

NEWSLETTER



17th October 2023

Term 4, Issue 13

Diary Dates – 2023

OCTOBER

- 23 Book Fair Begins
- 27 Book Fair Ends
- 30 Grandparents & Special Friends Day (2pm – 3:30pm)

NOVEMBER

- 2 Gr 6 PYP Exhibition
- 6 Curriculum Day (No School)
- 7 Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)
- 13 Gr 5/6 Woorabinda Camp Week
- 17 Gr 2 Legoland Excursion
- 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 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.

Enrolments

We are continuing to accept in zone and sibling enrolments for all year levels for the 2024 school year. Our projected enrolments help to determine class structure and staffing requirements. Early confirmation of student numbers is essential to ensure this process is managed effectively and provides the best possible learning outcomes for SNPS students.

Class Placement

The process that Seaford North Primary School works through to plan each student's class placement begins months before the end of the school year and as students progress from Foundation to Year 6, it is expected they will learn to work with and relate to a range of teachers and students.

We strive to make classes harmonious in design with a wide variety of talents, abilities and interests. Please note that classes are not allocated to teachers until groups are formed, in other words, it is the dynamic of each group that is the focus rather than the teacher.



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We endeavour to ensure that students are placed in year level groups that maximise social and emotional development, learning potential and engagement. Our staff put a lot of time and effort into creating balanced, positive learning environments with consideration for all students within each year level.

Desirable criteria, as listed below, act as a guide for consideration and discussion and are not intended to be inclusive or exclusive of any other.

2024 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.

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 the following 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. Occasionally some parents have pertinent information to assist in the placement of their child such as.

- a change of family circumstance
- specific learning needs
- personality idiosyncrasies
- conflict with other children
- any educational concerns or needs regarding their child/ren's class placement for 2024.

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 **Tuesday 31st October 2023**.

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 2023.

Each child is asked to:

'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 just because they are best friends, they may not work well together in class.)

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.

Dealing with distressing online content

With the tragic and distressing events unfolding in the Middle East, Australia's independent regulator for online safety, [eSafety](#), has issued guidance to help parents and carers support their children in dealing with distressing online content.

Children should not be on most social media sites legally until they are 13 years of age.

The eSafety website has [resources for parents and carers](#) about online safety. These include information on extra precautions you can take to protect your children from seeing disturbing content online.

eSafety encourage parents and carers supporting young people who may be more vulnerable to check in with them. If they are presenting with signs of distress, support is available through external services including:

- [headspace](#): 1800 650 890
- [Kids Helpline](#): 1800 551 800
- [Lifeline](#): 13 11 14
- [Beyond Blue](#): 1300 224 636.

Referendum BBQ and Cake Stall

What a wonderful community we have. Thanks to everyone who donated delicious baked goods. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time for the BBQ, to sell cakes and clean up. It was great to see some students and graduated students there helping too. You are all amazing and we couldn't have made it a success without you.



Lee Murnane
Principal

District Athletics 2023

On Friday 6th October, 20 students from SNPS proudly represented our school in the Kingston Division Athletics Carnival at Duncan Mackinnon athletics centre. Qualifying into a Division event is an impressive achievement. All our students showed exceptional talent, commitment and perseverance in their respective events. Our attending teachers were very proud of the positive attitudes and encouragement shown throughout the day. A special thank you to parents and family members in their support in driving their children to the track so that they could take part in this event.



Chinese Dumplings – Yum!

Chinese Dumplings

Last week, our Foundation students had an exciting opportunity to make Chinese dumplings. They enthusiastically learned the techniques for making dumplings and displayed great care as they folded and sealed the dumplings. The joy and delight were evident on everyone's face while making and tasting these yummy dumplings!




Gotcha and House Awards



Students of the Week



Book Fair and Grandparents & Special Friends Day



Hats Off to Reading!

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO SEAFORD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL!

In exciting news, the Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Seaford North Primary School this term in Week 4! The Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity for students and their families to browse and purchase from a range of fantastic books from Scholastic. Students will have an opportunity to browse the Book Fair with their classes and to write a Wish list. Parents and students will then have an opportunity to purchase from the fair at one of the Buying times, before and after school, or via a pre-payment option from their Wish lists.

BOOK FAIR DETAILS

WHERE: BER Building (middle of the Prep building)


WHEN: Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

Browsing times: Students will browse and create 'Wish lists' during class time

Buying times : Wednesday 25th - 8.30 – 8.55am
-3.45 – 4.30pm
Thursday 26th - 8.30 – 8.55am
-3.45 – 4.30pm

The Book Fair is an excellent fundraiser for our school, with rewards and vouchers going directly to the school in order to purchase new resources for students in their classrooms. The more great books the community buys, the more great books SNPS will receive! As end of year approaches, it might also be a great time to stock up on some Christmas presents!

We look forward to seeing you at our Seaford North PS Book Fair 2023!



UPWARD and ONWARD
SEAFORD NORTH
Primary School

YOU ARE INVITED TO

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY!

SEAFORD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
81 HALLIFAX ST, SEAFORD.

MONDAY OCTOBER 30TH 2-3.30PM

GRANDPARENTS, SPECIAL FRIENDS AND FAMILIES ALL WELCOME

NO NEED TO R.S.V.P

SNPS Breakfast Club

A reminder that we are looking for parent/carer volunteers to assist us in running our SNPS Breakfast Club.

The number of volunteers that apply will determine the number of days we can run the Breakfast Club.
Working With Childrens' Check is required.

No experience is necessary - just a smile and willingness to work as part of the team will get you through the door 😊

We anticipate that Breakfast Club will run from 8:30am through to 9:00am.

Please send a short email to seaford.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au stating which days you are available.

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



EACH DONATION DAY IS CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

15 SEPTEMBER PRE-LOVED BOOKS	27 OCTOBER LOLLIES	24 NOVEMBER FILLED JARS	DECEMBER
23 FEBRUARY CHOCOLATE BLOCKS & EASTER EGGS	8 MARCH FAN SIZE CHOCOLATE	22 MARCH CAKE STALL	23 MARCH 2024 SCHOLASTIC FETE

FETE DONATIONS



A fete donation calendar has been sent home with students last term.

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

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 Clovelly 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, or give us a call to arrange an alternative method of collection.

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 5/6 Woorabinda Camp	Nov 13 – Nov 17	\$200.00	Mon 23 Oct
Gr 2 Legoland Excursion	Nov 17	\$29.00	Fri 10 Nov
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



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 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!

P: 1300 362 824 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

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.

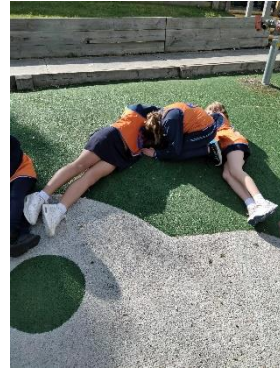
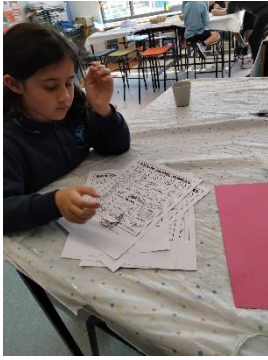
Drum lessons are one on one and held at a suitable time during school hours. Noel's aim is to get students playing along with as much music as possible (lots of songs!), as well as working on technique, various beats, and technical exercises.

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 tomtontenny@gmail.com

Join the fun at Team Kids!



Advertisements

WE NEED YOU!

THE FUTURE OF

Seaford Kindergarten:

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Consulation Phase

The site at Seaford Kindergarten is being redeveloped in 2025 by Frankston City Council to provide more kindergarten places and hours within an integrated building!

This flyer has been produced by the Staff and Management of Seaford Kindergarten.

What makes us Seaford Kindergarten?

- Run by the community through a Parent Committee of Management.
- A passionate, dedicated and dynamic staffing team.
- Our History! More than 60 years as Seaford Kindergarten on this current site, providing education and care to Seaford's children and families.
- Connections with families, the local community and unique natural environment.

Website: <https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/>
Email: seaford.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

What can I do?

- Contribute your ideas through the online council consultation platform. You can use the ideas on the left to help us maintain the unique feeling of Seaford Kindergarten.
- Share the news about the new development with others.
- Email or write letters to us about what you love at Seaford Kindergarten.
- Keep an eye out for updates from Frankston City Council or Seaford Kindergarten.



The Carrum Downs CFA invites you to attend our

2023 OPEN DAY



Saturday 28th October

Join the fun from 10am to 3pm

Live firefighting Water squirting targets
SES Rescue Captain Koala Colouring for kids
Sausage sizzle
Displays Learn CPR Water squirting targets
And lots more

MyTime term plan

mytime.net.au

Frankston Monday Morning 10am - Midday

Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

Unwind and share experiences with others who understand

BAM ARTS INC.

Supporting parents of children with disabilities

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
Mondays 2/10/2023	Guest Speaker: Julie Fisher (Author/Disability Advocate) topic - General Discussion	Dancing Craft activities
9/10/2023	Guest Speaker: Kim Henderson, (NDIS Coordinator) topic - NDIS	Toys and blocks
23/10/2023	Learn: Yoga Nidra	Stories and Singing
30/10/2023	Coffee & Chat	
13/11/2023	Make: Fondant Cake Toppers	
20/11/2023	Guest Speaker: Kylie Watt (Alfred Health Carers Service) topic - Carers Gateway	
27/11/2023	Discussion: Surviving the Holidays. Sharing ideas about holiday activities & taking care of yourself	
Final Session 4/12/2023	Make: Yummy Bliss Balls	

NOTE: No sessions 16/10/2023 & 6/11/2023

- It's support for you
- It's free to join
- Professional support
- Pre-school aged children are welcome

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- Meet new people and spend time with your family and friends.
- Participate in a variety of different events at your weekly meets.
- Improve your physical fitness and mental wellbeing.
- Have the opportunity to participate at local centre meets & state competitions.
- Achieve your personal best and continue to improve your skills.

REGISTER TODAY AT lavic.com.au

Summer 2023/24

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

Girls

U8
Chelsea: Monday Afternoons
Frankston: Saturday Mornings

U10
Frankston: Saturday Mornings

U12
Frankston: Saturday Afternoons

U14
Frankston: Saturday Afternoons

Boys

Limited places available across both associations U10-U18, please contact us for availability



Monday - Friday | 9:30am - 3:30pm
03 9783 0642 | admin@semmagic.club