School Mission Statement:

Seaford Primary School is a friendly, caring community school that aims to achieve excellence, nurture individuality, challenge and understand every child, in an environment that provides fairness and balance.

Diary Dates

- School Banking every Tuesday throughout the School Term
- 24th March Lightning Premiership
- School Breakfast, Ride2School Day
- 30th March Icy poles for sale
- 31st March End of Term 1 Children finish at 2:30 pm.
- 18th April (Tuesday) Beginning of Term 2 proposed Curriculum day to be ratified by School Council
- 19th April—21st April Years 3/4 camp
- 25th April Anzac Day Children do not attend school on this day.

From the Principal’s Desk

23rd March, 2017

On Tuesday, we had our first whole school theme day for the year with our focus very much on Harmony Day. Harmony Day is celebrated across the world and allows us to develop an understanding with all of our students that Everyone Belongs.

The day started in the ELC where all of our children assembled and listened to school captains Holly and Cooper as they explained what Harmony Day was all about. It was then time to have each grade parade to show off their cultural clothing or how they wore orange to show their support of the day.

It was then time for each of our year 6 leaders to collect their groups and head off to the first activity. Each of the ten groups, comprising students from preps to year 6 rotated through three activities, all different, but highlighting aspects taken from other cultures.

The children all had a great time.
**CYBERSAFETY:**
A reminder that next Thursday there is a presentation by Susan McLean at Patterson River SC regarding ways in which we can keep our children safe when they are on-line. If you have not as yet booked your place, can I encourage you to do so. An investment of 2 hours of your time could save heaps in the long term. Details are available in last week’s newsletter (accessible on line at [www.seafordps.vic.edu.au](http://www.seafordps.vic.edu.au)) or by contacting the school.

**RESILIENCE:**
Last Thursday and Friday, I attended a Peninsula Network Conference. One of the presenters was a gentleman by the name of Hugh van Cuylenberg who has a background in teaching, but more recently in working with children and disadvantaged communities in countries such as India. In his presentation, Hugh quoted some alarming figures and statistics of the prevalence of mental health issues, particularly anxiety in many of our children. In fact the World Health Organisation reports that one in 7 primary aged children have difficulty with their mental health. So the question is, how can parents and schools work together to address this issue. One of the best ways, according to Hugh is in developing resilience. Hugh has started The Resilience Project which is certainly grabbing the attention of many who work with our young people.

In his presentation, Hugh identified three things that children need in order to develop resilience. These are:

**Gratitude** - The ability to identify things in their lives that are positive rather than constantly reflecting on the negatives

**Empathy** - The ability to be aware of the feelings of others and be considerate of them

**Mindfulness** - the ability to live in the moment and to focus on one thing at a time.

At our staff meeting on Tuesday these characteristics were discussed and we will be embarking on some activities in classrooms to assist the children in developing them. The people at The Resilience Project are fully booked for the remainder of this year, however, at the conference a number of principals in the northern peninsula network, myself included, have committed to having them work in our schools in 2018. On Monday I have arranged to meet with a local professional to discuss implementing some mindfulness programs at the school for the remainder of 2017.

Regards

Michael
CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Emilee and Sienna received the Golden Gnome Award for Art on behalf of 3/4B at assembly last Friday.

RIDE/WALK2SCHOOL DAY—WHOLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

FRIDAY 24TH MARCH

Tomorrow we will be holding a whole school breakfast from 8.15am. This will be our Walk / Ride2School day. This is a day when children are encouraged to ride, scooter or walk to school or part of the way. Any parents who are free to help cook toast and assist on this morning, please let Erica or Michael W know.
ORDERS AND PAYMENTS NEED TO BE IN TOMORROW—24TH MARCH

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

HOT CROSS BUNS
TRADITIONAL
CHOC CHIP
APPLE AND CINNAMON
FRUITLESS

A reminder that the orders fro Hot Cross Buns are due no later than the 24th of March. They will be ready for pick up at the school on the 30th March.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Located outside the main office in the hallway.

• Leawarra Calisthenics Club—44 Peninsula Blvd Seaford.
• Positive Parenting Telephone Service
• Pines Junior Football Club—Registration
• Bonbeach YCW Junior Football Club
• Peninsula Waves Holiday Netball clinic
• Begin Bright School Holiday workshops

SEAFORD GIRL GUIDES

CAR BOOT SALE

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH
8.00 AM—2.00 PM
CORNER SEAFORD ROAD AND PRINCE CRES, SEAFORD

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

This year is flying by and guess what? IT’S NEARLY EASTER!!!!

which means that it’s nearly time for the Annual Seaford Easter Raffle — a much-anticipated event in the school calendar. Tickets for this bonanza will be sent home with your child, but before the tickets can be drawn we need your help.

To make this fundraising event the fabulous success that it is, we ask that each child donate an Easter item to help with our Raffle. Chocolate is often what we think of at Easter, but all donations are welcome edible and non-edible. Please leave all donations at the office. (Mrs Cooper promises not to eat them!)

Good luck Everyone!!!!!
COME TO OUR OPEN NIGHT AND HEAR ABOUT:

- New Buildings
- New Programs
- New Staff
- Personalised VCE/VCAL/VET Pathways
- BYOD Program
- Tailored literacy and numeracy support options
- Dyslexic friendly school
- Sister school relationship with Adhyapana school involving teacher and student exchange trips
- Well established Instrumental Music Program
- Student leadership Development
- Comprehensive Student Well Being Program
- Monteract

SMALL SCHOOL, SMALL CLASSES, BIGGER OUTCOMES

OPEN NIGHT: WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2017 6:00-7:30
Free sausage sizzle

At Monterey Secondary College we are committed to supporting your child to be the best they can be in an environment that is caring and where we can provide a more personal approach to learning. You are welcome to visit us anytime of the school day. Enrolments for 2018 are now being accepted.

MONTEREY SECONDARY COLLEGE
Silvertop Street, Frankston North VIC 3200
Ph: 9781-7700
www.monterey.vic.edu.au
Elysium OSHC

HOLIDAY PROGRAM – SEAFORD PRIMARY OSHC
April 3rd – April 14th

Would you like your children to do something fun and exciting during the holidays but don’t have the time to spare on activities during the workday? Why not send your kids to our Holiday Program. Your children will enjoy Incursions, Excursions and Service Based programs that are fun and interactive.

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<td>Children will get creative with the history of knights and great battles. Taking a look at what it might have been like to live in that era.</td>
<td>Exploring the culture of another country is very exciting. Today we will transform the room into a festival of flavours and colours.</td>
<td>Due to Good Friday being a Public Holiday, we will not be offering a service this day.</td>
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Please make sure you have filled out a 2015/2017 enrolment form, as well as the booking form and submit them to the program manager or school’s front office on or before Monday 27th of March to secure your booking.