LEADERS’ PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
Our special assembly on Monday 15th February was a fantastic event! Two special guests presented the leaders for 2016 with their badges. The Mayor of Frankston, James Dooley presented the school leaders with their badges and Dolphin Research Institute’s Jeff Weir presented the I Sea I Care ambassadors with their badges and certificates. James’ thought provoking speech highlighted the fact that everyone can be leaders in the school whether they are the official school leaders or not; students can be leaders in their actions towards others, the way they look after the school environment and how they behave within the school. James gave examples of how leadership can be demonstrated when cleaning up or saying kind words to others. The speech reminded everyone that we all have leadership qualities.
Jeff the I Sea I Care representative from the Dolphin Research Institute said that Seaford Park Primary has been involved with I Sea I Care for many years and a number of students have received Ambassador of the Year awards for their work. It has been the start of their continuing role in community leadership. Mrs Reid is the school’s I Sea I Care teacher ambassador. Seaford Park Primary enjoys being part of such a great program!
The special assembly finished with our school song composed by Mrs Witte and performed by the choir with Mr Triplow accompanying them on his guitar.

School Leaders: Olivia and Riley
Junior School Council: Diamond, Riley, Olivia, Peta, Jack, Daniel and Jolie
House Leaders: Alyssa (Banksia), Daniel (Wattle), Charlotte (Bluegum), Oska (Heath)
I Sea I Care Ambassadors: Brodie and Jenna

Dates to Remember:

March
Thursday 3rd
Privacy Briefing for new parent helpers 2.45 Library
Tuesday 8th
Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee 8.30am
Parents and Friends Committee meeting 1.45pm
Thursday 10th
Marketing and Promotions Subcommittee 6pm
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
Wednesday 13th
Interschool Field Sports - Ballam Park
Thursday 14th
School Photos
Friday 29th
Interschool Track Sports - Ballam Park

May
Tuesday 3rd
Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee 8.30am
Thursday 5th
Marketing and Promotions Subcommittee 6pm
Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th
NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5
Friday 13th
Interschool Cross Country - Norm Cathie Oval 12.30pm
**SCHOOL COUNCIL** - There were four parent vacancies for School Council and four parents have nominated so there will be no ballot this year. I thank all Council members for their involvement over the past year or two. Thank you retiring members Kylie Tomlinson and Carlie Jones. I would also like to thank Richard Lewis and Georgia Younger for being teacher representatives on our School Council for the last four years. I am pleased to announce that the following people are the 2016-17 school council members.

School Council Parent Representatives: Cathy Chalmers, Cherie Skilbeck, Zangie Heath, Jeff Shelley, Karen Tate, Sandra Love

Staff Representatives: Geoff Triplow, Melanie French, Jane Bennett

Executive Officer: Julie Braakhuis

Community member: Kara McGuinness

**WELCOME PICNIC** - This year’s Welcome Picnic was yesterday and this was well attended. Once again the weather was perfect for the get together. Families were able to meet each other and our staff, while children played. Thank you to the Parents and Friends Committee (PFC) for organising the sausage sizzle, drinks and snacks. PFC are very proactive and always welcome anyone who can help in any way for our events or fundraisers. Please see the PFC report to find out how you can help.

**HOAX PHONE CALLS** - I recently sent home a letter about the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools. Our school has not received such a call, but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an Emergency Management Plan in place for situations like this and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools that received a threatening call enacted their Emergency Management Plans ensuring everyone was safe. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. Ms French has more information below about the emergency practice drills.

**READING HELPERS** - Next Thursday 3rd March, I am conducting a short professional development for parents who have offered to help with our classroom reading program and hear children read. This will happen in the Library and start at 2.45pm, so please be there at 2.30pm for a prompt start as there is a lot to cover.

Julie Braakhuis  Principal

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS**

**EMERGENCY PRACTICE DRILLS**

The Department requires all schools to practise one of their processes for emergency lock downs or evacuations once a term. In light of the various hoax phone calls schools in Victoria have received recently, staff at Seaford Park Primary School have decided that we will conduct a drill within the next week. Staff will explain to students what will happen and why in language that they can understand and without heightening anxiety. It would be fantastic to have the support of parents by helping to explain to your child that it is very rare for schools to have the need to call a real lock down or evacuation. Students may have heard news reports about people who have telephoned schools and pretended that the school is in danger. Even though schools are currently dealing with hoaxes, it is important that we run our drills effectively, to ensure that we are well prepared if we should ever have to deal with a real emergency. It is therefore important that teachers and parents discuss the need for our students to listen carefully and follow teachers' instructions immediately. This will make sure that we can all stay safe.

Melanie French

**ARDOCH VOLUNTEERS** - Our school is very fortunate to have a number of Ardoch volunteers who support our school. Volunteers from Ardoch assist with our breakfast club, in the library, with reading support and also help in our classrooms. Ardoch is looking to recruit more volunteers in our area and asked to include this request, “If you would like to volunteer your time at this school each week for two hours during term time please email volunteers@ardoch.org.au to enquire. Full training is offered.”

**RIDE2SCHOOL DAY** - Friday 4th March - We know that being physically active everyday can lead to a happier and healthier school community. Riding and walking to school is a great way for students of all ages to meet their recommend daily dose of 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Ride2School is a program by Bicycle Network designed to support schools to encourage more students to get physically active on their journey to school. Seaford Park Primary School is excited to join more than 2,000 schools across Australia and work towards our goal of being a happy and healthy school community! Students are encouraged to walk, ride or scooter to school on this day. Important data will be collected and rewards will be given to those who choose to participate!

**GOALS**

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**FUN-KEY MUSIC** - Singing and Performance Group Classes. Develop correct singing and breathing skills. Learn choreographed dances. Enjoy drama classes. Learn microphone techniques. Sing a mixture of modern songs, standard favourites and show tunes. Classes to suit boys and girls aged 5 - 12 years. Call now to book your FREE TRIAL CLASS. Opportunities to sing at concerts and local community events. Phone: 1300 139 631 www.funkeymusic.com.au
SAVER PLUS
Saver Plus is a 10 month matched savings program and is available to assist families living on a low income pay for education related expenses providing up to $500 in matched funds for eligible families. The eligibility criteria is, have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Card, have education related expenses in 2016/2017, have some income above education related expenses providing up to $500 in matched funds for eligible families. The eligibility criteria is, have a Centrelink income, either themselves or their partner (this can be casual, seasonal, part time or full time employment). Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. For more information see the Brotherhood of St Laurence website www.bsl.org.au/services/money-matters/saver-plus or phone 8781 5937.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Our next round of activities is related to Easter. Preparations are underway for a Hot Cross Bun drive, Hot Food Day on 10th March, Hot Cross Bun & Drink Day and of course our famous Easter Bonnet Parade! Easter Egg collections will commence soon for our hamper raffles.

TERM TWO ACTIVITIES
Mother’s Day stall and Afternoon Tea, Bingo night, further Hot Food Days and other surprises along the way.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
Throughout the year Seaford Park students in Years 3 to 6 participate in a variety of sporting events under the banner of School Sport Victoria’s Seaford District. Events include track and field athletics, cross country and inter school sport. Students with the skills to perform at a high level in Australian Rules Football, Netball, Soccer and Basketball can also try out to represent the school at a state level. Historically, students have started the trial process at a district level due to the large number of students wanting to try out. After being nominated through their schools they attended District trials and if selected proceeded to Division, Region and finally State trials for possible selection in the Victorian team.

The SSV has decided to change the process beginning this year. District trials will no longer be held, instead students need to consult with their Physical Education teacher and discuss their skill level and potential to represent their school at State level. If a student is endorsed by their school they can complete an online registration and attend a trial. If you have any questions regarding an endorsement for your child, please speak to Mrs Witte before the entry cut-off date of March 16.

IMPORTANT DATES
Seaford District Field Athletics – Wednesday 13th April at Ballam Park from 9.30am to 2pm
Seaford District Track Athletics- Friday 29th April at Ballam Park from 9.30am to 2pm
Seaford District Cross Country – Friday 13th May at Norm Cathie Reserve (behind St.Anne’s) 12.00pm to 1.30pm
Inter school sport is held on the following Friday’s - July 29th, August 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th
Lightning Premiership will be held on Friday September 2nd – Seaford Park will host all sports.
Please note that the Track and Field Athletics events will not be held on the listed dates if there is inclement weather.
Students and parents will be advised of any date changes. Thank you Kylie Witte (Physical Education Teacher)
**PREP A** - Ben P - Great start to the school year and always trying his best in all activities.

**PREP B** - Kelsey L - Huge effort she put into her first diary entry. Well Done!

1/2A - Lily Thomas - Always trying her best and being a happy member of 1/2A. Well Done!

1/2B - Caden K - Always looking for a new challenge in both literacy and numeracy.

1/2C - Maxim A - Trying very hard to read hundreds, tens and ones numbers in maths.

3/A - Vada B - Working hard every day to achieve her best.

4/5A - Jack T - Thoughtful, hard working class member

5/6A - Maddy P - Demonstrating maturity and resilience during a difficult time. It was great to see.

**MUSIC** - Kiara T - Exemplary behaviour in Music. Congratulations on your progress with Ta, Ti-Ti, Tikka Tikka & Za.

Lilly W - Enthusiasm, willingness to have a go and excellent ideas in Music

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD** - Lachlan M - Working helpfully to get the long jump pit ready for sport. Excellent Effort!

**REGULAR AND PROMPT ATTENDANCE** - It is very important for students to attend regularly in order to make the most of their 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. Please send your children to school every day and on time unless they are sick. It will make a difference to their academic achievement and connectedness to school.

**JACKET POTATOES** - On Thursday the 11th and 18th of February, the Grade 1/2’s were excited to get out into our vegetable garden and pick potatoes, carrots, spring onions and rocket to do some cooking with Mrs Reid. They made yummy Jacket Potatoes! The students wrapped the washed potatoes in foil in preparation for the oven. They cleaned and chopped up the vegetables. Then came the fun part to create their potatoes. It was also wonderful to see the students try the vegetables even though they said they didn’t like them and many were surprised to find that they actually did like them and asked for seconds! Along with the salad we made from our garden we topped the potatoes with a bit of cheese and sour cream. Delicious! They smell and tasted amazing! Here are some happy faces eating our creations!

**LEGO ROBOTICS**

The 2016 Lego Robotics Team this year includes Daniel N, Dylan R, Bailey, Jack, Harry and Cohen F. During the last two weeks we have begun the program by building our robots! This is an exciting program to have at our school and we are very grateful to Ardoch for donating the sets to us last year. Our team visited Monterey Secondary College at the end of last year and saw what amazing projects they are doing and what is offered as a subject in Year 10. As we were leaving the Co-Ordinator was very generous and donated to our school an expander set which allows our students to create even more robots, such as an elephant, dog and dinosaur! So keep an eye out for an upcoming assembly where we will show you what we have created and what our little robots are capable of! The aim for our Lego Robotics Club is to compete against other schools in the First Lego League. This is an event that runs in Term 4 every year, so this is what we will be busy working our way towards! Here is our team happily working away creating and building our robots!  

Mrs Reid.

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**EARTH HOUR SATURDAY 19th MARCH 2016**

This year students will be introduced to Earth Hour which is held on Saturday 19th March, where homes and businesses are encouraged to turn off electricity from 8.30pm – 9.30pm. If you are interested in participating and learning more please visit www.earthhour.org.au. You can register and find some fun tips on how to participate. Here at Seaford Park, students will be participating in a range of activities on Thursday the 17th for Earth Hour and learning why raising awareness for this cause is so important. One of the things that makes Australia so great is the beautiful outdoor lifestyle we live. From beaches, rainforests and rivers, to snow-capped mountains, coral reefs and lakes, we have one of the most beautiful countries in the world. However, the healthy, outdoors lifestyle we enjoy is under threat from rising temperatures and more extreme weather caused by carbon pollution - it only takes a small change in the climate to mess up the delicate balance of nature. That’s why in 2016, we’ll be switching off to protect the Places We Love!  

Tammy Reid

**SEAFORD JUNIOR F.C**

The Seaford Junior FC is looking for new players for the 2016 season. We have teams from under 9’s through to under 17’s, along with under 18, under 15 and under 12 girls teams. Please feel free to contact the club at either sjfcpresident@optusnet.com.au or by calling David Roach on 0412 711 94 if you or anyone you know is interested in joining our family friendly club. You can also visit www.seafordjfc.com.au