



The Seaforth Satellite

The weekly newsletter of Seaforth Public School

Term 1 Week 6 2nd March 2017

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Dates for your diary:

March

3 rd	PSSA Sport
6 th	Zone Swimming Carnival
6 th - 7 th	NBLA Leadership Camp 9.45am – 2.00pm
8 th	Senior Boys Soccer Trial 8.00am
10 th	PSSA Sport
13 th	Sibling Photos 8.15am – 9.15am Yatama
13 th	School Photos Yatama 3 – 6
17 th	PSSA Sport
17 th	K-6 Disco Kempbridge Hall Yrs K-2; 5.00pm - 6.15pm, Yrs 3-6; 6.30pm – 8.00pm
20 th	Sibling Photos 8.15am – 9.15am Kempbridge
20 th	School Photos Kempbridge K - 2
20 th	Sydney North Swim Carnival
21 st	FUTSAL Northern Beaches Competition - Narrabeen

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From the Principals Desk

WELCOME

I would like to very warmly welcome Ms Trudy Alcorn to the Relieving Deputy Principal's position for the duration of Mr Cheng's leave. Ms Alcorn is a very experienced deputy who comes to us from Avalon Public School. Our school community has already made Trudy feel very welcome and she has settled in amazingly quickly. I am looking forward to building on the great relationship Trudy and I have already established and continuing to work with her over the next few weeks.

THANK YOU

I would like to mention the hard work of the P and C particularly Michelle French in organising the current works taking place at the Yatama Street campus. This has created more functional play space for our 3-6 students and has greatly increased the aesthetics of that site. Whilst mentioning the P and C, I would also like to congratulate the incoming (and in most cases returning) P and C executive that were elected at the AGM last Tuesday evening. I am looking forward to working closely with all of you while I am in the role of principal and would like to publicly recognise and thank you all for the time you give to improving student outcomes at our school. A more in-depth report of the evening is within the P and C section of this newsletter.

TOILETS

Our boys' and girls' toilets on the Kempbridge site are going to be refurbished and moved so both are situated on the boys' toilet/art room footprint near the Brook Street entrance. This will take approximately 3 months to complete. While the project is underway a demountable boys' toilet will be



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placed on the wood chip area outside the library and the existing girls' toilets will remain in commission until the refurbishment is complete. This is great news for our school and should resolve some longstanding issues for us. This project won't begin until term two.

NEW BUILDING UPDATE

This project has gone into an 8-9 week design phase where the architectural firm who won the tender for the design will be developing the detailed plans for the building. After this period, the tender will be put out to the construction industry which should be another 2-3 week process at least. After this a commencement of construction date should be released. I will endeavour to keep the community up-to-date as more information comes to hand.

If these or any other issues are causing you concern or, if you would like to drop in for a chat, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Christine Smith Principal (Rel.)

Christine Smith: **Principal (Relieving)**

From the Deputy Principal Desk

School Photos

School photo days are fast approaching. On 13 March Years 3-6 will have their photos taken on Yatama Campus and on 20 March K-2 will have their photos taken on Kempbridge Campus. Photos need to be ordered online prior to photo days. Details on how to do this were sent out this week on the App. Students are to wear full summer school uniform for the photos. **Family Portraits will be taken between 8.15-9.15am on both days in the respective locations. If you have ordered a Family Portrait please ensure you take your children on either morning to the hall on that campus for their photo.** Please note that this is a different arrangement from 2016.

For further information please contact:

enquiries@advancedlife.com.au uities@advancedlife.com.au

Trudy Alcorn: **Deputy Principals (Relieving)**

Parent & Citizens News

P&C AGM and General Meeting

Both the AGM and a General Meeting were held on Tuesday 28 February. Thanks to the significant number of you who were able to attend. For those that couldn't, here's a brief on what happened.

AGM

Reports were received from both the President and Treasurer.

Life membership was unanimously conferred on Michelle French and Rachel Cooke.



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Richard Gwyn Williams was returned as Treasurer, Paul Hart and Martin Keenlyside were returned to the Executive, Kate Harpur was thanked for her tenure as Secretary, Alexandra Cowie joined the executive and I was returned as President.

General Meeting

The formalities over with, we delved into the regular business of P&C;

1. Where's Bernard Cheng? Christine Smith and I reported that Bernard is on a period of carers leave to look after his son who was recently hospitalised. We wish for a speedy recovery and return to school for both of them.

2. High School catchment boundaries for Balgowlah Boys, Mackellar Girls and Forest High have recently changed. The P&C resolved to write to the regional director to clarify a number of relevant matters following some recent misinformation received from elsewhere.

3. Christine provided us with an update on the Kempbridge building program, which will commence later this year. P&C continues to hold quarantined funds (\$50k) to augment those works. We were thrilled to learn that, after a number of years' consideration, a new toilet facility is to be built on the Kempbridge campus.

4. We questioned the length of holding classes at the start of this year. Christine indicated that the school would take on our comments that we recognise the need for holding classes, but would prefer the time in them to be shorter.

5. Michelle French provided us with an update on the range of P&C projects that are underway. We noted that the bubblers look fantastic and that the works at Yatama are likewise. The meeting noted that consideration of shade given the Yatama works will be undertaken when complete.

6. Sue Yates gave us an update on operations of the canteen and the changes that have been implemented. The meeting noted that the canteen is a business unit of the P&C (not the school) and congratulated the canteen team on running a great service whilst mindful of the need to ensure viability.

7. The meeting was pleased to note that air conditioning - albeit temporary units - had been installed in classrooms without a permanent solution for the first five weeks of the year subsequent to P&C work. A permanent solution is now being considered, but will be a major project that requires a power audit, installation of solar panels and project management by the Department. P&C may consider increasing its commitment of funds.

8. Rachel Cooke provided an update on the range of events planned for the year. The meeting noted the excellent attendance and flawless execution of the recent welcome drinks function (thanks Kate Harpur) and looked forward to a packed year of events!

9. The uniform shop, similar to the canteen, is a business operated by the P&C. The meeting noted its continued excellent operation under the superb guidance of Ashley Bennett, and further noted that donation of used (laundered) uniforms for sale results in 100% contribution to the P&C.

10. The installation of smart boards continues, with the meeting noting that a number of different versions are in use across classrooms. Many of the smart boards/screens have been provided by P&C over a number of years.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm - bang on schedule!

P&C meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month during term time. All are welcome. An excellent place to bring your questions and ideas.

Cheers, Andrew Gregson



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2017 Social/Fundraising Events Update

The Seaforth Public School Social/Fundraising Team have been very busy planning a variety of exciting Community, Social & Fundraising events for this year and we are looking for volunteers – Parents, Carers, Grandparents or any Family members that may be available to assist with our fabulous 2017 events!!

All activities and events are organised and managed by volunteers and we are always looking for willing helpers... Many hands make light work.

Each P&C Social/Fundraising event has a year group/s that are assigned to organise and run it so the responsibility is spread throughout the school, however volunteers are welcome to assist with one or all of the events if there is something they have a particular interest in. We are asking the Class Parents to help and be in charge of sending out information relating to these events and encourage their classes to become involved.

If you have some time or energy and would like to assist with any of the events below or if you, your business or someone you know can help donate something BIG or small for us to use in our raffles/auctions for example; event tickets, games, jewellery, electronics, holidays, cash donations, vouchers, sporting memorabilia etc please contact the team at seaforthfundraising@gmail.com, we would love to hear from you. We try to organise our prizes ahead of time and allocate them to relevant events. In return for any generous donations ALL donators will receive free advertising on our Seaforth Public School Community Facebook page, Facebook Event Pages and will be advertised in 2 of our Newsletters leading up to the event in which the prize is being used.

Please NOTE that some events may change if building works on the Kempbridge Campus start this year, such as The Fair. We will keep you updated on ALL these events.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to a fun year ahead

Seaforth Fundraising & Social Team

2017 Social/Fundraising Events

	Event	Term	Date	Co-Ordinators	Team Helping
1	P&C Welcome Drinks	Term 1	Week 4 Thursday 16 th February	Kate Harpur	P&C Executive
2	Kids Disco K-2 – 5pm-6:15pm 3-6 – 6:30pm-8pm	Term 1	Week 8 Friday 17 th March	Jen Jordan	Kindy Parents/Carers
3	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	Term 2	Week 3 Friday 12 th May 3pm	Kerrie Cassie Anna Town	Years 3 & 4 Parents/Carers
4	Fun Run	Term 2	TBC	Dina Gregson & Michelle French	Years 5 & 6 Parents/Carers
5	Father's Day Breakfast	Term 3	Week 7 Friday 1st September	Rachel Cooke & Margaret Rowlison	Year 1 Parents/Carers
6	Big Night OUT! Adults Only - Venue TBA	Term 4	Week 2 Saturday 21 st October	Anna Town	Year 2 Parents/Carers
7	Christmas Fair ?? This ONLY happening if building works DON'T start!! Find out more Term 2	Term 4	TBC	Rachel Cooke & Amanda Judge & Michelle French & Anna Town	ALL YEARS Parents/Carers will be in charge of an area!!



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School News

The School App – School Enews

The school communicates all information through our App, this is available on both App store and Play store. Please ensure you have downloaded the app so you don't miss out on any information. Instructions on how to download the app are available on the schools' webpage, Parent Services, School Communication.

Many Thanks

The School Office

PSSA Summer Sport

Match reports for Friday 24th February

Girls Eagletag

Senior A team played against Manly Vale and won 11-2. We had a lot of fun with our new team. Best Player: Evie. Fairest: the whole team. We played well as a team considering we only had one training together. Lily got injured halfway through the game. We hopefully you get better Lily.

Senior B team played Beacon Hill and sadly we lost 1-4. Best Player: Kaila. Fairest: Jet. Well done to Miss King for 1st time refereeing and well done Gypsy for scoring. Well done all the girls for trying their best.

Junior A team played Narraweena and won 11-2. Best Player: Georgia. Fairest: Eloise.

Cricket

Junior Cricket team played Balgowlah North and lost. Three points to Archie, two points to Zac and one point to Zane

Garry Kydd: **Cricket Coordinator**

SENIOR BOYS' SOCCER TRIAL NEXT WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH

The first trial for Winter PSSA Senior Boys' Soccer will be held next Wednesday at 8am on the Kempbridge Oval. (I will be away towards the end of this term, when trials are normally held, and would like to conduct at least one trial session before I go.) Anyone interested in trying out should come along. Please wear sports uniform and runners – no studs please. Parents please note: the grass is often wet for these early morning trials/training sessions. If at all possible, please send along a change of shoes and socks.

Kel Cowling: **Soccer Coordinator**

Library News

Leigh Hobbs

What a day! Yesterday, the Library had a very special visitor: artist, author, and 2017 Australian Book Council Children's Laureate Leigh Hobbs. Leigh entertained, educated, *delighted* all of the children in Years K-2, in three separate sessions. 240 children filed into the Library for these sessions, and 240



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ARTISTS filed out. Parents who have seen the work their children produced in these sessions will know exactly what I mean!



Kel Cowling: **Librarian**

Yatama News

Despite the rainy weather and all the work going on in our playground at the moment, the spirits are high on the Yatama Campus.

Our lovely Year 6 students made some delicious cheesy scrolls and shared with our 3-6 teachers. We also found Mrs Forbes gathering lots of herbs ready for her lessons for the day. Some Year 4 students got to try the basil before the lessons – the final consensus – DELICIOUS!

Our 3-6 SRC students will be meeting for the first time next week to discuss student roles and responsibilities across our school and raise any concerns or queries our student body has.



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2017 Kitchen Garden Happenings

What is the Seaforth Public School Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program?

The kitchen garden program teaches children about our natural world and how to care for it. They also learn how best to use the resources we have, and develop an appreciation for how easy it is to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh seasonal produce.

During garden sessions the children work in our garden learning to grow and harvest a wide variety of vegetables, fruits and herbs.

In the kitchen, the children prepare delicious, fresh and healthy food from the seasonal garden produce.

What is special about the program in 2017?

We now have Ms Jessica Forbes as the Kitchen Specialist Teacher working Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs Alexandra Huntington is continuing to work as the Garden Specialist Teacher on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

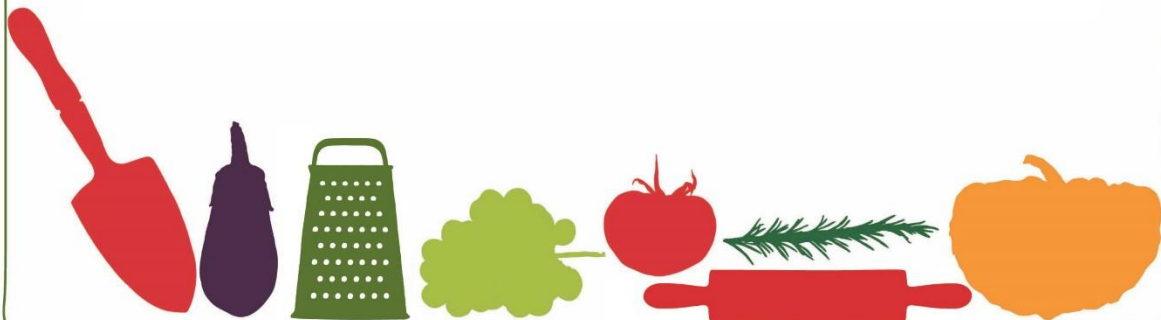
This year, the timetable has been designed so that classes have weekly lessons either in the kitchen or the garden – depending on the semester. By the end of the year, Years 3-6 will have had a semester in the kitchen and K-6 will have a semester in the garden.

Buddy classes are being trialed in the garden classes for Years 4 and some of the year 1 classes.

How can you get involved in the Kitchen Garden program?

If you are interested in volunteering for your child's kitchen garden lessons, simply get in contact with your child's classroom teacher.

If you have any questions about our Kitchen Garden program, feel free to email Alexandra.huntington@det.nsw.edu.au OR Jessica.forbes14@det.nsw.edu.au



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The poster features a header with silhouettes of runners in various colors (pink, purple, yellow, red, blue, green, orange) above the text 'BALGOWLAH BOLT' in large blue letters and 'FUN RUN' in orange script. Below this, a dark blue band contains the date '19 MARCH '17' in white. A red band follows with '2.75 or 5.3km' in white, and 'COURSES TRAVERSING THE SCENIC LOCAL AREA' in smaller white text. A central image shows a person's legs running on a path. Overlaid on this image is a red box with 'RACES START 7AM' in white, and a dark blue box with 'WALK | JOG | RUN' in white. Below the image, a red band contains 'BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL' and 'REGISTER AT: www.bhps.info/'. To the right of this text is the school's crest. The bottom section is dark blue with 'PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY' in white, followed by the 'Cunninghams' logo and a logo for a road or bridge.

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Ms
Ms Denise Wright BA, Dip Ed
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THE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL – GATS TEST, OPEN NIGHT & MEET THE PRINCIPAL DATES

The Forest High School will be holding our GATS (General Achievement) Test on the following date:

Saturday 11th March from 9.00am to 11.30am

Testing will take place in the school hall. If you are unable to attend on this date a reserve session will also be held on **Monday 13th March from 4.00pm to 6.30pm**

Students wishing to be placed in our Gifted and Talented class for Year 7 2018 must first sit for this test. The Year 7 G&T class for Year 7 2018 will be determined after close examination of the test results and the students' NAPLAN results from Year 5. The cost of the test is \$40.00, payable on the day. Students are to bring a 2B or B pencil, an eraser and a ruler. No calculators or dictionaries can be used.

The test consists of three parts:

Part 1 – Mathematics – 40 multiple-choice questions

Part 2 – Reading and Language – 40 multiple-choice questions

Part 3 – One writing task

Students are requested to arrive at The Forest High School by 8.45am for a 9.00am start or by 3.45pm for a 4.00pm start. They are also requested to bring a copy of their NAPLAN results on the day of the test. If you would like your child to sit for this test please ring The Forest High School on 9451 5111 and register your name, your child's name, address & phone number. Please register by Friday 3rd March.

OPEN NIGHT – Wednesday 8th March 2017 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Parents and students are invited to attend The Forest High School Open Night

The evening includes an address from the Principal & School Captains; displays & activities from each faculty; faculty Treasure Hunt; school tours; music, dance & drama performances; teachers & parents will be available to answer questions

MEET THE PRINCIPAL – dates for 2017

Our informal Meet The Principal sessions give parents and students who are interested in coming to The Forest High School the opportunity to meet with our Principal Ms Rosemary McDowall, have a school tour and ask any questions you may have about The Forest High School and starting high school.

Call the School Office on 9451 5111 to book a place or just come to the School Office at 9am on the day

Monday 20th February – 9am

Monday 20th March – 9am

Monday 15th May – 9am

Monday 14th August – 9am

Monday 23rd October – 9am

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