

# NEWSLETTER



14th December 2023

Term 4, Issue 16

## Diary Dates – 2023

### DECEMBER

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

### 2024

#### JANUARY

- 29 Curriculum Day (No School)
- 30 Term 1 commences for Gr 1 – 6 students
- 30 Foundation Meet the Teacher Interviews
- 31 Foundation students commence 9:30am

#### FEBRUARY

- 6 Parent Teacher Meet & Greet (Gr 1 -6)
- 7 Parent Teacher Meet & Greet (Gr 1 -6)

## 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 and carers

As most of you already know I have announced my retirement at the end of the school year, after 50 years of dedicated service in the field of education, with the last 12 years being here as Principal of Seaford North Primary School.

Being part of the Seaford North family has been an incredible journey filled with meaningful experiences, cherished memories, and the privilege of witnessing countless students grow and thrive. The support and camaraderie of this community and my wonderful teaching and support staff have played an integral role in making my time here so rewarding.

Together, we have achieved significant milestones and worked tirelessly to provide the best possible education for our students.

Thank you all for the support, trust, and encouragement you have shown me throughout my tenure. I will carry the memories and lessons learned here with me into the next phase of my life.

## Christmas Concert

Even though the weather wasn't looking great we were able to enjoy a whole school event with all members of our school community coming together to celebrate our music program through our Christmas Concert.

The students were so excited to be able to share their singing and dance moves with their families as they performed on our mini stage in a wonderful, party atmosphere. Our rehearsal was enjoyable enough, but the performance was even better, the excitement and atmosphere were electric.



### PLEASE NOTE:

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 FOR STUDENTS –  
TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER  
NORMAL FINISH TIME: 3:30PM



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## End of Term 4

As the school year draws to an end, it is time to reflect on the exemplary achievements of the school year.

The academic achievements are one thing, but the human achievement is another unique success. Our team-teaching approach, together with the support of our CRTs, has enabled our teaching and learning programs to continue without any interruption.

Our students managed seamlessly, regardless of what teacher was in the room at any time.

Your children are a credit to you as parents and I do hope you are very proud of how far they have come this year; I know every staff member of SNPS is extremely proud of every child in their care.



## State Orientation Day

The 12th December was State Orientation Day – the final transition day for our Foundation students with their new class and teacher. This session takes place between 9.30am and lunchtime.

Current students have their visit to their new grades and our Grade 6 students visit their secondary schools. We hope our Grade 6 students had a successful visit to their new school.

## Graduation

On Wednesday the 13th December our fabulous Grade 6 students celebrated seven years of primary school and their graduation. We once again organised for the ceremony to take place at school preceded by a dinner for the students.

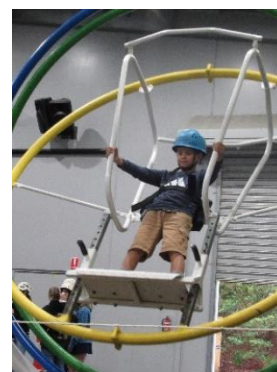
## Grade 5/6 and Grade 3/4 Camps

A great time was had by all our students and staff who attended our camps this year. A big thank you to all those people involved in making them such a success.

### *Grade 5/6 Woorabinda Camp*



### *Grade 3 and 4 Phillip Island Camp*



## Grade Structures and Staff Allocations for 2024

I am pleased to provide an update regarding 2024 staffing and school structure. I would also like to thank the following staff members who have done a wonderful job and contributed greatly to improving the learning outcomes and wellbeing of our students and will not be returning in 2024: Mr Zac Taylor, Ms Jaimi Goodchild, Ms Karen Berry, Ms Jamie Wittingslow and Ms Alysha Spears.

### **Foundation**

- Richard Kornfeld
- Tea Mills
- Rosemari McAlear

Team Leader: Richard Kornfeld

### **Grade 1**

- Rachael Hickling
- Rachel Leahy
- John McHaffie

Team Leader: Rachael Hickling

### **Grade 2**

- Gabby Cuttler
- Georgia Scott
- Emma Synnott
- New Teacher

Team Leader: Gabby Cuttler

### **Grade 3**

- Rachael Powell
- Andrew Mills
- Hannah McDonald

Team Leader: Rachael Powell

### **Grade 4**

- Erin Murray
- Chloe Goodridge
- Bobby Tran
- Pip Cafiso (Term 1) Bec Collins (Term 2 onwards; 3 days) & Georgie Mowbray (2 days)

Team Leader: Erin Murray

### **Grade 5/6**

- Daniel Eden
- Tara Williams
- Dylan Taylor
- Amanda Gomes
- Fiona Kops

Team Leader: Daniel Eden

### **Specialist Teachers**

#### *Physical Education:*

- Cam Walker (3 days)
- Pia Leonard (2 days)

#### *Visual Arts:*

- Sarah Jordan (3 days)
- Renee Murdoch (2 days)

#### *Chinese/Mandarin:*

- Maggie Wang (3 days)
- Mia Huang (2 days)

#### *STEM:*

- Jessie Shattock (3 days)

#### *Performing Arts:*

- Jaqui O'Leary (3 days)

Team Leader: Chloe Gannon/Cam Walker

### **Disability & Inclusion Team**

#### *Disabilities & Inclusion Coordinator*

- Lauren Milne (3 days)

#### *Tutoring/Support Program*

- Lisa James (3 days)
- Pip Cafiso (3 days)
- Pia Leonard (1 day)

#### *Integration Aide Staff*

- Jen Beverley
- Gemma McKenzie
- Carissa Coughlin
- Sally Henderson
- Jaana Rege
- Lauren Chitty

Team Leader: Lauren Milne

### **Curriculum Leaders**

#### *IB PYP Curriculum Coordinator; Leading Teacher*

- Chloe Gannon (4 days)

#### *Numeracy; Learning Specialist*

- Tara Williams

#### *Literacy; Learning Specialist*

- Rachel Leahy

Team Leaders: Lee Murnane/Anthy Seremetis

### **Administration Staff**

- Bridget Mohr
- Deb Forster (3 days)
- Berny King
- Sam Elliott

Leader: Bridget Mohr

### **Principal/Assistant Principal**

- Anthy Seremetis
- TBC

Lee Murnane  
Principal



## Breakfast Club is Returning!

Breakfast Club has officially hit the ground running.

Students have begun their Wednesdays and Fridays with a variety of toast, fruit cups and small cartons of milk served out of the school canteen. We have been blown away by the response from our community and the enthusiasm of our students.

A big thank you to our parent volunteers; Melinda Thompson, Linda Shiells, Mal Grigo, Jess Dickson, Kimberley Crofts and Amandine Gresil. Breakfast Club would not be able to run without your wonderful efforts.

We look forward to continuing this crucial service into 2024.



## Gotcha and House Awards



## Students of the Week



## Education School Support Animal

SNPS will be welcoming Lexi, an education school support animal as part of our school community in 2024.

Students may be in contact with our dog Lexi, throughout the school year, under the supervision of Erin Murray. Our education school support animal has received and is up to date with all necessary vaccinations and certifications. Education school support dogs provide many benefits. They help children learn compassion, empathy, responsibility, respect, and self-discipline. Education school support dogs offer comfort and non-judgmental care. Studies have proven that even a short amount of time with a dog can decrease levels of anxiety and increase emotional security.

If you wish for your child/ren not to interact with Lexi, please notify the school office by Monday 5th February 2024 via our school email: [seaford.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:seaford.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au) Lexi's first day will be Tuesday 6th February 2024.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school. As always, we would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support.





## 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 Student Booklists - Live Website Now Available!

Student Booklist are now available to order for 2024. Please see Compass for information relating to the ordering, supply and payment of 2024 Student Booklist items.

### Library Returns

As we approach the end of the school year, please take a look around the house, in bags, under beds, behind the couch, anywhere you think a school library book might be hiding and ensure any borrowed books are returned to school 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	<b>Term 1</b> – Students in Grades 1 – 6 start Monday 30th January, Foundation students start Tuesday 31st January at 9:30am to Thursday 6th April. <b>Term 2</b> – Monday 24th April to Friday 23rd June <b>Term 3</b> – Monday 10th July to Friday 15th September <b>Term 4</b> – Monday 2nd October to Wednesday 20th December

2024 Term Dates
<b>Term 1</b> – Tuesday 30th January to Friday 28th March Students in Grades 1 – 6 start Tuesday 30th January, Foundation students start Wednesday 31st January at 9:30am, then begin regular time (9:00am) from Thursday 1st February. <b><i>Foundation students do not attend school on Wednesdays for the month of February.</i></b> <b>Term 2</b> – Monday 15th April to Friday 28th June <b>Term 3</b> – Monday 15th July to Friday 20th September <b>Term 4</b> – Monday 7th October to Wednesday 20th December

## 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](mailto:admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au) [www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au)



# 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](mailto:tomtomtenny@gmail.com)

## TeamKids

### Seaford North Primary

# NEWSLETTER



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Hello everyone,

A very important reminder that we are holding a TeamKids lunchtime legends on the last day of term. TeamKids educators will be playing games and competition open to all children. There will be prizes!

We all know that term 4 is the busiest with Christmas approaching. Just a reminder to book your holiday fun and please ensure you pack HATS!

Lastly, please ensure to go through your account details and update any personal information. Most importantly authorised contacts must be added to your account.

Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Joon H. Kim  
Director of Service

## IMPORTANT DATES

**TUE 19 DECEMBER 2023**

Last day of term 4 | ASC commencing at 3:30PM

**WED 20 DECEMBER 2023**

School holiday program commences

**TUE 30 JANUARY 2024**

First day of term 1

Service Mobile: 0413 725 510

Office Phone: 1300 035 000

Service Email: [seafordnorthps@teamkids.com.au](mailto:seafordnorthps@teamkids.com.au)

Office Email: [info@teamkids.com.au](mailto:info@teamkids.com.au)

### TeamKids Seaford North Primary

6:30 AM START  
6:30 PM END

PLEASE  
ARRIVE BY 9AM  
ON EXCURSION DAYS

IN-HOUSE

INCURSION

EXCURSION

MON - 18th DEC	TUE - 19th DEC	WED - 20th DEC	THU - 21st DEC	FRI - 22nd DEC
CLOSED	CLOSED			
		<b>Candle Making</b> TeamKids is going on an illuminating adventure of candle making! These "safe for kids" candles will light up your world and enchant your senses! Light up your creative side take home your fully lit keepsakes.	<b>TeamKids kickers</b> Calling all young soccer enthusiasts! Get ready for the ultimate day of honing your soccer skills. Join us and learn new techniques to play like a pro leaving your friends in awe of your impressive soccer prowess.	<b>A White Christmas</b> We're dreaming of a white Christmas... Today TeamKids is super excited for Christmas craft! We're going to make awesome fake snow, snow globes and snowball chasers! Get ready for a jingly good time!
		Base Fee \$80.50 Exp Fee** \$17.00 Daily Total \$97.50	Base Fee \$80.50 Exp Fee** \$22.00 Daily Total \$102.50	Base Fee \$80.50 Exp Fee** \$8.00 Daily Total \$88.50
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### KEEPER CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out Moonlit Sanctuary's Keeper Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, kids get up close to many animals including dingoes, cockatoos and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

For ages 8-14 Cost \$99m 9am-2pm  
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