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SEAFORTH'S NEWSLETTER

We All Swim Together

TERM 2 - WEEK 2

23 APRIL, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

To the Parents, Caregivers and Community Members of Seaforth State School, We Welcome You.

Welcome to Term 2 everyone! We hope you have all had a relaxing and safe holiday break and are ready for the term ahead. I know that personally I'm back into the swing of lunchboxes and morning routines. Just like Term 1, this term will be a busy one as a staff we are continuing to try and be as organised as possible. You should have already received emails from staff requesting parent/carers to make appointments for interviews in Weeks 2 and 3. We encourage all parents/carers to make appointments to discuss your child's learning after the first term of learning.

There are of course lots of other exciting events coming up. Our main event this term is our School's Athletics Carnival but there will also be other days and celebrations along the way. This includes ANZAC Day, Day for Dolly, Simultaneous Reading Day, Year 6 to 7 transition meetings (for Mackay North State High School), Mother's Day, an Instrumental Music Camp, School Photo Day and lots of other events in between. **We will continue to try and provide at least two week's notice of events and permissions** but on occasion this simply isn't possible due to change of plans, cancellations or simply because an opportunity has arisen at short notice.

Very shortly, we will also be having our first P&C General meeting. We work strongly with our P&C on a wide range of topics, all designed to assist and support our students. It is a great opportunity to raise ideas, provide feedback and have input on school processes. This varies from school camps to student leadership positions and processes to end of year award trophies. Of course we also discuss fundraising opportunities as well... We are very proud to work so closely with our P&C for the benefit of all students. For example, did you know that just last year our P&C:

- subsidised or donated the cost entirely for the hire of buses to and from events for all students in grades P-6!
- Purchased new fridges for all students in all classrooms
- Purchased refrigerated water coolers for all students
- Co-ordinated and ran our Annual Rainbow Run event participated in by all students

And of course, I have to take this opportunity to briefly promote student attendance! Last term we reduced the percentage of students attending less than 85% of the time to approximately 15%! This is down from almost 26% in the first five weeks of the term—thank you everyone for your continued efforts. Our goal this term is to remain over 90% attendance! Although we promote attendance, we of course don't want children coming to school if they are genuinely unwell.

And lastly, just to keep everyone informed, I myself will be taking some long service leave in the final week of the term and the first week of next term. We are yet to be advised of my replacement but will do so in due time.

We look forward and are excited by the term ahead!

Troy Mutton
 Principal

DATES OF INTEREST

WED 24/4/24	ANZAC SERVICE 2pm Undercover area at the school
THURS 25/4/24	ANZAC DAY Service Seaforth Community
Mon 6/5/24	MAY DAY Public Holiday
WED 8/5/24	Mother's Day Stall <i>Prep Vision Screening</i>

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PBL –Positive Behaviour for Learning

BE RESPECTABLE...BE RESPONSIBLE...BE SAFE...

BE A LEARNER

PBL NEWS - from Mrs Francis PBL Team Leader

Welcome - to our first PBL News for Term 2! I hope all of our families enjoyed the Easter break and you enjoyed lots of delicious chocolate to celebrate.

Week 1 saw each of the classes *"Revise their classroom rules and expectations"* to remind the students of what each teacher expects. **The main focus of our classroom rules are as follows:**

- Having a go and doing their best at all times
- Trying hard to listen and follow instructions
- Raising hands to speak in class
- Being kind to themselves and others
- Keeping hands, feet and objects to themselves
- Staying in their seats unless instructed otherwise



These basic rules help our classes to be focused and positive throughout each learning day and the expectations are the same for any teacher that is in the classroom. The students have created their classroom rules in consolidation with their classroom teachers as they believe these rules will help students to learn and teachers to teach.

Our Week 2 focus is, **'I will learn my class transition routines'** which fits under our **Be a Learner** school rule.

There are essentially three types of transitions: Entering class and taking a seat, switching from one academic activity to another and exiting the classroom. **Over the fortnight, students will be learning to:**

- Know the cues for transitions
- Know their classes expectations for transitioning
- Willingly accept these rules and do their best to transition the way they are expected to
- Transition around the school in a quiet and orderly manner

This is because it is important to develop and reinforce classroom transition rules and norms to ensure a predictable, safe learning environment for all students. Successful transitions allow the class to function in a respectful, orderly way, that allows learning to continue promptly.

Some examples of transitions are: moving from carpet time to desk work, coming back into the classroom after lunch, attending or returning from a specialist lesson, going to another area of the school (e.g.: library, shade structure, school oval), rotating from one small group activity to another, walking down to the eating area and walking down with the class at the end of the school day.

Staff will be looking for students who are:

- Actively trying to follow their class transition routines
- Responding to their class cues or instructions to transition promptly
- Following the instructions of the teacher for that particular transition
- Transitioning around the school quietly
- Transitioning around the school in a calm and orderly way



A PBL Meeting is held twice each term and **Angela Gifford is our PBL Parent Representative** who attends these meetings. If you would like to give any parent feedback in regards to PBL, Ange is more than happy for you to phone or email her on 0439 018 774 or ange.gifford25@gmail.com

Keep up the great work everyone! Stay positive, be kind and be the best version of **'you'**.





PREP/1/2
OLIVER - for consistently showing great listening skills and working hard at all times.

PREP/1/2
WILLIAM - for being a positive learner and following class rules.

YEAR 3/4
MADDY - for settling into your new school with enthusiasm and a big smile :-)

YEAR 3/4
TAYLAH - for working hard to ensure that she follows the school rules and expectations!

YEAR 5/6
GEORGE - For working really hard in the decodable lessons every day. Keep it up George!

YEAR 5/6
ISABELLE - For following all our class rules for the start of term 2. Thank you Izzy.



P & C NEWS



**THIS FRIDAY NIGHT 5PM
AT THE SCHOOL
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE P&C MEETING**

**HURRY & GET YOU TICKET/S FROM THE OFFICE FOR
A CHANCE IN A NEW CAR!!!!!!**

Seaforth SS
P&C Fundraiser
Tickets available
at the
School Office

\$2 each or book
of
10 for \$20

The Great
COMMUNITY
Fundraiser

Applicant Rotary Club of Mackay North Inc

2024 Great Community Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Mackay North in conjunction with the North Jacklin Motor Group seek participation from local Schools, Sporting Clubs, Charities and Community Groups which have a registered ABN or a Certificate of Incorporation to be involved in the 2024 Great Community Fundraiser.

The Raffle will be administered by the Rotary Club of Mackay North with the North Jacklin Motor Group donating the raffle prize at no cost to the community. The prize is a brand new 2024 Nissan QASHQAI ST Auto, valued at \$38,366.

All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets by each organisation will be returned to that organisation. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$2.00 each or 10 per book at \$20.00.

Tanya Salter
President
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Seaforth State School P&C Association



Subject: Invitation to Attend Free Event on Youth Mental Health Management

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. As part of our ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of our students, I am thrilled to extend an invitation to you to attend an enlightening and free event focused on managing youth mental health.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, 14 May 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Hampden State School, 2880 Bruce Hwy Mackay

Switch4Schools, in partnership with Hampden State School is hosting the "Switch It Up!" event, which promises to be an engaging session where we will explore the importance of emotional intelligence in our daily lives and its profound impact on our children's academic performance, behaviour, and relationships.

Our guest speakers, Phil Slade and Roshelle Weir, both founders of Switch4Schools, will share their expertise on:

- The neuroscience behind emotional intelligence
- Practical strategies to improve behaviour and academic performance
- How emotional intelligence can help at school and at home

Light refreshments will be provided, and this will be a fantastic opportunity for you to learn simple yet effective ways to support your child's emotional health and wellbeing

SWITCH IT UP!

 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

TUESDAY
14th of May

LOCATION	TIME
Hampden State School, 2880 Bruce Hwy, Mackay QLD 4741	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Many people are too nervous to talk about mental health, thinking they might say the wrong thing or need to be trained counsellors. The truth is there are some really simple things you can do that can make a huge difference.

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS



Phil Slade
Psychologist | Founder
Switch4Schools



Roshelle Weir
Learning Specialist | Founder
Switch4Schools

FREE EVENT BUT RSVP REQUIRED



SCAN TO REGISTER

We'll discuss:

- What is **emotional intelligence (EI)**
- Why it matters now more than ever, and how it can help at school and at home
- Strategies** that really work to improve behaviour, relationships, academic performance and everyday life



Please join our Students & Staff for our
school's Anzac Service next

Wednesday 24th April, at 2pm.

Anzac Service

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL, 2024



ANZAC DAY

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This THURSDAY, the 25th April is ANZAC Day. While there is no obligation for students to attend, students and staff (including Kindy and Playgroup) are encouraged to participate and commemorate this special day in history.

School staff will be in attendance and have requested that students meet outside the Fire Station (beside the Seaforth Holiday Units) at approximately 5:45 am, in preparation for the ANZAC March at 6:00 am. If attending, students are expected to wear their full school uniform (no thongs). Parents can collect their children after the service, at the ANZAC Memorial in front of The Pitt Stop Café.

Troy Mutton
Principal

Mother's Day Stall – 2024

OPEN - Thursday 8th May to Friday 10th May

Please note – teachers will take students through the stall on Wednesday 8th May to view the stock. Students may bring money on Thursday 9th and purchase gifts with their class during the day. Friday 10th May, the stall will be open from 8 am – 8:30 am ONLY for those who wish to purchase more items.

Miss Bianca will have stock to sell at Playgroup and Kindy 😊

ITEM	QUANTITY	PRICE
Loving you trinket box	10	\$8.00 each
Special moments notepad	10	\$5.00 each
Love mug	10	\$8.00 each
Ceramic photo frame	10	\$8.00 each
Reed diffuser	10	\$8.00 each
Cupcake bath fizzers (2)	10	\$5.00 each
Fabulous mum magnets (3)	10	\$5.00 each
Pom pom keyring	10	\$5.00 each
Coco beaded bracelet	10	\$5.00 each
Serving platter	10	\$8.00 each
Old Stock	6	\$2 - \$5.00 each

