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Principal's Message

Welcome to another fabulous week at Seaham Public School. The end of the year is always a very hectic time and I would urge people to visit our webpage calendar for a detailed look at when things are happening at school during these last few weeks. Just google Seaham Public School to access the quick link to our webpage.

PBL: While on our webpage, you can also look at our 'PBL at Seaham' page which outlines how PBL operates at our school. Go to 'Caring for our Students', then "PBL at Seaham' to find information about its implementation, purpose statement, core values, student passports and student badges. If your child is still working towards their grade PBL badge and they are not sure what they need to do to achieve it, go to your child's year passport which outlines exactly what they need to achieve. Every student should also have had the conversation with their teacher about what is needed or why they have not yet achieved specific areas.

Student Leaders: Well done to the seventeen Year Five Students who bravely put their name forward as a Student Leader in 2017. These students delivered their speeches on Monday and all did a great job. From there students from Years 2-5 voted in order their six top picks for boys and girls. On presentation night the top six boys and girls will be announced with the top four becoming our Captain and Vice Captains. The sad part is five names will not be read out on presentation evening. I would urge these students to keep their chin up and continue to strive for other leadership opportunities such as House Captains and Bus Monitors.

Scripture Assembly: Yesterday was our annual scripture assembly. Thank you to our dedicated scripture volunteers for their ongoing support of Seaham Public School. The "Christmas Assembly" yesterday was a wonderful presentation with all students involved enjoying themselves immensely. Thank you also to Mrs Stulz who prepared a beautiful breakfast yesterday as a gesture of our sincere thanks to our scripture volunteers and thank you to Mrs Stewart for her coordination of scripture throughout 2016.

Mango Delivery: Mangoes ordered from the recent Mango drive will be delivered on Thursday 8 December. Pickup will be from 2.30pm in the school hall.



Dates For Diaries

Tuesday 6 December Orientation days for High Schools
Wednesday 7 December Day & Night Presentation
Friday 9 December PBL Assembly & items by KL and Year 6 Afternoon Tea for our Volunteers of 2016
Tuesday 13 December PBL Water Day Year Six Farewell
Wednesday 14 December Class Parties
Friday 16 December Talent Quest @12pm Final Goodbye and Bell Ringing for Year 6 @2.30pm Last day for Students

Golden Egg Token Winners:

- (K-2) Mikalah Hancock**
- (3-6) Tahlia Jarvie**

2017

Friday 27 January Staff only return to School
Monday 30 January 1-6 Students Return
Tuesday 31 January Kindergarten Students for 2017 Commence School
Wednesday 1 February School Photos (Full School Uniform)
Friday 3 February School Swim Carnival (3-6)
Friday 7 April End of Term 1
Wednesday 26 April Students return for Term 2



Proposed Stop Work Meeting— 8 December: Details of this action will be published shortly when more details come to hand. We thank our families in advance for their understanding and support.

Canteen News: **Canteen RED DAY - THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER.**

Ice blocks, lollies and other items will be on sale.

Canteen clearance day, Friday 9 December. Bargains at the canteen! Keep an eye out on the skoolbag app for products that might run out.

- No potato wedges available for the remainder of the year
- Strawberry milk on sale for \$1 for the remainder of the year

The school **canteen will be closed from Monday 12 December to 16 December for cleaning.** Thank you to our families for their support with purchases from the canteen and our wonderful volunteers who help make the canteen possible for our students.

Reusable Lunch Bags: Available at the school office for \$10.50. Colours include pink, purple, blue and green.

Starstruck 2017: Next year is our bi-annual inclusion to Starstruck for students in Years 3-6 (2017). Notes were forwarded home yesterday to all students in Years 2-5 in regard to permission to participate in auditioning for this extravaganza. Notes need to be returned to school by Friday 9 December. As stated in the notes, if successful a \$25 participation fee will be payable along with costume costs and transport.

Canteen Roster

Friday 2 December Melissa Armer Sandra Batchelor
Monday 5 December Sandra Batchelor
Tuesday 6 December Melissa Armer
Wednesday 7 December Angela Bowden Nat Meehan
Thursday 8 December RED DAY Sandra, Sam, Alison & Peta
Friday 9 December last day for canteen for 2016 Alison Taylor Sandra Batchelor

Day Presentation - Wednesday 7 December: Our annual daytime presentation will be held Wednesday morning. Stage 1 (K- Year 2) will be at 9.00am and Stage 2 & 3 (Yrs 3-6) will be at 10am. This assembly is where every student in the class is acknowledged by their teachers. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Night Presentation—7 December: This is our major end of year awards presentation . At this assembly, awards are presented to selected children (usually 4) from each class. A number of sports awards including champions for swimming, athletics and cross country and school special awards are also presented. We say farewell to Year 6 and announce the school leaders for the following year. Seaham Public School have always tried to accommodate our working families by having a night time event. We are in fact unique with this format. Therefore we need our families support to continue to make this viable. Presentation will commence at 6.30 pm. The night time presentation is a wonderful family occasion where we celebrate the achievements of Seaham Public School and our students. Please mark this date in your diary and make it a must to attend. The assembly usually runs for an hour and a half and all children and families are invited to attend. It is always a great night.

Do you have our Skoolbag App?: Just a reminder to all our families that have smart phones or tablets to please download this free app. Messages and alerts are currently put on this app. Please see instructions on page 7 in this newsletter for more details.

The Hunter Wetlands Excursion by I/2I: (photos from Wetlands excursion on page 3)

The museum had really cool animals and there was a diamond python. By Laura

The speckled ducks lived in a big cage and it was awesome. By Regan

We went dip-netting. It was fun. There was a big pond. By Gracie

I squished a berry. I thought it was poisonous but the Aboriginal people used to eat it. By Archie

I like dip-netting. Regan caught an eel. The eel was orange. By Riley

I caught a fish, it was big. By Zachary

There was some turtles on a log basking in the sun and we spied on them with binoculars. By Kytaya.

I like the bird-hide but it was a bit scary because it was so high up. By Mikalah

There was an amazing playground. It has a really big cubby. It was amazing. By Nicholas

There was a lab and you could put a bug under a microscope. The bug I caught was hairy. By Ryan

Music, Drama and Science with Mrs Ranclaud: Kindergarten- Last Week Kindergarten explored their understanding in the Mandarin Language using Chalk drawings. In pairs students took turns tracing their bodies and then playing a naming game for each body. Instead of saying head for head students said the word T 'OU and then proceeded to write the word labelling their drawn bodies.

Stage 1 – This week Stage 1 started researching their choice of insect or mini beast with a partner or in small groups of three. Using a variety of factual text books, computers and think pair share activities to develop a greater understanding in the little world around us. There were also fantastic conversations about our excursion to the wetlands last week.

Stage 2 – This week Students began designing and making plans in using recyclable items, focussing on the physical properties of materials to create their own sculpture/outfit from next week. If you have any cans, cardboard boxes or recyclable items, please bring them in to share for our science/art lessons for next week.

Stage 3 – This week students began planning and designing a board game based on our products and services unit of work "Moo to You". The game is designed to be played with younger students in week 10. Next week students will create their games based on this week's plan and test them on each other before introducing these fun games to their target market!

Have you volunteered at Seaham Pubic School during 2016? Seaham Public School is hosting an afternoon tea on Friday 9 December at 1.30pm to thank the many volunteers who give up their valuable time to make such valuable contributions to our school. If you are involved in the P&C, canteen committee, school banking, bookclub, craft, excursions, reading and classroom helpers, sport or in any other way, please come along and let our school and staff say thank you. Following the thank you will be our final PBL assembly for 2016.

Kindness Calendar: We have included a Kindness Calendar in today's newsletter, which was developed by Jodie Cooper, Stephanie Meades and Terri Rowe, who formed the "Kindess Crew". They are on a mission to make kindness a priority in the lead up to Christmas. This calendar is a wonderful and simple way to promote kindness in schools, homes and workplaces. The intention behind the calendar is to inspire random acts of kindness and to start conversations around kindness that help to shift our mindset around what's important. As our lives become increasingly busy it's challenging to focus on what matters most, and hopefully the kindness calendar is a great way to bring our focus back to kindness. We believe Kindness matters! Thank you to Julie-Anne Grono for bringing this calendar to our attention here at Seaham Public School. Please see page 8 for your copy of the calendar.

School Photos for 2017: Our school photos for all students for 2017 will take place on Wednesday 1 February. Full school uniform will be required. To assist our families with budget planning, please see below a cost of packages available. Individual photo packs will be given to students on the first day of school next year. Family packs will also be available (this is family group photo only).

- Premium Packs @\$45
- Classic Packs @\$42
- Value Packs @\$40
- Essential Packs @\$38
- Basic Packs @\$35
- Gift Packs @15
- Family pack deluxe pack @\$29
- Family pack value pack @\$25
- Family pack stand pack @\$20

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Premium Pack \$45
 Group Photograph + 2 x 10" x 8" + 1 x 5" x 7" Black and White Portrait + 1 x 5" x 7" + 4 x 5" x 3.5" + 4 x 1.7" x 1.2" Portrait Download Print quality

Classic Pack \$42
 Group Photograph + 1 x 10" x 8" + 1 x 5" x 7" + 2 x 5" x 3.5" + 3 x 3.5" x 2.5" + 4 x 1.7" x 1.2" Portrait Download Print quality

Value Pack \$40 *popular choice*
 Group Photograph + 3 x 5" x 7" + 2 x 5" x 3.5" + 3 x 3.5" x 2.5" + 4 x 1.7" x 1.2" Portrait Download (Not print quality)

Essential Pack \$38
 Group Photograph + 4 x 5" x 7" + 4 x 1.7" x 1.2" Portrait Download (Not print quality)

Basic Pack \$35
 Group Photograph + 1 x 10" x 8" + 2 x 5" x 3.5" + 3 x 3.5" x 2.5" + 4 x 1.7" x 1.2" Portrait Download (Not print quality)

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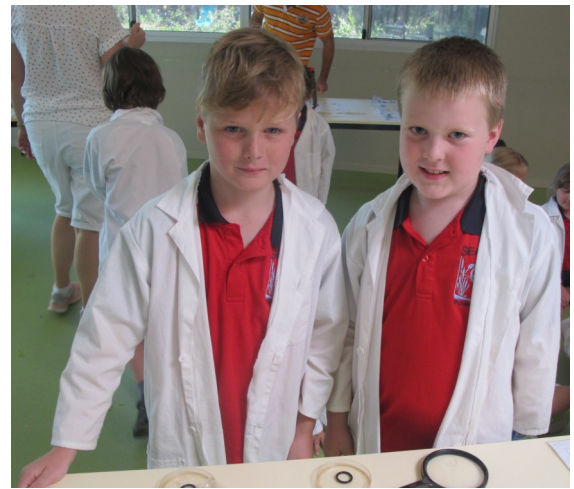
Gift Pack* \$15 All 12 items
 3 x Photo Bookmarks 8" x 2" + 3 x 2" x 1.4" + 1 x Door Hanger 8" x 2" + 1 x Photo Calendar 5" x 7" + 4 x Photo Gift Tags 2" x 1.4"

Group Only Group Photograph see overleaf

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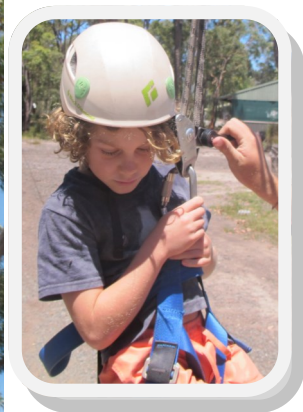
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Years 1-2 Wetlands Excursion



Great Aussie Bush Camp

Last week, on 24 November, Stage 2 went to Tea Gardens on an excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp, to experience living in the wild while having fun at the same time. While we were there, we went through life thrilling experiences. One of our favourite activities was the astonishing Giant Swing, we also got to experience archery, pioneering, canoeing, harnessed obstacle course on the high ropes and night activities. The night activities were about navigating through the bush at night. We also got to sing camp songs involving weird stuff, and a special thanks to parents for allowing us to go and Mr Bennet and Ms Atchison for being able to organise this wonderful experience. **By Clare Moir and Travis Charlton**



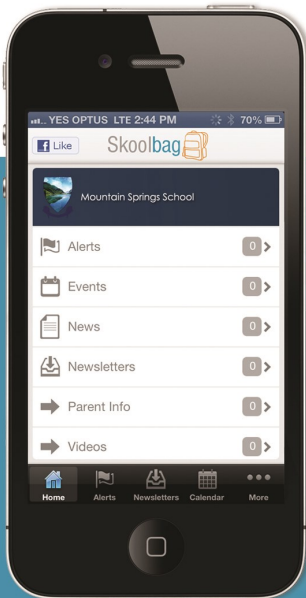
Goodbye Year Six



Emelia Lieb—Nickname "Mia": Will be attending Dungog High School in 2017. Emelia would like to be a vet when she grows up. Emelia's favourite movie is *Inside Out* and her favourite TV show is *Home and Away*. Hot chips is her favourite food and orange is her favourite colour. Emelia loves to play netball. Dogs are her most loved animal and her lucky pencil is her favourite accessory. Emelia's proudest moment at Seaham School was being part of the Seaham School Netball Team. Emelia has been friends with each and every student in Year Six and she will miss next year, Claire P, Brylee and the teachers.

Madalyn Greentree—Nickname "Madagascar": Will be attending Dungog High School in 2017. Madalyn would like to be a hairdresser when she grows up. Madalyn's favourite movie is *Pitch Perfect 2* and *Home and Away* is her favourite TV show. Madalyn loves chocolate and the colour blue. Dogs are her favourite animal and her favourite accessory is her iPad. Madalyn's favourite game is tips and her proudest moment at Seaham School was being elected House Captain for Fisher and representing Seaham Public School playing netball. Some of Madalyn's closest friends in Year 6 have been Brooklyn, Ellie, Jasmine C, Jasmine A, Emity, Maddie, Alex and Clare. Madalyn is going to miss everyone next year.

Jasmine Clarke —Nickname "Jaz/Jazzy": Will be attending Dungog High School in 2017. Jasmine would like to be a beautician when she grows up. Jasmine's favourite movie is *Mean Girls* and *Pretty Little Liars* is her favourite TV show. Chocolate is her favourite food and blue is her favourite colour. Jasmine loves to play dodgeball. Jasmine's cat is her most loved animal and her cat is her favourite accessory. Jasmine's proudest moment at Seaham School was being elected Minister for Student Welfare and House Vice Captain for Carmichael. Some of Jasmine's closest friends in Year 6 has been Ellie, Clare, Madalyn, Maddison, Emity, Brooklyn, Jasmine A, Shelby and Paige. Jasmine is going to miss all of Year 6 and the teachers.



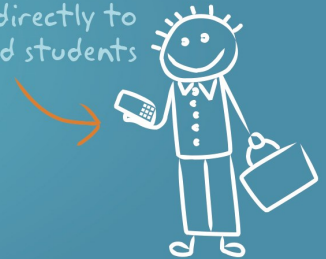
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1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
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5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.




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1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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SCHOOL KINDNESS ADVENT CALENDAR

There are so many opportunities in our everyday lives to show kindness and Christmas is a beautiful time to refresh our kindness repertoire. Each day choose something from the calendar below with your family and cross it off. Post your random acts of kindness on social media (#KindnessCrew) to inspire others to join in.

Drop off a gift at a WISHING TREE	Chalk up your local footpath with POSITIVE quotes	Make a CHRISTMAS GARD for someone who volunteers	PICK UP RUBBISH at your favourite beach or park	SMILE at everyone you see today
DONATE a book to a Doctors' waiting room	Make your teacher a THANK YOU card for their help	LEAVE A GIFT of bubble wands at a house with kids	Make a card THANKING your postman or binman	Pick some FLOWERS for a neighbour
BAKE muffins for elderly neighbours	Do something kind for YOURSELF today	COMPLIMENT a student at school	Take unused toys and clothes to your local OP SHOP	WRITE a poem or draw a picture for a friend
Leave a kind note in a LIBRARY BOOK	Organise a SURPRISE for someone you care about	PAY FOR the next kid's snack as a surprise at the canteen	Take a box of chocolates to a fire station and say THANK YOU	Get to know someone new at school and INVITE them to play
Post something POSITIVE OR INSPIRING on social media	Make a Christmas gift for someone SPECIAL	Make a poster to INSPIRE OTHERS to do Random Acts of Kindness	Help at home WITHOUT being asked	THANK YOU May you have a wonderful Christmas filled with love and Kindness!

Kindness impacts our community in profound ways and plants the seeds that will make our world a more positive place for everyone. Helping others increases personal energy, decreases stress and improves feelings of self worth... in short **KINDNESS MATTERS!**



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Seaham Public School—After School Care

Expressions of Interest & Preferences for 2017

(Please note that this is not a confirmation of a place in After School Care)

After School Care: Parent Name: _____

Parent Contact No: _____

Return to the school office

Child's Name	Monday Afternoon	Tuesday Afternoon	Wednesday Afternoon	Thursday Afternoon	Friday Afternoon

Seaham Public School—Before School Care

Expressions of Interest Only for 2017

Please note that this is only an expression of interest, and not a confirmation that Before School Care will be available

Before School Care: Parent Name: _____

Parent Contact No: _____

If a before school care service was available, would you use this service? Please indicate details and days below. (Note this is an expression of interest only)

Yes

No

Return to the school office

Child's Name	Monday Morning	Tuesday Morning	Wednesday Morning	Thursday Morning	Friday Morning