



The Seaforth Satellite

The weekly newsletter of Seaforth Public School

Term 2 Week 1 27th April 2017

All you need to know in 30 seconds!

Dates for your diary:

May

5 th May	PSSA Winter Sport
9 th May	NAPLAN
10 th May	NAPLAN
11 th May	NAPLAN
11 th May	Kind Excursion to Golden Ridge Farm
12 th May	P&C Mother's Day High Tea
12 th May	PSSA Winter Sport
19 th May	PSSA Winter Sport
23 rd May	ICAS Digital Technology
24 th May	Zone Cross Country Carnival (if raining held on 31 st May)
26 th May	PSSA Winter Sport
30 th May	ICAS Science

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From the Principal

Welcome back for Term 2! As you may be aware Bernard Cheng has extended his leave for another 5 weeks and during this time I am very happy to be relieving as principal. Christine Smith started her new role as principal at Northbridge Public School this week and after working closely with her last term, I know they are a very lucky school. I am excited and enthusiastic about working with the great staff, students, parents and community here at Seaforth. My aim is to support the teachers to continue doing the wonderful job they are doing teaching your children, and ensure the school is organised, prepared for the many events of the term and that communication to all members of the school community is clear and effective.

Staffing Changes

We welcome some new staff members this term and we have some changes too. They are as follows:

Christian Pikardt is teaching 6D for the first 8 weeks of term while Tom Davidson is relieving deputy principal for 4 weeks and then on long service leave for 4 weeks. During this time Christina King will be relieving assistant principal for Stage 3.

Kelly Griffiths joins us for the rest of this year supporting our beginning teachers as we received government funding for this program.

Alex Huntington will increase from 3 to 4 days per week to support the beginning teacher mentors, this is part of the government funding we received.

Rachel Catlin is replacing Tess Partridge on 4T, who is on maternity leave for the remainder of the year.



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Chris Peskett is increasing his days from 3 to 5 as the Learning and Support Teacher, for the next 2 terms. He will be working more in classrooms to support our students.

Emily McCarthy will be working as a School Learning and Support Officer for her 3 days per week, allowing more learning and support to occur across the school.

Nicki Parren is replacing Rae Tasker in the office for the next 8 weeks while Rae is on long service leave.

Lynda Trevenar is replacing Nicki Parren for the next 8 weeks while Nicki replaces Rae and this position is 5 days per week.

There will be some changes to who is working at Yatama and Kempbridge in the offices so that our administration staff all get to work together at some stage in the week and support each other in their roles.

School ANZAC Service

Yesterday we commemorated ANZAC Day at a special K-6 assembly. It was a moving and thought provoking service. Many thanks must go to Garry Kydd and Meryn Kay for organising this, Sargent Cris Ashcroft for her presentation, Hayley Curnow for playing the Last Post and our 4 school captains – Eliot, Alice, Sam and Shay who hosted the assembly.

NAPLAN

A reminder for Years 3 and 5 parents that the NAPLAN testing is on in Week 3 of this term. Tuesday 9 May is Language Conventions and Writing, Wednesday 10 May is Reading, Thursday 11 May is Numeracy and Friday 12 May is when catch-up tests will be held. Please put your children at ease by not making a big fuss about these tests and re-assuring them that it is not something to study for or be concerned about. The information helps their teacher know how to support them in their learning for the future. Teachers will show their students some examples of the tests so they know what to expect and how to fill out the forms.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Bookings for parent/teacher interviews are now open. An App alert was sent out this morning with the following information:

Web Address: www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Code: ugxcz

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 May. If you are unable to make any of the times provided please contact your child's teacher directly.

A lot to process, but what a great team we have working together! It has been a very positive start to the term and I look forward to working with you all.

Trudy Alcorn: **Principal (Relieving)**



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Canteen News

The canteen is a business operated by the P&C. The school kindly provides us with the premises and utilities required to operate. We employ staff and cover the other necessary operating costs. I think I'm safe in saying that the school community enjoys the service that the canteen offers.

Over the past couple of years, though, external changes have impacted canteen operations. Subsequent to the fire a couple of years ago, student numbers have been distributed differently across two campuses. That created a need for the canteen to provide a significant number of duplicated services. Obviously, that came at a cost. Earlier this year, the school day timetable changed. That has also had an impact on how the canteen's customers used the service.

With the very kind assistance of our volunteer canteen coordinator, Jenni Jordon, the Executive has been able to consider detailed figures from this year viewed against last year. The result of the combined changes that the service has dealt with has been quite stark. In short, revenue is down and costs are up. The net impact is that the canteen has operated at a not insubstantial loss in Term 1.

We don't believe that this situation is sustainable – and we need your assistance to resolve it. The Executive will be putting a proposal to the next P&C meeting (Tuesday 16 May at 7pm in the Kempbridge Library) that will see our costs reduced. The proposal looks like this;

- Canteen services will be provided at both the first and second break in the school day (as is currently the case);
- The canteen will not open before school; and
- The canteen will open after school on Fridays (only), recognising that this adds to the community feel of our school and is relatively unique.

This is only a proposal. These changes will not take effect until all of our school community has a chance to consider them and to provide feedback. If the proposal is endorsed by the meeting, it will be implemented from the following school week (commencing Monday 22 May).

These changes do not preclude other options to increase revenue. If this proposal is implemented, the next step will be to consider how we might increase revenue to potentially then expand the service.

The Executive of the P&C are very aware that our role is to represent you. We believe we must ensure that you have all the facts in order to make a decision. That decision is yours, not ours; which is why we have proposed a solution for you to consider. If you have alternatives, we look forward to hearing them. There are a number of ways that you can make your view known;

1. Come along to the P&C meeting on 16 May at 7pm in the Library with your comments and suggestions (this will be the best way to be involved);
2. Add your comments and suggested solutions to our Facebook page (search "Seaforth Public School Community");
3. Contact any of our Executive members to have your comments and suggestions relayed (Richard Williams, Paul Hart, Martin Keenlyside, Alex Cowie or me); or
4. Write a note to us with your comments and suggestions and leave it with the school office.



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Finally, the Executive would like to thank Fiona (our canteen manager) and her staff for their assistance in both working through the challenges of the last couple of years as well as assisting in designing a sustainable solution. Our thanks also to Jenni as volunteer coordinator for her hard work to allow us to understand the challenges we face.

We'll look forward to hearing from you and to designing and implementing a solution that works for all of us whilst maintaining a tremendous service to our school community.

Andrew Gregson: **P & C President**

P&C Mothers' Day High Tea

Friday 12th May 2017 2:30 – 4:30pm @ Kempbridge School Hall

Please join us to celebrate all things Mum!

All mums, carers, grandmas, aunties and other special ladies are welcome.

For More information please see the flyer at the end of the Newsletter.

Library News

Thank you Parents and Grandparents!!!

Just before the holidays, the Library held its annual Grandfriends Day Book Sale. What a success! Parents and grandparents purchased over three-and-a-half thousand dollars worth of beautiful brand new books for our Library – proving yet again how generous a community we are blessed with! These books will ultimately become part of the Library's general collection, and available for any child in the school to borrow. The first borrowers, though, will be the lucky children/grandchildren of the wonderful families who so kindly bought them for us. Expect the books to come home with your child soon (as soon as we've been able to barcode and cover them). Thank you!

Help Needed

The aforementioned books will each contain a bookplate with the name of the child whose family donated the book. If there is anyone out there who would be interested in filling in the names of the children for us? The only requirements are neat handwriting and patience!

Tristan Bancks Author Visit!?

Hot off the press! We are hopeful that the highly talented Australian author Tristan Bancks – author of "Two Wolves", "Mac Slater", and the *hilarious* "My Life" series – *may, just may*, be coming to our school (to meet the children and talk about life as an author) sometime in June! Stay posted.

Kel Cowling: **Librarian**



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Chess News

Chess clubs/classes resume this week. For Year 1 and 2 students, classes will be held in the Library, at first lunch, on Thursdays. For Years 3-6 students, classes will be held at first lunch on Fridays, at Yatama Street.

Kel Cowling: **Chess Coordinator**

Uniform Shop

Opening hours

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 week in 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 and uniform details 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

PSSA Socks



Did you know that the uniform stocks **PSSA socks** in Seaforth colours. Great for rugby, soccer, T-Ball. Two sizes available. **\$10.50 each**

Shorties

Does your daughter like to spend her play time at school upside down (cartwheels, handstands etc)? Do you know that we have shorties available to wear under the summer or winter tunic? \$13 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

Ashley Bennett: **Uniform Shop Coordinator**



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Mother's Day High Tea

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FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2017 2:30-4:30PM @ KEMPBRIDGE SCHOOL HALL

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE ALL THINGS MUM!

All mums, carers, grandmas, aunties, and other special ladies are welcome.
We will be providing a glass of bubbles on arrival and yummy high tea items such as
scones, pastries and sandwiches.
As well as, tea and coffee. Kids will have cupcakes, pikelets, mini sandwiches and
poppers.

If you are able to help with food donations or food preparation, please contact
Kerrie Cassie at kerriecassie@gmail.com
Any help will be very much appreciated. I would really love some Dad volunteers too!

Parents Name:

Child/Children's name(s) and class(es):

Please enter the number of people attending:

Adults (\$10 per head)

Children (\$5 per head)

Total payment =

I would like to pay by (please circle):

1. Online – Flexischools by Friday 5th May 2017 (printable tickets available online)
2. Cash
3. Cheque – Made payable to Seaforth Public School P&C Association
4. Credit Card – Fill in the details below

Card Holders Name:

Card Type: (Please circle one) VISA / MASTERCARD

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Signature: Amount to be charge to card \$

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