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Seaford K-7 NEWS



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Diary Dates

MARCH

- 5 AGM @ 3:30pm Crèche available
School Clean Up Day
- 6 **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- 9 **ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- 10-13 1.00-2.00pm Reception Swimming
- 11 9.30 Volunteer Induction for parents/carers
- 17-20 1.00-2.00pm Year 1/2 Swimming
- 13 9.10am Assembly
- 25 9.15am Principal's School Tour

REMINDER: School Closed
Pupil Free Day - Staff T & D Friday 6th March
Public Holiday Monday 9th March

Principal's Tour

Parents/ Carers are cordially invited to attend
Seaford K-7 School Principal Tour
 on

Wednesday 25th March
 at 9.15am

R.S.V.P by Monday 23rd March to the school office
 Phone: 83861197

Volunteers

Volunteers play an integral part in supporting the work of Seaford K-7 and enriching the lives of children at our school. We are always looking to welcome new volunteers into our community. Information on the process of becoming a volunteer is available from your child's teacher or the front office and an induction will be held on **Wednesday 11th March for interested parents and carers.**

Governing Council AGM

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) for our joint Governing Council (a combined council for both preschool and school). It will be held in the school library on **THURSDAY 5th March at 3.30pm with a crèche provided.** If you are interested in being on the Governing Council as a member, meetings are held twice a term and are a great way to be involved, hear what is happening and to have a say. Nomination forms and information attached or from the front Office. Please call the school if you have any questions.

Next Assembly

All families are welcome to our next assembly on Friday 13th March at 9:10am in the gym. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sports Day 2020

Sports Day will be held on **Wednesday 8th April.** Please see the article further in the newsletter. Here's some information about our house teams. **House Team Names:** The names that our school house teams have are a reflection of the historical connection and closeness of our community to the sea. Each carries the name of a ship that came to grief in St. Vincent's Gulf.

Witton: Green

David Witton, 271 ton wooden brig ran ashore at the mouth of the Onkaparinga River near Noarlunga on March 17th 1839.

Nashwauk: Blue

Nashwauk, 765 ton emigrant vessel ran ashore near the mouth of the Onkaparinga River at Port Noarlunga on May 12th 1855.

Tigress: Yellow

Tigress, 218 ton brig ran ashore at the mouth of the Onkaparinga River near Noarlunga on September 26th 1848.

Flaxman: Red

Jane Flaxman, 15 ton wooden schooner lost off Semaphore on May 2nd 1850.

Congratulations 2020 Student Leaders

School Leaders and SRC

Stiana	Stirling
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Student Representative Council (SRC)

Mrs Laxton Year 3/4	Taleijha Oscar	
Bec & Mr Quirke 3/4	Maylee Levi	Proxy: Hannah & Parker
Nicole Year 3/4	Cooper Caity	Proxy: Baylee & Molly
Justin Year 5/6	Jake Brock	Proxy: Jack & Sam
Mrs Hart Year 5/6	Stiana Stirling	
Ms Haddy Prim Special	Seth	

Sports Day House Leaders

Nashwauk	Tigress	Witton	Flaxman
Captains	Captains	Captains	Captains
Trigger	Kaiya	Izzy	Britney
Samantha	Jake	James	Noelle
Vice Captains	Vice Captains	Vice Captains	Vice Captains
Aidan	Kobe		Abner
	Daniel		Jayden

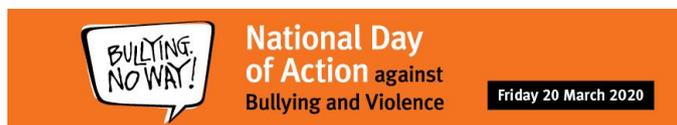
Harmony Day 2020

SRC representatives had their first meeting last Friday. We discussed several whole school initiatives and important community events including Harmony Day, which is a day to celebrate our differences.

This year *Harmony Day* falls on a Saturday, so as a governing body we decided that this year we would focus on National Day against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

We encourage you to speak with your child/children about what Harmony Day means for your family and how being more inclusive and welcoming can make our community a better place to live. In the past we have looked at how inclusive and welcoming our school is and talked about what it means to have a rich difference in our classes and school. Embracing our differences as individuals as well as our similarities as people. This inclusive and welcoming mindset helps to make our school community a friendlier place to be.

SRC spoke about the importance of both of these days and that they underpin each other. Harmony Day with its message of inclusiveness and celebrating difference goes hand-in-hand with the NDA message; 'Take Action Together'.



During the SRC meeting, with our focus on National Day of Action against bullying and Violence (NDA) we brainstormed ideas of several activities for classes to do on **March 20, Friday Week 8**. Part of this is we ask your child/children to please wear a **pink shirt** on the 20th as we at Seaford Primary 'Take Action Together'.

Thank you for your support of our students and helping them learn the importance of being respectful to each other in their every-day lives, whether it is by being inclusive or standing up and speaking out against bullying.

We have a clear message, 'If you see something, say something'. Not reporting bullying, is called being a Bystander, so please report anything you see or hear to trusted adults.

If you yourself are experiencing bullying please speak with a trusted adult either at school or at home.

The Kids helpline is available 24/7 on: 1800 55 1800 children
The Bullying No Way website: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing is scheduled to take place in Term 2 from 12th May until 22nd May. We will also be running a test session on Monday 23rd March to ensure that our systems can support the online platform.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to sit the NAPLAN tests.

However, there are some instances where students may be exempted from one or more of the NAPLAN tests or withdrawn from the tests. The *National protocols for test administration* provide the framework for understanding student participation.

Exemptions

Exemptions may be granted for students with a language background other than English or for students with a disability. In both cases, schools need to discuss the proposed exemption

with the student's parent/carer and gain their permission prior to the testing period.

Withdrawals

NAPLAN tests are a routine part of the school calendar. However students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer if there are religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with their child's school. A formal application in the manner specified by the relevant test administration authority (TAA) must be received by the principal prior to the testing.

For more information about this or other aspects of NAPLAN, please speak to your child's teacher or visit <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/>

Seaford Secondary College Visit



On Thursday Week 5, the Year 5, 6 and 7 students were privileged to attend a morning workshop at Seaford Secondary College. The students participated in a range of activities to do with STEAM (Science, Technologies, Engineering, the Arts and



Maths). The morning was broken into two sessions, one providing the students with the opportunity to play musical instruments such as keyboard, drums, guitar and xylophone. They practiced different riffs from popular songs and got a feel for the instruments. The other session involved technical design and planning where the students made rockets and had a competition to see how far they would fly. All in all, they all loved the space and spoke highly of the activities completed and the facilities they were able to use.



Reminder - Sports Day

A reminder that Sports Day is in **Week 11, Wednesday 8th of April**. We are lucky enough to have Tri Skills return this year and run a range of activities that really add excitement to the day! Please keep an eye out in the newsletter and on Class Dojo for updates closer to the event. As the day gets closer, handouts will be sent home such as a timetable for the day, catering details, early sign out and any other relevant information. If you are available to help on the day, please let myself or your child's classroom teacher know of your availability! All the staff

and the students are getting very excited for a day of fun and competition and are looking very forward to a great Sports Day!

Thanks,

Steve Paulovich (PE Teacher)

School's Clean Up Day

Students across the school will be involved in cleaning up the school and surrounds on Thursday. Areas have been divided between classes and classes with the help of tongs will collect rubbish from our site as part of the nationwide initiative. We look forward to seeing a clean Seaford K-7 and learn about ways we can help keep our environment sustainable.

ICT Update



Digital technology is now a major part of education. Technology use is growing and changing every day and it is crucial that our students have both the technical competencies and cyber safety skills to enable them to be safe and responsible digital citizens. Each classroom/unit has a set of

iPads which allows students to have access during teaching and learning sessions. We have upgraded our Computer Studio which now includes 13 new



Mac Minis. All classes have an Interactive Panel which is engaging students with interactive texts, Literacy and Numeracy activities and web research. The school is continually investing in our

technologies infrastructure.

Well Being & Engagement Collection Survey

The wellbeing and engagement collection (WEC) is a survey that collects information from students in Years 4 to 9 about non-academic factors relevant to learning and participation. The survey gives schools, the community and government an insight into what needs to occur to ensure students experience success and are provided with resources and opportunities to reach their full potential. The survey asks young people about how they think and feel about their experiences both inside and outside of school. The survey includes 68 questions related to areas of

development linked to wellbeing, health and academic achievement.

- Social and emotional wellbeing
- Physical health, lifestyle and after school activities
- School relationships and engagement

More information will be sent home for families next week.

SA Dental Service



To request an appointment online, go to:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment

For clinic locations, go to: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/findyourclinic

Children with poor oral health are more likely to experience pain, to miss days from school and to perform poorly in the classroom. Untreated tooth decay can lead to problems with speaking, eating and learning.

SA Dental Service sees over 80,000 children for dental care each year, but data shows that 57.5% of eligible children in SA are not using the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

There are no out of pocket costs for children covered by the Medicare [Child Dental Benefits Schedule](#).

