33.00	Fri 6 Oct
Grade 5/6 Woorabinda Camp	Nov 13 – Nov 17	\$200.00	Mon 23 Oct
Grade 3/4 Phillip Island Camp	Nov 27 – Nov 29	\$50 Deposit	Tues 3 Oct

Primary Music Institute (PMI)



Instrumental Music Lessons - on school campus Places available for Term 4, 2023







- 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 campus with lessons typically during school hours

 Only \$20.so 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!

P: 1300 362 824 <u>E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au</u> <u>www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au</u>

Drum Lesson at SNPS

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

Team Kids

TeamKids have another amazing Spring Holiday program planned!

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- Delicious and nutritious morning and afternoon snacks
- CCS-approved care

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