



THE SEAFORTH SATELLITE

The weekly newsletter of Seaforth Public School

Week 2, Term 2, Thursday 5th May 2016

All you need to know in 30 seconds!

Dates for your diary:

May

6 th – 10 th June	Winter PSSA Sport starts
10 th	Kindergarten Excursion Golden Ridge Farm
10 th -12 th	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
13 th	Opportunity Placement Test online applications close
13 th	Winter PSSA
17 th	ICAS Digital Technology 9.30am – 11.00am
18 th	School Cross Country Carnival 9.15am – 3.15pm
20 th	Winter PSSA
27 th	Winter PSSA

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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.

This week's key messages include:

- Congratulations to our new permanent teaching staff
- NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5
- Class Information evenings for 3/4S, 2C and 1W

Congratulations to our new permanent teaching staff

Over the past month, we have been recruiting a number of relieving positions to permanent status which has led to a number of congratulations to staff across our school teams.

Assistant Principal Positions

I would like to officially announce and warmly welcome Miss Alison Crowshaw and Miss Hannah Piper who both were successful in attaining the permanent position of Assistant Principal at Seaforth Public School. Miss Crowshaw is the Assistant Principal for Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) and Miss Piper is the Assistant Principal for Stage 2 (years 3 and 4). I am confident they will both make enduring and valuable contributions to moving our school forward through their expertise, enthusiasm and commitment. Congratulations!

Teacher Positions

I would like to officially announce that both Miss Annie Aitken (4A) and Miss Hayley Curnow (2C) have been successful in attaining permanent teaching positions at Seaforth Public School. As with our Assistant Principals, I am excited with our new



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permanent additions to the team where I am confident they will contribute greatly to the classes through outstanding quality teaching. Congratulations!

In addition to these appointments I would like to very warmly welcome Miss Samantha van der Saag and Miss Jessica Whelan who are replacing Mrs Hii on 3/4H and Mrs Duckworth on 1D for the remainder of the year. Again I am very excited welcome our new teachers to these grades where I know they will make a significant difference to our students and their learning.

NAPLAN for years 3 & 5

NAPLAN for years 3 and 5 commences next week. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that NAPLAN is a point in time diagnostic assessment designed to measure student's achievement according to national minimum standards. It is not a test that should cause distress to our students or something parents feel they need to tutor students towards. For families that are sitting the assessment program for the first time, I have included a link to a fact sheet for parents that outline the purpose, administration and interpretation of student achievement at:

http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2015_Parent_information_brochure_web.pdf

I would like to however wish all of our students the very best in their sitting of the assessment. If you have any questions, please feel free to direct these to Mrs Smith, Deputy Principal or to your child's classroom teacher who will be more than happy to be of every assistance.

Class Information evenings for 3/4S(H), 2C and 1W(D)

Information has been sent home in regard to parent information evenings to meet our new teachers of 3/4S, 2C and 1W. The purpose of these sessions is for parents to meet their new teacher and listen to the directions the classes will be taking for the year ahead. As a reminder the details for the sessions are as follows:

- 3/4S Tuesday 10th May at 6.00pm in Yatama Classroom
- 2C Wednesday 11th May at 5.30pm in Kempbridge Classroom
- 1W Wednesday 11th May at 6.00pm in Kempbridge Classroom

And finally ...

It has been a busy first two weeks of term, but certainly very rewarding seeing all of our children return happy and engaged for the term ahead. As always if you are walking past my office or see me darting across the playground feel free to stop and say hi!

Have an excellent end to the week.

Bernard Cheng: **Principal**

From the Deputy Principals Desk

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone!

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN Tests will be happening next week on Tuesday May 10 – Language Conventions and Writing; Wednesday May 11 – Reading and Thursday May 12 – Numeracy. Please make sure children are on time to school on these days to facilitate easy administration of these tests. If your child is absent, the only day allowed for completion of the tests is Friday May 13. No other days can be offered to make-up the tests.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS APPLICATIONS – Year 4 students ONLY.

Just a reminder from previous newsletters that the online portal for applying for Year 5 entry to an Opportunity Class in 2017 **closes NEXT FRIDAY MAY 13.**



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If you have elected to apply for entry into an OC class you must apply online at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

You must also inform the school of your application so that appropriate assessment information can be forwarded to the High Performing Students Unit when your application is being considered. Please inform the school on the form below:

Christine Smith : **Deputy Principal**

INTENTION TO APPLY: YEAR 5 ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS IN 2017

Student's Name:

Class

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2017 (circle one) YES NO

Signature of parent /carer:

Date: / /

Please return this note to Mrs Williams in the Yatama Street Office

Please note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE.

School News

Robin the school crossing lollypop lady is leaving our school on 20th May. Robin has been with us for several years and will be very much missed.

If anyone would like to donate to a small thank you gift, a gold coin donation, you can hand it into the office.

Chess News

Chess has started this week.

NSW Junior Chess League – Primary Schools Competition 2016

Notes have been handed out if your child is participating

Kel Cowling: Librarian



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Kitchen Garden

Please note there has been a date change for our upcoming Working Bee. It is now scheduled for Saturday, 14th May 2016. We really would appreciate as many families as possible to come to assist.



Working Bee!

SATURDAY
14TH MAY 2016

1pm – 4pm

PLEASE COME AS WE NEED YOUR HELP
to improve our Kitchen Garden on Yatama Campus!

Specific goals in addition to general maintenance:

1. To construct an irrigated seed raising area
2. To install a 10000L rainwater tank

Please RSVP to ros@seaforthkitchengarden.com.au
to inform of your attendance, along with ages of any
children participating, to assist with planning and
catering!



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Band News

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 or the school office has order forms. All online orders will be delivered within 4 school days

WINTER CHANGEOVER DATE – 1st 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 fitting 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 or call/text me on 0416 225 048



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Community News

Northern Beaches



Support Group

A problem shared is a problem halved

The Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group is a voluntary, parent-run group offering support for parents of children/teenagers with ADHD via monthly meetings. The group provides a safe & supportive environment to discuss and learn more about ADHD.

SPEAKER EVENING WITH ANTONIA CANARIS
DIRECTOR, NEUROSENSORY



"ADHD & DIFFICULTIES IN READING, WRITING & ARITHMETIC"

Antonia will discuss the overlap between ADHD, dyslexia and dyscalculia. She will also mention helpful strategies and how to find reliable advice and remediation. This presentation would suit parents, teachers and other professionals assisting children with ADHD as well as adults with ADHD.

Antonia holds a Master's in Education (Literacy and Numeracy) & a Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies majoring in Autism. Antonia is a qualified Orton-Gillingham multisensory educational therapist having studied through the Institute of Multi-Sensory Language Education (IMSLE).

Antonia is a member of the International Dyslexia Association and the Australian Dyslexia Association. Antonia is a director of Neurosensory, an educational and remedial teaching practice, specialising in multi-sensory learning for children & adults with dyslexia, ADHD, ASD and other learning disorders.

Tuesday, 10th May 2016 @ 7.00-9.00pm
The Pittwater RSL, Main Sail Room, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale

\$5 CONTRIBUTION ON THE NIGHT

Ticket reservations essential via the website or
<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/org/4222746751>



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