



# The Seaforth Satellite

The weekly newsletter of Seaforth Public School

Week 11, Term 1, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016

## All you need to know in 30 seconds!

### Dates for your diary:

#### April

- 6<sup>th</sup> 8:45am School Banking
- 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Junior Girls Soccer Winter PSSA Trials – Kempbridge Oval
- 7<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Colour Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Last Day Term 1**

### HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

#### **27<sup>th</sup> Term 2, Students return to school**

- 27<sup>th</sup> Anzac Assembly
- 26<sup>th</sup> Opportunity Class Placement Test 2017 – online applications open : [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Last day for P&C Mother's Day forms

#### May

- 10<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Excursion Golden Ridge Farm
- 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- 13<sup>th</sup> Opportunity Placement Test online applications close

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[www.seaforthpublicschool.com](http://www.seaforthpublicschool.com)

## From the Principals Desk

### Our vision at Seaforth ...

We are a community of educators and families, committed to achieving success and developing strength of character for every child that will allow for the accomplishment of their potential throughout and beyond the Seaforth years.

- Opportunity classes 2017
- Year 6 Kokoda Track excursion
- Intensive Band day
- And finally ...

### Opportunity classes 2017

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 27 July 2016**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2017, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).



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Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **26 April 2016** in a printed application information booklet and at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). The application website opens on **26 April 2016** and closes on **13 May 2016**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **26 April 2016**. You must submit only ONE application for each student.

### **Year 6 Kokoda Track excursion**



On Tuesday Year 6 accompanied by Geoff Mackay from Balgowlah RSL went to the The Kokoda Track memorial education centre in Rhodes for a guided tour and recollection of the Kokoda Track campaign by veteran soldiers now in their late 90's. In particular Reg who guided the tour, was an amazing man who spoke eloquently with clarity about his experience as a soldier, his fondness for the fuzzy wuzzy angels and the importance of the campaign to the Australian identity. Further he led a guided tour where he moved so fast it was a struggle to keep up with him!

Overall our students experienced an amazing day and carried themselves with dignity and pride. A true reflection of the ideas we hold for Seaforth Public School. Well done Year 6 and teacher, Mr Tom Davidson and Narelle Stacey.

### **Intensive Band Day**

I would just like to acknowledge and congratulate the band committee and conductors for running such an amazing band intensive day for all of our band students. On Monday students beamed from the experience where we were treated to an outstanding performance by the intermediate Band at our assembly this week. I thought it was worth noting that our band students and families demonstrate such dedication and passion for the program where it is always brilliant to see their progress and sense of pride at each performance. See further in the newsletter for pictures. Well done!

### **And finally ...**

I would I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. It has been a busy term where we have worked hard on making our Kindergartens first experience of school a fantastic one, our new staff have been eager and passionate about starting the year with us and students that have excelled. With that enjoy the break and as always please free to stop and chat about anything and everything!

Bernard Cheng: **Principal**

## **School News**

### **School Car Park**

For the safety of students and siblings please do not walk students through the staff car park on Kempbridge Campus. We understand that if you have a stroller that this is the easiest route however delivery vehicles use this entrance and some of the drivers are not mindful that there are little children about.

### **Road Re-sheeting Works – Carpark Brook Road**

Council's contractor Stateline Asphalt will be undertaking road re-sheeting at the carpark outside the shops on Brook Road, Seaforth.

From 9:00am to 3:30pm Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (subject to weather) During the works, the affected areas will be barricaded and signposted accordingly and it is imperative that these arrangements are adhered to at all time.

Any questions please contact Council's Engineer Sandy Leung on 9976 1617.



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## Library News

### Year 5 & 6 Library Projects

The deadline for the Year 5 & 6 "countries of the world" posters is Friday (tomorrow). I have been so impressed by the posters I have received so far. Generally speaking, the standard is excellent! Students have put in a lot of work, and a lot of imagination. Expect to see the Library festooned with the most colourful of the posters next term.

### Mr Cowling's Mediterranean Odyssey

I'm off to Spain and Italy during the holidays – back at school in Week 6 of next term. With a tan. It'll be tough, but someone's got to do it! Kelly Griffiths will be looking after the Library in my absence, and I have no doubt at all that she will do a great job.

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Kel Cowling: Librarian

## Kitchen Garden

As Term 1 comes to an end, we reflect upon our productive term. So many garden beds refilled and replanted, we have undertaken a serious snail relocation program as well as beginning a white cabbage moth deterrent program of displaying realistic fake moths - white cabbage moths are quite territorial.

We tripled our numbers to our first Kitchen Garden Planning Meeting for 2016. Thank you so much to those people that attended. We hope to see you return.

Our next major event requiring volunteers is our **Working Bee scheduled 7th May 1pm - 4pm**. Please add this date to your family calendar as we are hoping to have lots of people attend to ensure our specials tasks of building a seedling hut and installing a water tank are undertaken in addition to the general maintenance of our kitchen garden area.

To keep informed of the kitchen garden happenings please ensure you have liked

<https://www.facebook.com/seaforthkitchengarden/B>

## Band News

### Intensive Workshop

What a success! Congratulations to all the band kids for a wonderful concert on Saturday. You impressed the socks off everyone, especially your parents!



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After just a few short weeks of rehearsals the Training Band already sounds like a real band! Well done Training Band! The Intermediate Band impressed us with their music pieces, especially Hang On Sloopy which had a lot of people singing and dancing along! And the Concert Band was just too amazing for words. Well done to all the conductors and tutors for the hard work they have put into making our kids sound so impressive.

A special thank you to Debbie Vallino and Nicky Lim for their hard work on the day and to Tracey Hurley and Lyndel Donaldson for their help with the kids and tutors. Also thanks to all the parents who brought afternoon tea for the tutors and to those who helped out at the sausage sizzle.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

BAND CAMP - 8th and 9th June.

This is a very important date in the year for Band and we ask that parents diarise and prioritise these dates above all other commitments.

Have a great week

## Uniform Shop

**Monday 8:45am to 10am**

**Thursday 2:45pm to 4pm.**

You can also order online at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) or the school office has order forms. All online orders will be delivered within 4 school days

**WINTER CHANGEOVER DATE – 1<sup>st</sup> June (week 6 of term 2)** The shop will be changed over to winter uniforms from the beginning of term 2. Kindy parents will receive an order form in the first week back of school. There will be no one on one fittings for winter uniforms although you are welcome to come into the shop to try on items if you are unsure of sizes.

#### Caps

For your convenience the canteen now has a supply of school caps if you ever find yourself stuck without a cap. \$12 each

#### Second Hand Items

We are very grateful for your donations of second hand items. 100% of the sale of these items goes directly to the school via the P & C. It is appreciated if items are washed before donation.

The uniform shop is currently fully stocked with summer uniform items.

Any queries please email me at [seaforthuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:seaforthuniformshop@gmail.com) or call/text me on 0416 225 048



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### No Contracts

**Seaforth Community Centre**  
Cnr Baringa Av and Koobilya St  
MONDAYS Juniors: 6:00pm

**Forestville Senior Citizens Centre**  
Cnr Warringah Rd and Starkey St  
WED Juniors: 5:00pm

Also Beacon Hill and more

**Phone: 04 1300 4094**  
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The Junior Science Academy aims to encourage children to develop their understanding of how our world works. Supported by science experts at Macquarie University, the activities are designed to suit all primary school aged children.

Children are introduced to science concepts, participate in science based experiments and make friends in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University where they have access to its learning facilities.

Our programs run four times a year in the school holidays and we add and rotate topics each offering.

**Drop off** 8.30am to 9.30am (children are supervised)

**Activities** 9.30am to 4.30pm

**Pick up** 4.30pm to 5.30pm (children are supervised)

**Cost** \$120 per child per day, including GST

**ENROL ONLINE TODAY!**

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## Seaforth Public School Mothers Day Stall

All payments must be received by  
3.15pm on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The Mothers Day Stall will take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. Students can choose a gift from the fantastic selection we have carefully chosen and wrapped for them.

To participate, simply decide how many gifts you would like to purchase (mum, grandmother, auntie etc) and return this form with payment or pay online via Flexischools. Gifts are \$10 each and the cut off date for participation is 1<sup>st</sup> May.

We have a variety of fantastic quality gifts. The kids absolutely love coming to the stall and participating, so please support this fundraiser.

If you are able to help with wrapping and/or the stall, please contact Kathy Ellis at [kathy.ellis@bigpond.com](mailto:kathy.ellis@bigpond.com) Any help is very appreciated.

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### 2016 Mothers Day Stall

Your Name: ..... Ph: .....

Child's name and class: .....

I wish to purchase ..... gifts at the Mothers Day stall @ \$10 per gift.

Total = .....

o FlexiSchools. - PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT PLEASE - Log in as normal and choose the correct number of gifts. You do not need to complete and return this form if using this payment method.

o Cheque. Made out to "Seaforth Public School P&C".

o Cash. In a sealed envelope marked "Mothers Day Stall" to the Kempbridge office



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