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Seaford K-7 NEWS

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SEPTEMBER

- 17th **Governing Council Meeting**
- 25th **Colour Fun Run**
- 25th **Early dismissal 2pm**

Principal's News

It's with mixed emotions that I inform you that after 5 1/2 years of working at Seaford K-7, I'll be leaving to start as Principal at Goodwood PS in 2021.

Seaford has been a wonderful place to work but it was time to be closer to home and start a new journey. The Seaford K-7 Principal position will be advertised on Thursday so the process to appoint a new leader will begin early next term and an outcome will be known before the end of the year. I have enjoyed working with you over the years and thank you for your support to improve the learning outcomes for Seaford students. The changes and achievements we have made are ones we all need to be proud of, as I know I am.

Enjoy the rest of your term and some down time in the holidays to recharge the batteries! See you in Term 4!

Kind regards,
Belinda

Class Placement 2021

We will begin the process for developing our classes for the 2021 school year early next term, and it is very important that we begin with accurate student numbers. If your child/children **will not** be attending our school next year, please let us know as early as possible. If you have any information that you would like taken into consideration with placement of your child next year, please provide it **in writing to staff at the front office by Friday 23rd October (Week 2 Term 4)**. It is important to remember that there are only a limited number of classes available at the various year levels and that we have to work within these to ensure that every child is placed in the best possible class.

Special Class placements are the result of a brokering exercise that occurs at our Regional Office so this process **does not** include students from these classes.

Colour Fun Run Update

Thank you so much for your support and fundraising efforts for the Colour Run so far. We are working well towards our fundraising goal of \$10000. Here are our stats so far as we hit the 2 week mark (keep in mind part of the money raised goes to the Fun Run Company and towards purchasing the prizes).

- \$4833.23 in total raised
- Shaylah is our top fundraising student so far with \$358.44 raised
- Jenny's class is leading the way with \$1195.89 raised
- 99 children have created a profile and 66 students have raised money

The highest fundraising class after 4 weeks wins a week of activities and games in the gym at lunchtime!

As for our Colour Run day on Friday September 25th (last day of term) I will be sending out information in the next week or so! Stay tuned on Class Dojo and the newsletter as the event nears! Let me know if you have any questions or need any help setting up a profile and keep fundraising!

Thanks, Mr P.

Hats

Please ensure your child has their school hat every day. The hat needs to be named clearly please. If you need to buy a new one please purchase them from the front office for \$10.

Message from Nikki G

Lots going on at the moment! The Year 4-7s completed their wellbeing surveys last week. This information is vital for us to see how happy our students are and helps us to make site decisions.

PAT Maths and Reading testing is happening this week for Year 2-7s across the state. This data is vital as we didn't have NAPLAN this year so this will enable us to see yearly progress in the core subjects.

The Year 3 and 4 teachers are finishing up their Vocabulary Project this week. They have been working with a department speech pathologist with a focus on vocabulary improvement. We look forward to analysing that data and seeing the progress in this area.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who have taken part in the Reading Aloud Challenge over the past 4 weeks. That comes to a close on Friday so please ensure your children bring in their booklets. I don't want them to miss out on their rewards! Hopefully you are all in the habit of reading to your children on a regular basis or even every day.

Signing in of Late Arrivals

We ask all parents/caregivers to ensure that their children arrive at school and are in class at 8:50am. **Children are not expected to arrive at school before 8:30am** as supervision of children is not provided until this time. Children are supervised from 8:30am until 3:15pm.

It is a departmental requirement that you sign your child in if they are late. If you are unable to accompany your child to sign in please give us a telephone call with the reason for their lateness.

We are experiencing a large number of children coming in late who are unable to sign themselves in and have no idea why they are late.

Car Parking Reminder

The School and Kindy car park **are not for families to use for parking (unless there is a specific reason that has been discussed with staff eg disability).** It is also **not** a thoroughfare for walking into the school grounds. This is a real safety issue for children with families driving in and out and walking through as it is always extremely busy and therefore **NOT A SAFE PLACE** for children.

The Arts

I am very happy to announce that our school will participate in the annual *Music Count Us In* project. Every year more than 2000 school communities with over 500,000 students take part in learning the same song and sing it on the same day at the same time. The song is written every year by 4 chosen students and every school will use their skills and resources available to make it their own. This year the event will be on 05 NOVEMBER 2020 at 12:00 pm that is term 4 week 4 Thursday.

More information on the website:

<https://musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/>



Indigenous Outdoor Afternoon

On the 23rd of November (Wednesday Week 10) we are having an outside afternoon linked to the Australian Curriculum based on Indigenous perspectives. The students will be involved in the following activities: pretend bush tucker making, damper tasting, dreaming stories, rock painting, collage, symbol drawing, wardli building, Indigenous sport games (chiba, mangrook and edor). The aim is for the students to embark on adventures and to spark their imagination.

We are still after the following donations: paintbrushes, rocks big enough to paint on and old pots and pans. If you have these items and are happy to donate can you please send these to the front office.

Thank you
Jemma Laxton

Every Day Counts!

Hi everyone, another brilliant week for weather and this has helped people to stay healthy and get to school on time.

Looking forward to more sunshine and continued great attendance for our students because as we all know, *Every Day Counts!*

Here is the attendance data for the week ending 7/9/20. This is an improvement from our Week 4 attendance. Well done everyone!

When you are planning holidays, particularly coming into Term 4 can you please let the school know. If it is an extended period we ask for an Exemption form, which is then approved by the Principal, to be filled in and this will mean you will not be asked every day where your child/ren are.

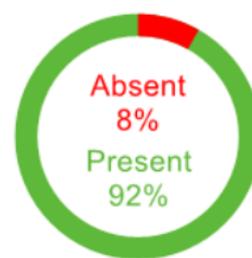
If your child/ren are feeling poorly, coughing, sore throat etc. please keep them home and let us know they are unwell. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Looking forward to more sunshine ☺ Michelle



Year to Date (2020)

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 07/09/2020



Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 07/09/2020

Wellbeing Matters

Hi all, it has been a tricky year for many this year and we respect that situations can happen within the home whether due to a loss in work or other family matters.

If you are comfortable then please let the relevant class teacher or Leadership know when something occurs so we can help support your child/ren here at school and offer them extra support if / when they need it.

We want to be able to support your child in the best way we can, having a shared understanding can help us to do this.

If you feel more support is needed there are lots of agencies who can help, here are some helpful contacts:

Kidshelpline: 1800 55 1800

Beyond Blue: www.beyondblue.org.au 1300 22 4636

Life line: 13 11 14

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Morphett Vale: 8326 1234

Financial Counselling and Support, Anglicare SA: <https://anglicaresa.com.au/support/financial-counselling/>
Anglicare, Family Relationship Support: 8305 9200