WELCOME
Welcome back! It has been an interesting start to the year with the 2 portables relocated to other schools leaving us with a large area to develop into a beautiful playspace/garden. The teachers have met with parents to learn about your children and we have swung into the school routines and classroom activities. We are looking forward to our welcome picnic on Thursday 26th 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 1  Alex Year 3  Carmela Year 4  Caspar Year 5  Maddy P

Come along to our Welcome Picnic on the oval at 5.30 - 7.00 pm on Thursday 26th February. Bring along your own picnic, meet your children’s classmates and parents, chat with the teachers and meet school councillors. There will be icypoles, fruit juice and water bottles for sale in the canteen.

LEADERS PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
Our next Assembly on Monday 16th February will be for the special presentation of the school leaders. The Mayor of Frankston, Sandra Mayer will present badges to the school leaders and Mandy from the Dolphin Research Institute will present the I Sea I Care Ambassadors with their certificates and badges.

2015 PREP’s FIRST WEEK

REGULAR and PROMPT ATTENDANCE
It is very important for students to attend regularly to make the most of educational opportunities. There is a direct link between school attendance and achievement later in life. Being on time every day is also very important. The Education Department’s focus on improved attendance rates reflects the findings of international research that demonstrates a strong correlation between students learning, longer-term life outcomes, attendance at school and appropriate participation in education programs. It is crucial that students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age. So please send your children to school every day (unless sick) and on time. It will make a difference to their academic achievement and connectedness to school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Our School Council has completed another year of operations and I thank all Council members for their involvement. There are 2 Parent member vacancies. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4pm on Friday 20th February.

Dates to Remember:

February
Friday 13th
Notice of School Council Election
Monday 16th
Assembly to announce Student Leaders
Tuesday 24th
School Council 6.00pm
Friday 20th
School Council Nominations close 4pm
Thursday 26th
Welcome Picnic - 5.30 - 7pm BYO Picnic

March
Monday 9th
Labour Day
Tuesday 10th
Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee 8.30am
Parents and Friends Committee 2pm
Thursday 12th
Marketing and Promotions Subcommittee 6pm
Friday 13th
Interschool Field Sports at Ballam Park
Tuesday 24th
School Council  6.00pm
Friday 27th
Last day of Term 1 - 2.30 dismissal

April

Monday 13th
Term 2 resumes
Thursday 16th
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.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING
This session was a jam packed information session outlining the routines and requirements for the two Prep classes. It was great to see so many new and interested parents.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT
There are many opportunities to be involved in supporting our school through the Parents and Friends Committee (PFC), (meet Tuesday fortnightly at 2pm in the canteen foyer), Buildings & Grounds (meet about once a month at 8.30 am in the Principal office) or Marketing & Promotions (meet about once a month in the Staffroom at 6pm on Thursdays) subcommittees. 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, typing stories and so on. Parents who have attended the Privacy Briefing in the past will just need to briefly meet with me to refresh the agreement. New helpers will have a short session to outline our reading program, provide handy hints to assist with being a reading helper and discuss the importance of confidentiality.

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. School Council approved the Electronic Devices/Mobile Phones Policy in December 2014 which states, “Personal electronic devices such as ipods, ipads, mp3 players etc are not to be brought to school.” Students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 will automatically enter the draw to win a trip to California's Disneyland where they can enjoy Space Mountain and everything the park has to offer. How to enter I hear you ask, it could not be easier! 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 Arts Appreciation Evening, House Sports, the end of year concert, Seaford Park’s Got Talent and Junior School concerts 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 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 before and after school 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 road side not the road side for obvious safety reasons.

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM FOR 2015!
I hope you all had an amazing school holidays and welcome back. I wanted to share some facts about last year with you. Did you know the school banking program rewarded over 250,000 children and paid over $2 million to schools in commission? Wow! Our school received $476.31 in commission in 2014 which is fantastic. This year promises to be even bigger and better for school banking. School Banking’s new Outer Space Savers theme will take students on a mission to Planet Savings, with eight new reward items to choose from our Outer Space Savers range. Plus, in a School Banking first, there will be a Grand Prize competition offering one lucky family a trip to Disneyland California. How to enter I hear you ask, it could not be easier! Students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 will automatically enter the draw to win a trip to California’s Disneyland where they can enjoy Space Mountain and everything the park has to offer. The prize includes return airfares, five nights’ accommodation, transfers and 3 days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, as well as AUD$2000.00 spending money. So the only thing you need to do is bank a minimum of 25 times this year and you will be automatically entered!!! 2015 reward items are as follows: an ET DVD, Planet Handball, Invisible Ink Martian Pen, Intergalactic Rocket, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, Cosmic Light Beam Torch, Outer Space Savers Money Box and Lunar Light Band. There is a new display set up in the foyer near the entrance – 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 – my boys love it! Remember banking day is Tuesday and starts the first week back in Term one. Please note that I do not hold stock of reward items at school and they take approx. 2 weeks from order to receipt and are presented at our assemblies on Monday mornings 9am. Please complete a reward form once your child has 10 tokens to redeem and pop in with their bank book and I will order their reward. All students will receive a 2015 Information pack which contains reward forms and spares will be located in the front foyer, together with samples of the rewards for the year. Please feel free to ask me any questions – my details are below. Cheers and happy banking for 2015! Bec Atkins – School Banking Coordinator 0416 948 232 or becatkins02@gmail.com

CAMEO TIGERS NETBALL CLUB
Register now. 2015 netball season. Females - 6yrs to senior’s. Boys - 6yrs to 12 yrs. All abilities welcome. Emails - cameotigersnc@hotmail.com. Phone: 0403 575 509.
Local Netball Club for Seaford, Carrum Downs, Skye and surrounding areas.
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 Tuesdays at 2pm once a month. Julie, the Principal attends this meeting and our school council representative records minutes and reports to Council. We also meet informally on alternate Chat and Chew Tuesdays (see below). Every Friday (see below) 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.

TUESDAY CHAT & CHEW - Every 2nd Tuesday from 1.30pm onwards we have informal get togethers. Parents and Friends committee members are welcome to come and join us and bring their toddlers as there is a great children's play zone. The next chat and chew Tuesday is February 24th.

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.

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.

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH - Please support our Photo Fundraising Event at Seaford Park Primary School.

ONLY $15 for your 10” x 13” photos and one frame!

Our Event date is: Sunday 1st March between 9am - 2.30pm

Bookings Close: Friday 23rd February

To book go directly to www.trybooking.com/GXFB (go to this exact address, it won’t work in google or search engine!)

Don’t miss this great opportunity to update your family photos. 100% of the $15 goes directly to our School.

Share this link with friends & family so they can book in too! All cash bookings must be made by completing a voucher from the brochure & return to the school with $15 cash.

Please read the trybooking link homepage for information and conditions. For all enquiries please contact Vision Portraits on 03 9596 9400 or email info@visionportraits.com.au Thank you!

GOALS

Prep A - no goal.
1/2A - to look after our belongings.
3/4A - to listen carefully to others.
5/6B - to get our class work finished on time.

TQIBIZ REMINDER!

You will need to update your tiqbiz selection to reflect your child/children’s new grades for 2015. 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.

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

SEAFORD UNITED SOCCER CLUB

2015 Registration Day - Sunday February 22nd 1pm to 4pm. North Seaford Reserve. Railway Parade, Seaford. Under 6 – Under 11 play Saturday mornings Under 12 – Under 16 (Boys & Girls teams) play Sundays. Season starts mid-April (exact dates yet to be confirmed) Season ends early September (exact dates yet to be confirmed). Contact website (www.seafordunited.com.au), Seaford United Facebook page (www.facebook.com/seafordunited), email juniors@seafordunited.com.au or call/text Dave (0490035434) for more information.

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.
Prep A - Johan J - such lovely writing of the numbers 1 to 5.

Prep B - Jessie W - trying so hard when learning how to write letters and numbers.

1/2A - Ashley C - terrific start he has made in 1/2A. Well Done!

1/2B - Thomas W - being a great classroom helper and playing nicely with others in the yard.

2/3A - Maddison C - working hard all week and putting in a fantastic effort with all her class work.

3/A - Tahlia C - excellent listening when following instructions. Well Done.

5/6A - Maddy P - wonderful start she has made at Seaford Park.

Phys Ed - Harrison M - excellent participation and doing a wonderful job hitting the cricket ball.

Music - Summa Hogan - doing a wonderful job naming the instruments in music.

Art - Ethan D - excellent start to the year in the art room.

Science - Sarah L - working hard and being very helpful.

Principal’s Award - 5/6A - setting a wonderful example for the school.

SEAFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARDED THE 2014 KATHY HILTON M.A.D AWARD

Ardoch Youth Foundation’s M.A.D. (Make a Difference) Award was named in honour of Ardoch’s founder, Kathy Hilton OAM, and her tireless efforts to make a difference. The purpose of this program is to inspire, engage and empower individuals and organisations to make a difference in their community. The Awards aim to strengthen school communities by creating a culture of ‘giving back’ and inspiring students. Last year, Seaford Park Primary School was awarded the award for their LEGO Club. The LEGO Club is a place that students can go to when they are feeling lonely or left out in the playground. Teacher Jessica Townsend started the club as a way to improve student confidence because it was noted that there were a group of students who often struggled socially in the playground. "Lunch time can often be a traumatic and lonely time for these students as they have difficulty understanding the complex games that their peers are enjoying." Reports from the school is that the LEGO Club has certainly achieved its purpose of building student confidence. The friendships and social skills that the students are developing are gradually extending the students’ confidence when they venture out into the playground and participate in other group activities in the school environment. Ardoch would like to congratulate Seaford Park Primary School for combining a learning opportunity with a creative solution to a problem which exists in so many school playgrounds. Lots of staff donated old and mismatched sets of LEGO that their children no longer used. In addition to the two new sets given to the club with their M.A.D. Award, Ardoch aims to collect donations of pre-loved LEGO for the school. If you have any LEGO to donate, please drop it off at our head office at 198 St Kilda Road, St Kilda or at our Frankston office: Ebdale Community Hub, 20 Ebdale Street, Frankston.

CRICKET CLINIC

On Wednesday the 4th of February students in years 3 to 6 were given the opportunity to participate in a cricket clinic. The 'T20 Blast Cricket Clinic' was given by Beth and Mitch from Cricket Victoria. T20 Blast clinics are aimed at students in years 3 to 5. Each student was given a flyer with information about local venues that provide the T20 program, as well as a Melbourne Stars activity booklet and bracelet and a sachet of Milo. Students were introduced to the rules of the T20 game, discussed the 'Big Bash' teams and played a shortened version of the game. Students from years 1 to 6 will be encouraged to develop the cricket skills of throwing, catching and batting over the next few weeks during their Physical Education lessons, so this was a wonderful opportunity. The students' behaviour during the clinics was exemplary and I am proud to say that Mitch commented on the lovely manners and behaviour at Seaford Park. Well done everyone! If your child is interested in joining a cricket team and you would like more information, please see Mrs Witte on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

eSMART - SMART, SAFE, RESPONSIBLE

We’re on the way to becoming eSmart. Earlier we advised that our school had registered with eSmart, a comprehensive approach for managing cybersafety and dealing with bullying and cyberbullying in school communities. We’re pleased to let you know that we have completed the first phase of our eSmart journey. We have planned many activities in line with the eSmart schools framework, and are now progressing with implementation. Expect to hear a lot more in the coming months about our efforts to promote the smart, safe and responsible use of digital technology. We hope you will also take part in some of the opportunities to learn more about being eSmart. For more information visit www.esmart.org.au

HEAD LICE

Welcome back to school for 2015. 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 2015 by conducting regular head lice checks and treating hair when required. LET’S DO IT!

Jenny Barber  Head Lice Nurse