

TERM 1 WEEK 3

From the Principal

DIARRHOEA

If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting it is advisable not to send them to school for 24 hours. If they are not feeling well in the morning – do not send them to school. If they have diarrhoea or loose bowels – do not send them to school. Far too many people are sending children to school with upset tummies. We will be phoning you to collect them as we don't have staff or facilities to clean up or rest on a sick bed.

CAR PARKING

1. Car parking is available 3 houses towards Seaforth.
2. Do not park in 'No Parking' areas as these areas are designed for a purpose to allow turning of large buses off the main road. If you are parked in a 'No Parking' area you are endangering the occupants of the bus that then needs to manoeuvre out onto the busy main road to get past you.
3. On the road in front of the school where the buses park it is no parking on the right hand side as this makes it dangerous for other vehicles to move between the vehicles.
4. Cars parked in front of the school are there on a limited time only.
5. It is best to arrive before 8:20am and drop kids off in the bus area before the buses arrive. Or in the afternoon after 2:40pm when the buses have left.
6. Do not squeeze behind the buses or between them as they can't see you.

Please follow correct road signage and lines to ensure all children are kept safe.

PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION SESSIONS

These are organised to provide information to parents about the routines, expectations and organisation of

your child's new class and teacher/s. These meetings will be held next week as follows:

TEACHER	DAY/DATE	TIME
Judy Atkins – Prep/Year 1	Tuesday 10 th February	3.45pm
Julie Richardson – Year 4/5	Tuesday 10 th February	2.45pm
Jo-Ann Clout – Year 1/2	Tuesday 10 th February	3.15pm
Samuel Strang/Julie Matheson – Year 3/4	Wednesday 18th February	2.45pm
Jenny Fergus – Year 5/6	Wednesday 11 th February	3.45pm
Cheryl Mandryk/Calista Butler – Year 6/7	Wednesday 11 th February	3.15pm

Please note that Year 3/4 has changed from this Wednesday until next Wednesday the 18th February due to a Strang family medical appointment.

WET WEATHER

Please ensure a spare set of clothes and a small towel or hand towel are in your child's bag when we have wet weather. We have had a number of incidents over the past 2 weeks with children needing new clothes. It doesn't matter if they are not school clothes.

If you have any old school clothes that you no longer want, can you please send them in. We are in desperate need of sizes 10-14.

Have a great week

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INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

<i>Class</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>For</i>
Prep/1	Sky Ludwig	Her caring and sharing
1/2	Brodie Boreham	For being an excellent role model for the class
3/4	Tristan Houston	Being a fantastic hard worker
4/5	Jayden Gillingham	For working well in all areas.
5/6	Lisa Kley	For always working quietly and giving her best
6/7	Alessandra Byrne	For working quietly and conscientiously at all times.

STAFF PROFILES



NAME: Judy Maree Atkins

YEARS AT SEAFORTH: 5 years

UNIVERSITY: Bachelor of Education, Central Qld Uni

OCCUPATION: Teacher but was an accountant prior to having children

FAMILY: Husband Mark and 2 children, Danielle 13 and Ryan 11

FAVOURITE MOVIE: Anything with Hugh Grant or Richard Gere

BEST ATTRIBUTE: Give anything my best shot

WORST ATTRIBUTE: Finding the right balance

HOBBIES/INTRESTS: reading, dancing, batten twirling, supporting family sports and hobbies.

ROLE MODEL/S: Ordinary people who do extraordinary things

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT IN LIFE: my children's birth



MUSIC CORNER

Welcome to the 2009 music corner. This year as part of "The Arts" program students from years 3-7 will have music homework each week to practice on their recorders. This practice throughout the entire year will ensure that skills are not lost from year to year. This week each student will be receiving their homework booklet to take home and practice from and each week a copy of the homework that students need to practice will also be displayed in this space. I look forward to seeing our own 'PINK' or 'BONO' emerge from Seaforth!!!

Worm Farm

Worm juice can still be purchased any time, \$1 for 1 litre, from Mrs Atkins. Home scraps will again be on a weekly class rotation. Worms eat all vegetable, bread and fruit scraps (NO onion, meat or citrus). **Year 4/5 is on home scraps roster for Week 1.**

School Soccer Competition

Well, the *Seaforth Stingers* team has 14 students eager to play some soccer against other schools over this Term. Thanks to those students for returning permission notes and medical forms. \$17 is now due, to be paid by Tuesday 17th February.

All forms and money must be finalised before playing. Team socks will be handed out before 1st game. Reminder that all students must wear shinpads during the game. There will be practice on Monday afternoons at school from 2.45 to 3.45pm, for those students who are able to attend. Mark Curry will be coaching the team. Mrs Atkins will be manager. Please direct any questions to Mrs Atkins.

Seaforth Netball Team

We have received some registration forms for netball. If there is anyone else who is definitely interested in playing in our school team, please let Mrs Atkins know as soon as possible. If finances are an issue, a payment schedule can be arranged.

We need 7 players to register a team, but preferably 9 or 10 to allow for subs.

P & C NOTICES

The AGM is set down for 16th February (3rd Monday in the Month unless something else happens and we need to work around) and everyone is encouraged to attend and have their say. Please don't be reluctant because "you might get a job!"

The following positions will be vacant:

Vice President – chair meetings when president is away and assist other office bearers.

Secretary: Inward/outward correspondence, agenda, minutes.

Treasurer (Assistant) – balance cash tin and bank each week. Treasurer report each month.

Tuckshop Convenors (2) – Order food each week – mostly delivered. Some fresh produce to be bought weekly eg: bread and salad. Do rosters each term and set menu.

Fundraising Committee – ongoing organisation or co-ordination of the events

Bookshop/Uniforms – Order stock and organise small group to sell throughout the year and during busy times (end of year/beginning of year).

Any assistance is greatly appreciated. You don't have to nominate or accept a position but may prefer to be a member or help with fundraising only.

The same people have been involved for the past 4 years and we'd love to have more helpers and fresh ideas this year.

TUCKSHOP

As all our classes are split classes this year could parents please write the whole class number eg grade 6/7, prep/1 on tuckshop bags. It will save us a lot of time. We are changing our flavoured milk to a long life brand so the price has gone down to \$1.50.

This week's volunteers are: Jodi Mason, Keryn Tancred, Tammy Foden.

If anyone has a free Friday and they would like to help in tuckshop please call Justine Mayes on 49664013
Thanks!

PUBLIC NOTICES

FOR SALE

HP Deskjet f2180 all in one printer/scanner/copier
Like new \$50

Toshiba Satellite Notebook
New Condition
\$800.00 still under warranty
Phone Sue Rogers 49664097

Something to tell your students about!

Science on Saturday is a fun, hands-on program for children aged 7 to 14. Each week there will be a new 1 ½ hour session of awesome science; come to one, or come to all six! Children who attend all six sessions get a cool magazine (*The Helix* or *Scientrific*) to take home. Check out these fabulous topics:

Scientists at Work (28/2/09): Learn about the scientific method as you come up with hypotheses, and use constants and variables in experiments. Don't know what they are? Come along and find out!

Our Environment (7/3/09): Look at ways to protect our Earth while understanding what different species need to survive.

Health and Wellbeing (14/3/09): What keeps humans healthy? How do our bodies work? Learn body facts, what's good and bad for you, and how your senses work.

Whodunnit? (21/3/09): Put your detective hat on as you enter the field of forensics to solve a crime. Examine evidence such as fingerprints, blood groups and handwriting to help find the culprit.

Geology Rocks! (28/3/09): Investigate the rock cycle, geological time and mining processes. Look at raw materials and see where they are used at home.

Awesome Agriculture (4/4/09): How do plants and animals grow? How do we get rid of pests and diseases? Come along and look at the agricultural diversity of Queensland.

Cost: \$6 per child per session if paying in advance (\$9 if paying on the day)

Times: 10:00-11:30am for 7-10 year olds (*children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult*)
12:30-2:00pm for 11-14 year olds

Venue: **Mackay State High School, 105 Milton Street, Mackay**

Sessions are limited to 25 children so **bookings are essential!**

Please note bookings will not open until 09/02/09.

For more information and bookings: www.csiro.au/SOS

Or call **1300 302 649** during business hours and quote your location, your child's name and age, and which activities you would like to book.

DAILY COURIER SERVICE

Daily courier service Mackay to Seaforth & surrounding area, reasonable rates
Phone 49 59 0971 or 0413 270 487

ADULTS - WOULD YOU LIKE SOME HELP WITH READING, WRITING, SPELLING OR MATHS?

George Street Neighbourhood Centre in South Mackay is offering tuition to those adults in the community who need help with reading, writing, spelling or basic maths.

We offer either individual 'One to One' tuition or you can join a small class.

Classes are structured around what each individual needs. For example some people would like to read for leisure, others want to improve their writing skills to obtain a job or move upwards in their workplace, or help their child with homework, feel more confident when completing forms or maybe wish to undertake a course at TAFE or University with our support.

There is no cost to students and our sessions are conducted by trained Tutors in a friendly, non threatening environment. Students can join at any time during the year.

It doesn't matter what age you left school or what level your skills are.

We also have ESL (English as a Second Language) classes available.

This program is funded by the Department of Employment & Industrial Relations under their '*Skilling Queenslanders for Work Initiative*'.

If you would like to find out more call Jeni Leibie, the Learning Support Coordinator at George Street Neighbourhood Centre (Mondays to Thursdays) on 49572626.