

## **TERM 3 WEEK 6**

### ***From the Principal***

#### **SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY**

Today a number of School Opinion Surveys are being sent home. All families don't receive a survey as we only receive 45. We are given a set formula to put into our SMS (School Management System) and it generates a list of recipients for the 2009 school year. More information is included with your survey for those 45 families.

***Surveys are due back to school by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. When students are returning them, they need to hand them to someone in the office to have their name marked off the list.***

#### **STAFF CHANGES**

Students in Year 6/7 class will be receiving a letter today regarding Mrs Mandryk's need to take indefinite leave. Mrs Sandra Conroy is back, and will take the Year 6/7's on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We wish Mrs Mandryk all the best and thank her for her time at Seaforth. Mrs Conroy took Year 4/5 during Term 2 and 3 for Mrs Richardson.

#### ***Building the Education Revolution (BER) CONSTRUCTION***

Our initial set up meeting happened last week with these becoming regular fortnightly meetings. This week we are sitting down to finalise internal finishes and colour systems.

#### **YEAR 6/7 RESTAURANT**

Congratulations to all the students involved in the Year 6/7 Restaurant. This was a very professional experience and you should be congratulated on your efforts. Well done! Also a very big thanks to Mrs Mandryk, Ms Butler, Mrs Boreham, Mrs

Mayes, Mrs Doumergue, Mrs Baker, Mrs Byrnes who helped out over the three nights and days assisting in cooking, cleaning, etc.

#### **SEMESTER 1 ASSESSMENT RESULTS OVERALL SUMMARY**

Attached to this newsletter is a one page summary outlining the distribution of student achievements in Year 1 to Year 7 from the Semester 1 Reports. The report breaks down the Results for Academic Achievement, Behaviour and Effort using the A-E scale.

#### **NEXT P & C MEETING**

Next P & C Meeting will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 9am in the Staff Room. Mrs Tonimaree Brown (Principal while I'm on leave) will join us for this meeting.

#### **Office for Early Childhood Education and Care**

*As part of early childhood reforms announced under the State Government's Toward Q2 strategy, a new Office for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) has been established.*

*The Office is taking the lead responsibility for children's early development, bringing together responsibility for early education and child care services in one agency.*


*The Office for Early Childhood Education and Care is aligned with the Department of Education and Training. It is headed by [Zea Johnston](#), former Deputy Director-General, Corporate Strategy and Resourcing, DET, who reports to the Minister for Education and Training.*

*The immediate priority for the new Office is to plan and provide access to Kindergarten Programs for children aged between 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 years of age, that is, children in the year prior to starting Prep at school.*

The new Office will manage the roll-out of the 240 new kindergarten services announced by the Premier on 8 September 2008 and support the child care sector to provide an educational program within their services.

Consultation with stakeholders is a significant part of developing Queensland's plan to achieve universal access to Kindergarten Programs.

The Office is also leading Queensland's input into the national early childhood reform agenda that is being progressed through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), including initiatives such as early childhood development, Indigenous and health reforms.

The Office for Early Childhood Education and Care is also responsible for regulating and licensing early childhood education and care services in Queensland. Further information regarding programs, policies, monitoring and licensing is available at [Department of Communities website](#) .

For more information about the Office for Early Childhood Education and Care or Queensland's early childhood reforms, contact 1800 134 486.

As part of this process, Seaforth State School and Beaconsfield State School have been selected as 'trial' school for the first round. Next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009, a number of visitors from Education Queensland, Office for Early Childhood Education and Care, Seaforth Kindy, Seaforth P & C will be meeting as part of the initial consultation process.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS/CHANGES**

<b>Wednesday 19th August</b>	Rebekkah to change work day from Wednesday to Friday 21/8 (husband to have more surgery).
<b>Thursday 20th August</b>	SEAT visit – Spinal Education Awareness Team – Gold Coin Donation
<b>Monday 24th August</b>	P & C Meeting 9am in the Staff Room
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	BER Meeting – 11-12noon Kindy Meeting – 1 – 3pm
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Optiminds
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Northern Highway Principal's Cluster Meeting 9-3pm

*Have a great week*

**Rebekkah**

#### **INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>For</b>
Prep/1	Hayley Said	Her fantastic improvement in writing
1/2	Kele Bennett	Being a quiet, hardworking member of our class
3/4	Zayden Davis	His enthusiastic approach to his unit work
4/5	Stevie-Lee Mason	Her terrific effort in story writing
5/6	Boone Foden-Jukes	Being a co-operative class member
6/7	Ryan Atkins	Being a superb helper during the Restaurant

#### **Worm Farm**

Worm juice can still be purchased any time, \$1 for 1 litre, from Mrs Atkins. Remember, no onion, no citrus, no meat. Thanks!!!

Class this week is 4/5

#### **MUSIC CORNER 17.8.09**

Well once again we have some outstanding students who have achieved some great results from last week's homework. So this week they will be free from having to complete homework. In year 3 / 4 we have Jacob Weiss and Toby Westdrop, in year 4/5 we have Natasha Curry, Brianna Gierke, Stevie-Lee Mason, Jonty Brown, Tahleia Nyburg and Tristan Paris. In year 5/6 we have Lachlan Farquhar, Ben Simpson, Lisa Kley, Megan Little, Kaitlyn Lloyd and Koko Drummond. In year 6/7 our hard working students for this week are Rachael Lennox and Tyrell Mason. Well done to all of you and enjoy your week off.

Yours Mrs Stablum

#### **BOOK FAIR**

Last chance to shop for your books. Open until Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August due to being closed on Friday (Miss Sue sick).

#### **SEAT VISIT – Gold Coin Donation**

Spinal Education Awareness Team (SEAT Visit). Each year we are fortunate to have a member of the SEAT team come out and visit our school. This year they will be here on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August** to discuss ways that we can keep ourselves safe and avoid spinal injuries.

All we ask is for a gold coin donation for the program. Children can bring this prior to the presentation or on the day.

SEAT

The Spinal Education Awareness Team (SEAT) has more than 20 years of experience in sharing injury prevention messages with school children. Our goal is to reduce the incidence of spinal cord injuries in Queensland.

On average, one person sustains a spinal cord injury every four days in Queensland – around 90 people each year.

The highest risk age group is between 15 and 30 years of age. Road trauma continues to be the number one cause of spinal cord injuries, followed by falls/crashes and water-based accidents. Coinciding with the success of the SEAT program, the number of spinal cord injuries in Queensland has been reducing. Prevention is the only cure for a spinal cord injury.



### PREMIER READING CHALLENGE

This is the final week for the Premier Reading Challenge. Could all reading logs be returned to Mrs Usher by Monday morning so I can finalise.

### STUDENT RECORDS

Recently the office sent home Student Personal Details to be checked. Due to the school attempting to phone some parents over the last month only to find school records are not correct makes it very difficult in an emergency. ***Could all forms regardless of amendments be sent back to the school this week.***

### P & C NOTICES TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop helpers: Linda Bobongie, Kelli Selwood

*We are getting a lot of foreign coins, could you please check money given to tuckshop as the Bank will only accept Australian money.*

There are some price changes and new food items this term so please check new menu.

Mango OKF Drinks \$1.00

Fruit Tingle Playwater is available this term.

***Could you please ensure that your children's tuckshop order has their proper class room number and also note if the order is for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> break. As the tuckshop is run by volunteers, not all are familiar as to what child is in what class. It would help save some time. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.***

***The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 at 9.00am. All welcome.***

### Uniform Prices

There has been an increase in some of the costs.

Shirts \$25.00 each

Hats \$11.00 each

Heavy Duty Chair Bags \$10.00 each

Pencil Cases \$7.00 each

## PUBLIC NOTICES

# **Childhood Injury Prevention in Mackay**

## **TOBACCO POISONING**

Most parents probably make efforts to keep cigarette smoke away from their kids, but may not recognise how dangerous it is for children to swallow tobacco.

Ingestion of cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, nicotine replacement gum and patches can all cause nicotine poisoning. Cigarette butts are also dangerous as they contain concentrated amounts of nicotine and other chemicals.

When a child chews a product containing nicotine the nicotine is very easily absorbed into the system and the child will begin to show signs of nicotine poisoning within 30 – 90 minutes. In the case of nicotine gum, the child can begin to suffer symptoms of nicotine poisoning in as little as 15 minutes, which gives parents very little time to get their child to an ambulance or the emergency department.

Nicotine poisoning affects the nervous system and can cause increased heart rate and blood pressure, fits, coma and even death in some cases. Young children only need to swallow a single cigarette, a cigar butt or three cigarette butts before they can become dangerously ill with nicotine poisoning.

Parents and carers of young children need to be extremely careful about where they store tobacco products, including nicotine replacement therapy products and ashtrays. These items need to be stored well out of reach of young children, or even kept in a locked cupboard. It only takes a couple of minutes for a child to climb onto furniture and reach products that haven't been put away.

In an emergency phone the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 for directions on what to do. It is a good idea to keep this number handy near your telephone.

## Brothers Junior Cricket Club Inc.

Sign On

Friday, 14th August between 3.30pm and 5.00pm  
at Mercy College Hall, Penn Street.

Registration Fee New Player \$70.00 (inc. shirt)

Returning Players \$60.00

Further Details Lee-Anne 0429 595 228/4959 5228



## **Getting back into the workforce and finding flexibility**

*Need a job that suits your lifestyle?*

*Long absence from the workforce?*

*Not sure how to get back out there?*

The Getting Back into the Workforce and Finding Flexibility Event is an

opportunity to come and hear from employers about a range of flexible job opportunities currently on offer.

- Get advice from the experts on how to put your best foot forward
- Hear success stories from those who've been out of the workforce and made a return
- Speak to organisations with free programs to assist you with improving your confidence, job readiness, skills, qualifications and getting back into the workforce.

**Ocean International, 27th August 2009, 7-9pm**

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Laura Sorensen at REDC

on 4953 2655 or email [l.sorensen@mwredc.org.au](mailto:l.sorensen@mwredc.org.au)

### **Challenged by your child's asthma?**

#### **'Parenting Children with Asthma'**

The University of Queensland is conducting research investigating the challenges faced by parents of children with asthma. This project involves a survey examining the factors that parents believe make management of childhood asthma more difficult.

#### ***What does participation involve?***

Parents of children with asthma, aged 3 to 12 years, can participate by completing a set of online questionnaires about their family, their child, and their child's asthma. These questionnaires will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

You can complete the survey at:

<http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/asthmaparents>

For more information, please contact

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