From the Principal’s Pen.

WELCOME
Welcome back and welcome to all our new students particularly the Preps! It is wonderful to see all the students in correct school uniform colours including black or white shoes. The Year 6 students have received their commemorative tops and the Preps their VIP shirts. The teachers have met with parents to learn about your child/ren and we have quickly swung into the school routines and classroom activities. We are looking forward to our welcome picnic on Thursday 25th February to meet new families joining our community and returning families continuing a happy and rewarding association with Seaford Park Primary School during the year. A special welcome to our Preps and to the following new students and their families:

Year 2 Lincoln & Matthew
Year 3 Konstantinos
Year 6 Jess

Come along to our Welcome Picnic on the oval at 5.00 - 6.30 pm on Thursday 25th February. Bring along your own picnic, meet your children’s classmates and parents, chat with the teachers and meet school councillors. There will be sausages, chips, icypoles, popcorn and drinks for sale.

LEADERS PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
Our next Assembly on Monday 15th February will be for the special presentation of the school leaders. The Mayor of Frankston, James Dooley will present badges to the school leaders and Jeff Weir from the Dolphin Research Institute will present the I Sea I Care Ambassadors with their certificates and badges.

2016 PREPS - FIRST WEEK
The Preps have all settled in very well and are now playing outside at the same time as the rest of the students. Here are some photos of their first day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Our School Council has completed another year of operations and I thank all Council members for their involvement. There are 4 Parent member vacancies. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4pm on Friday 19th February.

SCHOOL CROSSING AND BUS ZONE
Safety of our children is very important and we are very lucky to have a supervised crossing so please use it. This is a reminder also to not park in the designated bus zone anytime as it is required for the After Hours School Care bus and for bus parking during excursions etc. Please have your child alight from your car on the path side not the road side for obvious safety reasons.

Dates to Remember:

February
Friday 12th
Notice of School Council Election
Parents and Friends Committee meeting 1.45pm
Monday 15th
Assembly to announce Student Leaders
Friday 19th
School Council Nominations close 4pm
Tuesday 23rd
School Council note new time of 6.20pm
Thursday 25th
Welcome Picnic - 5.00 - 6.30pm
BYO Picnic

March
Tuesday 8th
Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee 8.30am
Thursday 10th
Marketing and Promotions Subcommittee 6pm
Friday 11th
Parents and Friends Committee meeting 1.45pm
Tuesday 22nd
School Council 6.20pm
Thursday 24th
Last day of Term 1 - 2.30 dismissal
Friday 25th
Good Friday

April
Monday 11th
Term 2 school resumes
Thursday 14th
School Photos
MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you to all the parents who met with their child’s teacher. It was a valuable opportunity for teachers to learn more about your child. The Term Newsletters were also distributed where teachers discussed classroom activities and routines. If you missed this session please contact your child’s teacher for an appointment. Likewise if teachers wish to speak with you about your individual child they will contact you.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT
There are many opportunities to be involved in supporting our school through the Parents and Friends Committee (PFC) (meet Fridays each month at 1.45pm in the canteen foyer) or the subcommittees of Buildings & Grounds (meet about once a month in the Principal office) or Marketing & Promotions (meet once a month in the Staffroom at 6pm on Thursdays). Every bit helps whether it is assisting at a working bee, or helping with school functions or contributing ideas and expertise. The PFC welcome any help on Friday mornings with cutting fruit for the fruit platters or cooking popcorn. As the year progresses teachers will invite parents to assist with learning programs such as reading.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES / MOBILE PHONES
The Education Department has asked me to remind the community that there is no insurance for private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors. This includes toys, sporting equipment, calculators, bicycles, scooters and electronic devices/ mobile phones. DET does not hold Insurance for personal property and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. The School Council approved the Electronic Devices/Mobile Phones Policy states, “Personal electronic devices such as ipods, ipads, mp3 players etc are not to be brought to school.” Students who need to bring a mobile phone to school must hand it in to the Office at the start of the day and collect it at dismissal time. Electronic devices must also be placed in the office.

MEDIA at SCHOOL EVENTS
At Seaford Park we have many special school events such as the concerts, Family Bingo, Disco, House Sports, Seaford Park’s Got Talent to name a few. We request that people do not take photographs or film during these events due to privacy restrictions. Staff at Seaford Park will take photos and edit them so that they can be posted on the school website for your perusal.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS
It is wonderful to the majority of students in full school uniform which is navy blue shorts/pants, school dress, logo tops and hats and broad brimmed navy hats. Our uniform policy also requires black or white shoes and laces, white or navy socks and navy leggings. Wearing correct uniform encourages pride in the school.

Julie Braakhuis    Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS
I’d like to thank the Seaford Park Primary School community for making me feel so welcome. I’m very excited about our year ahead and look forward to meeting more of our students and parents in the coming weeks. I first began working in schools as an Integration Aide while still at university. This experience influenced me to decide to become a teacher. I worked as a primary school teacher in schools on the Peninsula and beyond and then worked as part of a Regional support team helping schools develop environments in which they could work more collaboratively. My previous role was as an Assistant Principal in a large secondary college. Now I am very happy to be working in a primary school again! I look forward to getting involved in our community events and meeting more of our parents and carers. Kind regards,

Melanie French

HELP YOUR KIDS MANAGE THEIR ASTHMA - PARENTS CHECKLIST
Does your child have an up to date Asthma Action Plan? The asthma action plan tells the school how to manage your child’s asthma and what to do if their asthma gets worse. This should be updated and signed by the doctor on an annual basis. Does your child carry their reliever puffer and spacer with them at all times? Or is it readily available to their Carers? Medication needs to be available wherever your child may be (school, sporting field, child care, home). Are you and your child aware of their asthma triggers? Do you take steps to avoid these triggers? Are the Teachers aware of these triggers? Do you listen to what your child says? They will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication. Does your child take their asthma medication correctly? Good technique allows more medication to get into the lungs where it’s needed. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like to check your device technique.

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS
It was Pancake Tuesday at Breakfast Club this week with delicious pancakes cooked by our lovely volunteer ladies. It was great to see some new Preps enjoying breakfast. We are open from 8.15 to 8.45 so just be at school early to join us for a healthy breakfast served from the Canteen area. All children are welcome—come and meet your friends before school. We serve cereal, toast, fruit and milk every week with pancakes and toasties/ Waffles on special days. Its free!! See you next Tuesday - Don't be late!    Mrs Barber
WHAT IS PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE?
The Parents and Friends Committee *purpose* is to provide our school with the support it needs to be the best possible place for our children to learn and thrive. All our meetings are in the foyer next to the canteen in the multi-purpose building. We have a formal meeting on Fridays at 1.45pm once a month. Julie, the Principal attends this meeting and our school council representative records minutes and reports to Council. Every Friday morning we cut up fruit and have a coffee and chat. Again anyone is welcome to join PFC and to come along and help. Just remember all helpers require a current Working with Children Check presented to the office (see Office for details).

THINGS WE DO! We assist teachers with *school fun days* such as house sports and jogathon. We organise social events and *fundraising* activities such as the disco, family bingo, trivia night, chocolate drives, raffles, skate nights and special days such as Mothers and Fathers Day. We sell icypoles on Wednesday lunchtimes and Friday after school. Being on Parents and Friends Committee does not require a large time commitment, you don’t have to attend every meeting or help with every activity, you can help when and how you like. However, ‘many hands make light work’. We love to see new faces and welcome fresh ideas. Toddlers are more than welcome.

FRUIT CUTTING FRIDAY MORNINGS - Every Friday morning straight after the bell in the Parents & Friends Committee room we prepare the fruit platters for the children's free fruit Friday snack. Please spare half an hour or so, the more helpers the better. Toddlers welcome.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP - for second hand uniform the shop will be open on Mondays before Assembly and after school on Thursdays. Please donate your old uniforms if they are in good condition.

AUSTRALIA'S WASTESAVERS FUNDRAISER - Our ongoing recycling scheme has had a great response so a big thanks to those who have returned their Recycling Bags already. You do not need to use the bags provided for future donations however extra ones are available at the office. So keep in mind any unwanted clothing, footwear, bags, sheets etc can now be donated to the school and placed into the recycling bins located in the main foyer.

SUNSMART
As part of our Sunsmart Policy we encourage students to *Slop* on sunscreen. Students are actively encouraged to provide their own SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen and seek shade. *(Staff members are not permitted to apply sunscreen to children.)* Class teachers remind children to apply their sunscreen before recess and lunchtime.

BRILLIANCE MUSIC STUDIO

HEAD LICE
Welcome back to school for 2016. Head lice are part of school life unfortunately, but they are not welcome! Please check your child’s hair for head lice every week. Remember **ONCE A WEEK, TAKE A PEEK**. If lice and eggs/nits are found please treat your child’s hair before they return to school. Follow up treatments will also be required. All families can help make Seaford Park a lice free school in 2016 by conducting regular head lice checks and treating hair when required.

Jenny Barber    Head Lice Nurse

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM FOR 2016!
I hope you all had an amazing school holidays and welcome back. This year’s reward program is themed the Outback Savers and will take students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they will learn to master smart savings habits. The 2016 reward items are as follows: Also this year, School Banking is running a wild Grand Prize competition, giving Bankers the chance to win a family trip to Queensland’s Australia Zoo and get to meet Bindi and Robert Irwin. Make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, will automatically receive an entry into the draw to win the trip. The winner will enjoy a full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour. The prize includes return economy airfares to the Sunshine Coast, four nights' accommodation, five days’ car hire and $1,000 spending money. The only thing you need to do is bank a minimum of 15 times before the end of Term 3. There is a new display set up in the foyer near the entrance of the school, so go and have a look! Prep parents or new bankers, all you need to do is send your child/children in with their bank book on a Tuesday morning and our teachers will collect them and send them up to the office. Please ensure that you complete the deposit slip and remember, 5 cents is all it takes to teach our children that regular banking = savings. Feel free to get the children to complete their own bank books, the kids love it! Banking day is **TUESDAY** and started this week. Please note that we do not hold stock of reward items at school and they take approx. 2 weeks from order to receipt and are then presented at our assemblies on Monday mornings. Please complete a reward form once your child has 10 tokens to redeem and pop in with their bank book and their reward will be ordered. All students will receive a 2016 Information pack which contains reward forms and spares. Extra forms will be located in the front foyer, together with samples of the rewards for this year.    Happy banking everyone..
PREP A – Leila R - doing wonderful tracing on all her work sheets.

PREP B - Hannah T - coming to school with a positive attitude and a huge smile. Keep it up!

1/2A - Riley E - amazing start he has made in 1/2A. Well Done!

1/2B - Connor S - for demonstrating great persistence to produce quality work.

1/2C - Brodie T - remembering so well how to sound out words. Great work!

3/A - Soraya R - showing respect towards others and our class belongings.

4/5A - Taimana E - for her enthusiasm and the wonderful work she has presented throughout the week. Well Done

5/6A - Jess M - making an excellent start to the year at Seaford Park Primary School.

MUSIC - Charlotte B and Caitlyn I - displaying enthusiasm, concentration and respect in music when learning the ‘Spanish Bread Song’. Well one!

ART - Daniel N - being very helpful and organising the room.

SCIENCE - Jack S - looking after or worm farm over the school holidays and having wonderful ideas for us to do in science.

PHYS ED - Brodie T - amazing ability to dodge his classmates when playing.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD - Jack T - an excellent positive start to 2016.

HOCKIN2HOCKEY

Hockey Players wanted for the 2016 Season. Registration Day is Sunday 7th February 10am – 2:30pm at Peninsula Hockey Centre. Hookin2Hockey / Come + Try clinics for 2016 commence on Tuesday 1st March 1/3, 8/3, 15/3, 22/3 from 5pm to 6pm. Suitable for participants aged 5yrs to 14yrs. All welcome. Mouth Guards essential. Equipment available to borrow. Qualified Coaches. Come down, take part, have fun, learn new skills, make new friends whilst enjoying sport. Mornington Peninsula Hockey Club is recruiting for its junior winter hockey teams. We have teams to suit all age groups, both boys and girls from Minkey, Under 10’s, 12’s, 14’s, 16’s, 18’s + senior men’s, women’s and masters. Junior Training commences on 8th March. Our Home venue is the Peninsula Hockey Centre. Monash University Bloom Street. Frankston. Phone 9766 7478 or email junior.vice.president@mphc.org.au

REGISTRATION DAY

Pines Junior Football Netball Club. Sunday the 14th of February 2016 at 11am till 3pm Eric Bell Reserve Forest Dr Frankston North . Under 9’s to Under 17’s we are also looking for girls 9 -12 13-15 and 16-18. Under 9’s 1/2 PRICE Registration and 1st year players in all age groups 1/2 PRICE Registration. 1/2 price $60 Full Price $120. We also have family discounts for multiple children. Come down and try our wonderful family friendly club. We also have our Auskick up and running from age 5 and up starting on the 1st of April 2016 5-6. Coaches are current and Ex senior players FREE Sausage sizzle and jumping castle For Further information contact: President: Scott White 0409 114 535 Or Sally 0447 313 024

PARC SWIM

It’s not too late to book swimming lessons. Back to school special offer. Quote the code below when signing up to qualify for your FIRST WEEK FREE. Code - SWIMT12016. Telephone: 9781 8444 parcfrankston.co.au

GIRL GUIDES

Friendship, fun, challenge and achievement! SEAFORD Girl Guides welcomes girls aged 7-15. Meetings are at the Seaford Guide Hall, cnr Seaford Rd. and Prince Cress., Seaford. Our units are open to new members at any time. You are welcome to visit a unit to see how you like it. Adults also welcome as members & volunteers in a number of roles. 1st Seaford Brownies (7-11 yrs) Meet Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm Contact: Veronica Marshall 9786 1829. 2nd Seaford Guides (11-15 yrs) Meet Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Contact: Norma Smith 0414 436 500 Email: frankston@guidesvic.org.au Girl Guides Website: www.guidesvic.org.au Helping girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community

TIQBIZ REMINDER!

You will need to update your tiqbiz selection to reflect your child/children’s new grades for 2016. To do this:

1. Click the three lines in the top left of the screen, to reveal the menu at the side.
2. Click “Find” then type “Seaford Park” into the search field.
3. Click the grey tick (making it green) on the new grade/s of your child/children and tick the green tick (making it grey) on last years grades. If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact Tiqbiz as they are very friendly and helpful.

Tiqbiz is a great communication tool, please share with your friends at our school.

GOALS

Prep A - no goal
1/2A - to look after our belongings.
1/2C - not to talk when a teacher is talking.
5/6A - to be kind and respectful to everyone.

Prep B - no goal
1/2B - to make sure we listen and respect others.
3/4A - to take our turn to speak.