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Seaford K-7 NEWS



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Wednesday 2nd August - Term 3 Week 2

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Diary Dates

AUGUST

- 3 Showdown Donuts & wear your Team Colours Day
- 4 **9.10am Assembly**
- 7-18 3 Way Conferences
- 10 9.30am Principal's Tour and Information Sharing
Governing Council Meeting 3:15pm
- 11 **9.10am Assembly**
- 14 Super Duper Book Week Performance R-5 & Senior
Special Class
- 25 9:10am Book Week Parade at assembly

Future School Closure/ Pupil Free Days

Friday September 1st – School Closure
Monday September 4th – Pupil Free Day –Staff Training

Welcome Back

It's been a cold, wet start to Term 3 but like always, it's busy! Welcome to the new families who have started with us. We hope you and your children enjoy being part of the Seaford K-7 community. There have been several changes in staffing this term. Naomi Moro will be fulltime in the Year 4/5 class replacing Bec Burton on leave, Bronwyn Alexander will be in Jenny and Jess' classes on Wednesday and Thursday respectively and Dylan Philips will be in Tanya's Year 5/6 class on Fridays. Unfortunately Lee Page, SSO in our JP Special Class, has had to leave expectantly and we are currently trying to fill her position.

We trust families have returned their times for their children's **3 Way Conferences** which are being held over weeks 3 and 4. This is a great opportunity for children to share their learning journey with families and celebrate their successes but acknowledge where improvement is needed. If you haven't booked your time please do so with your child's class teacher.

Principal's Tour and Information Sharing

Parents/ Carers of children starting school in 2018
are cordially invited to attend

**Seaford K-7 School Principal Tour and
Information Morning**

on

**Thursday 10th August 2017
at 9.30am**

in the Seaford K-7 School Library

R.S.V.P by Wednesday 9th August

Phone: 83861197 or

Email: dl.1207.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Early Years Re-development

We are currently redeveloping our Early Years outside area (near the kindy) to provide a larger natural play space for our younger students. In doing so we have removed some asphalt, and unfortunately the tree as it was unsafe. We will be changing where the gate is behind the gym and straightening off the fence, giving the kindy more space for lawn. This will make way for a sand pit, new trees and a natural play area. We will be asking the Early Years students for their ideas on how they want the area to work and if you have any too, please let me know. We are looking forward to this space developing in the future but this is how things look so far!



SRC Term 2 Fundraiser

SRC voted on our fundraiser last term to support 'Cupcakes for a Cure', which is a childhood cancer fundraiser.

SRC decided the best way to do this was a casual clothes day on the last day of term with a gold coin donation from all students who participated. **We raised \$229.60 which was a fantastic result!!!**

Thank you for supporting our worthy cause!

Michelle and the SRC

From the Deputy Principal

Book Week-Week 5: Escape To Everywhere

Our Book Week costume parade will be on Friday 25th August at our morning assembly. So if you're stuck for ideas here are some suggestions:

- Captain Underpants
- The Wild Things Live)
- Cat in the hat
- A pirate from Peter Pan
- A fairy or princess
- Willy Wonka
- A wild thing (from Where
- BFG

Have some fun with this and plan a costume with your child that will make them stand out!

Jo Boaler Training and Development

On Monday 24th July Ms Adams and Nikki attended a training and development day led by Jo Boaler. Jo is a professor of mathematics education at Stanford University in the States. She spoke about the importance of a growth mindset when learning maths and how anyone can improve their skills in this area.

In one of her articles she identifies 6 ways parents and carers can support their children to improve their maths skills:

1. Puzzles and games – anything with a dice really – will help kids enjoy maths, and develop number sense, which is critically important.
2. Always be encouraging and never tell kids they are wrong when they are working on maths problems. Instead find the logic in their thinking – there is always some logic to what they say. For example if your child multiplies 3 by 4 and gets 7, say – Oh I see what you are thinking, you are using what you know about addition to add 3 and 4, when we multiply we have 4 groups of 3...
3. Never associate maths with speed. It is not important to work quickly, and we now know that forcing kids to work quickly on maths is the best way to start maths anxiety for children, especially girls. Don't use flashcards or other speed drills. Instead use visual activities such as: <https://bhi61nm2cr3mkgk1dtaov18-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/FluencyWithoutFear-2015.pdf>
4. Never share with your children the idea that you were bad at maths at school or you dislike it – especially if you are a mother. Researchers found that as soon as mothers shared that idea with their daughters, their daughter's achievement went down.
5. Encourage number sense. What separates high and low achievers is number sense – having an idea of the size of numbers and being able to separate and combine numbers flexibly. For example, when working out $29 + 56$, if you take one from the 56 and make it $30 + 55$, it is much easier to work out. The flexibility to work with numbers in this way is what is called number sense and it is very important.
6. Perhaps most important of all – encourage a "growth mindset" let students know that they have unlimited maths potential and that being good at maths is all about working hard.

To find out more use the below website link. It's worth a look.

<https://www.youcubed.org/parents/>

Nikki Garner

DECD Trial of UK Phonics Screening Check

Our school is participating in a trial of the UK Phonics Screening Check. Teachers will administer this check in Reception and Year 1 during school time and use this information to inform their teaching. The evaluation of the trial will include feedback from leaders and teachers and will also involve the analysis of student responses to the check. All information will remain confidential as students or schools will not be identified.

If you don't want your child's responses to be included in the analysis of the DECD Trial then please come into school to sign an opt out document.

Camp Quality Puppets

Recently we had Camp Quality come and present a puppet show for us. The students learned about Cancer and some of the symptoms/treatments that patients go through. We learned about how important it is to treat people with Cancer just like everyone else.



The website for Camp Quality has lots of information and guides for parents/carers to talk to their children about Cancer. <https://www.campquality.org.au>



Show Your Team Colours Day - TOMORROW

Prior to the Showdown we will be having a 'Show your Team Colours' Casual and Donut Day on Thursday 3rd August



All students and staff are encouraged to wear team colours on Thursday. You don't have to wear Crows or Port colours – any sporting team colours will do.



Scholastic Book Club

The new brochure went home to families last week. You can order online **ONLY** before the 10th August when this issue of Book Club will close.

Premier's Reading Challenge

All students need to have completed their record sheets and handed them in to Mrs Briggs by **Monday 18th September** which leaves quite a bit of time to get reading!



Head Lice

Checking for head lice is the responsibility of the parent/carer and we ask for your support and cooperation by checking your child's hair. The sooner the student is treated the less chance of transmission to other students. An infected student may return to school when treatment of the hair has been completed and the hair has been combed thoroughly to ensure all eggs are removed and destroyed.



Sports & Extra Curricular Photos

There is an opportunity for families to order copies of photographs taken of our SRC, Student Leaders, House Captains, House Vice Captains and SAPSASA Sporting teams.

If you are interested in purchasing any of these photos the order form and payment details is attached to the email accompanying this newsletter or can be obtained from the front office at school.

Copies of the photos are available for viewing in the office.

All orders must be completed and paid for by Monday 14th August.

Woolworths 'Earn & Learn' Campaign

This year our school will again be participating in the Woolworths 'Earn & Learn' campaign. There is a collection box in the front office where **fully completed** sticker sheets can be deposited.

We are aiming to redeem the stickers totalled at the end of the campaign for a range of educational resources across every category possible including Science, Sports, Mathematics, English and Arts and Crafts. Stickers can be collected between Wednesday 26th July and Tuesday 19th September.

Sticker sheets can be downloaded from woolworths.com.au/learnandlearn

We will also have a collection box situated outside the Woolworths store in the Seaford Meadows shopping centre.



COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE – SCIENCE ALIVE

Sat 5th & Sun 6th Aug 2017

9 am – 5 pm

Adelaide Showgrounds

Adults \$20 at door or cheaper online at www.sciencealive2017.eventbrite.com.au

This **FREE** hands-on science event has something for

everyone. Families will enjoy the spectacular Chemistry

Science Shows, the Curiosity Shows with Rob & Deane, native animals, robotics, dinosaur puzzles, bugs n slugs and DALEKS! There will also be 60 hands-on

Questacon exhibits to explore. Teenagers will also find a range of info on fabulous science and engineering study and career options



All kinds of awesome.

Come play summer netball at Southern Stars

Players Wanted All Ages

Games at SUNA Morphett Vale during the week

Registrations close 27th July

for more information visit www.snc.sa.netball.com.au