DEAR FAMILIES,

I am extremely pleased to advise that Seaford Secondary College has been allocated $3.5 million under the State Government’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Works program announced in the 2016-17 State Budget.

STEM touches every aspect of our lives, from our smartphones to the technologies that enable us to explore the world around us and outer space. It also drives innovation in our fast-changing global economy.

To succeed in this global environment, and for Australia to continue to prosper into the future, our students need a strong foundation in these learning areas.

The STEM works project funding will allow Seaford Secondary College to provide exciting, new facilities for our students to learn the skills of the future. The money will enable Seaford Secondary College to provide clear pathways and opportunities for students in a learning space that supports creativity and innovation across all learning areas.

We will continue to keep our families and community informed of our progress as we work with Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) to build our innovative facilities.

In the next few weeks, students in Years 7 and 9 will bring home their NAPLAN results. I would like to thank our families and students for their support of this assessment. It provides us with valuable information about your child’s skills in literacy and numeracy, and enables us to further stretch their learning.

I would like to congratulate Ms Janine Arkwright who has won the position of Learning Support Assistant Principal for the remainder of the year, behind Ms Merryn Gomez who was successful in winning an Assistant Principal Position at Eastern Fleurieu School. We would like to thank Merryn for her hard work and expertise in developing the support programs available to students in all year levels.

Congratulations to Ms Bec Morrison who has won the position of Flexible Learning Options (FLO) Coordinator for the remainder of the term, behind Mr Matt Fry who is continuing in his seconded Human Resources role in Central Office.

We thank Mr Tim Byers-Thomas for his contribution to the FLO program during Term 2.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Crystal Little all the best whilst on maternity leave for the remainder of the year, as she and her husband prepare for the birth of their first child.

Harry Stassinopoulos, Principal
NAPLAN ONLINE – GETTING READY FOR 2017

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period. This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a ‘test’ of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in Years 7 and 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully. This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a statewide level.

All Year 7 and 9 students will have received a letter with information regarding the trial for parents/caregivers. If you have any additional questions regarding the trial please contact Data & Information Systems Coordinator, Dani Gagliardi via 8327 5200 or dani.gagliardi@seafordhs.sa.edu.au

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

JAPAN TRIP - FUNDRAISING THROUGH ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS.

Support our students going to Japan this year by buying an Entertainment Book! Save $1000’s on a range of fantastic offers. Only $65 at the finance office, with proceeds going towards subsidising the cost of the 2016 Japan Trip for our students.

2016 CANBERRA TRIP

To learn more about Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy, twenty-eight of our Year 9 students took part in the 2016 Canberra Trip. During our week away, we were able to visit and learn at some significant sites including: The Australian War Memorial, Parliament House, Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) – Electoral Education Centre, the National Portrait Gallery, the Royal Australian Mint, Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), the National Film and Sound Archives and the CSIRO Discovery Centre. Plus, a great, fun afternoon experiencing the snow at Perisher!

Our students made the most of experiencing all of these places, and participated enthusiastically in both tours and education programs – learning a lot and creating some great memories.

We were incredibly proud of how our students conducted themselves throughout the whole trip and they were excellent ambassadors for Seaford Secondary College.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families with this and to reduce the cost per individual, the Australian Government contributes $60 per student through the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program, for which we are grateful.

A huge thank you must go to Ms Jen Griffin and Mr Craig Fraser for their supervision and organisation in making our trip such a success.

Stephanie Johnston, Head of Humanities
Seaford Secondary College students participated in the YMCA Youth Parliament program for the first time this year. This amazing opportunity saw three of our Year 11 students, Olivia, Nathan and Josh, along with students from Mount Compass Area School, form a team to write on a Bill about the compulsory immunisation of infants. They then had to debate the Bill in Parliament House on North Terrace, Adelaide. I was so proud of our team – they demonstrated their solid knowledge of our parliamentary system, excellent debating and rebuttal skills, amazing teamwork and support of each other. Parliament Week was held during the first week of the holidays but prior to that, our students worked tirelessly to prepare a watertight, articulate draft of a Bill. All three of our students were outstanding representatives of their team, as well as Seaford Secondary College, and I would like to congratulate them for their outstanding efforts and dedication. Congratulations to Nathan, who won the Best Speaker for the Opposition - a great achievement! A huge thank you must go to the Seaford and Noarlunga Rotary Clubs for their generous support in the sponsorship of this program as well as staff and families who supported Olivia, Nathan and Josh throughout the week.

Stephanie Johnston
Head of Humanities/Student Leadership

Seaford Secondary College is excited to continue to offer an after school Science Club for Year 7 and 8 students. The club runs every Thursday afternoon with Term 3 having a specific Chemistry focus. Students have the opportunity to develop their science practical skills through a hands-on approach to learning. All year 7 and 8 students with a passion for science are encouraged to attend; consent forms can be collected from Student Services.

The first week went off with a bang, literally, as students made canister rockets and put out flames with their very own fire extinguishers. In the coming weeks students will have the opportunity to make their own hand warmers, spontaneously crush cans, light money on fire without burning the paper, erupt volcanoes and more.

Emma Thistlethwayte, Science and Maths Teacher

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ACT LIKE A PROTON, STAY POSITIVE!

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Making a Difference

During Term 2 Tigress Student Representative Council (SRC) decided to raise awareness for primate conservation. Chimpanzees and other primate species are losing their homes, due to illegal mining of Coltan, a mineral that is used in mobile phone manufacturing.

The demand for Coltan is very high as Australia has more mobile phones than people. By recycling mobile phones, the Coltan is taken and reused, which will hopefully break the cycle. Mobile phone collection boxes were established at Seaford Secondary College for this purpose.

The SRC then laid down a task to each care group to participate in a 5 cent challenge. Seaford Secondary College raised a combined total of $147.05. All houses participated in the challenge, however, Tigress managed to raise the most money with $73.20. As a care group, D4 raised the most money with $27.65.

Well done to Tigress and D4, and thank you to everyone who supported the 5 cent challenge. All proceeds and recycled mobile phones will be donated to the Adelaide Zoo as part of its M.A.D. (Make A Difference) campaign.

Lisa Pennifold, Science/Maths Teacher

All students in Years 9 and 10 are busily working on their iProject in preparation for the Expo in week 10 this term. The projects are looking amazing! From film scripts, to recipe books, coffee tables to clothing design… the originality and creativity of our students is impressive.

Please keep encouraging your child to work on their project and complete the Process Journal ready to share at the Expo at the end of the term. More detail about the Expo will be available soon.

Thank you for your support!

Sandra Greenan, iProject Leader

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As Year 12’s, we celebrated our formal on the Friday 24 June, at the Glenelg Stamford Grand. On arrival we were greeted with mocktails and kind words from our teachers, before entering the foyer. Our night consisted of speeches, awards, dancing and of course plenty of photos. Everyone looked fantastic and the night went as smoothly as we could have imagined. Our very generous teachers even put together a very funny video just for the Class of 2016, which we all agree, was the highlight of our evening. It was a fantastic way to celebrate our year and how far we have come; we were glad to have it go so well, so we can now concentrate on our assignments and preparing for exams.

On behalf of the Year 12 students, we would like to thank our fantastic teachers without whom we would not be where we are today! Many thanks must also go to our formal committee for putting the evening together. They worked hard for two terms planning every detail of the night.

Sarah Barker and Jordan Corfield, School Captains
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

We would like to extend a special welcome to the following International students who join us at Seaford Secondary College:

- Natalie Ahlers, Sarah Exner and Malena Rink from Germany,
- Louise Geoffroy-Bihanic from France,
- Soyoung Lee, Junhee Lee and Sung Chan Park from Korea,
- Bruna Genioli from Brazil,
- Yume Yamamoto and Hibiki Oiso from Japan,
- Yicai Martinez Pina from Spain.

We would also like to welcome back Emily Newman, who has spent 6 months as an exchange student in France.

HOST FAMILIES WANTED FOR UPCOMING STUDY TOURS FROM JAPAN

We will be welcoming 20 students from Morioka Chuo High School in Japan later this term, and we are proud to welcome back students from Ritsumeikan High School later in Term 4. We will be requiring host families for these fantastic students. Being a host family is an amazing experience; not only do you create life-long friendships but you also open up the world to your family. Host families are reimbursed $250 a week. If you are interested, please call the school on 83275200 or email Hannah.Webb@seafordhs.sa.edu.au.

KYOTO BOARD OF EDUCATION

We once again welcomed the Kyoto Board of Education from Japan, who continue to request our school after the 2014 commendations by the Consul-General of Japan in our inaugural year. The two-week Study Tour occurred from July 31 - August 14, with fifteen students doing a mix of specialist classes and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes with Ms Julie Cooper.

The students had fantastic experiences, including cooking iconic Australian Food, participating in a hair-raising Chemistry practical, showcasing their creative talent in Drama, painting Boomerangs and learning the basics of Football and Netball. It was great to see the support of our students in helping the Kyoto students throughout their lessons, and even better to see lasting friendships being formed. Along with the traditional excursions to the Central Markets, Cleland Wildlife Park, Adelaide City and Adelaide Oval, the Kyoto Students had a comprehensive introduction to Australian life, culture and schooling over the two weeks.

The conclusion of the Study Tour resulted in a graduation ceremony where the Japanese students performed a song for their host families, and said a sad farewell to their friends at Seaford Secondary College.

We would like to thank all staff who continue to help and support these students with their expertise, and acknowledge our students who volunteered to be buddies for the Kyoto students. Their support, guidance and friendship not only goes a long way in making the experience for the International students more authentic and personable, but also allows our students to develop international friendships, that in many cases, last for years to come.
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

SEAFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE GOES GLOBAL!

INTRODUCING OUR THAI PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL
KANTANGPITTAYAKORN SCHOOL

In the Term 2 School holidays, International Assistant Coordinator Ms Hannah Webb travelled to Trang City in the southwest of Thailand to begin, what is to become, a lasting partnership between our two schools.

Ms Webb’s time in Kantangpittayakorn was filled with classroom observations, teaching, meeting with the Administration team and learning about Thai culture.

She spoke about Seaford Secondary College with the Administration team and shared how our two schools could further develop their relationship and build a partnership through sharing resources, expertise and student and teacher exchanges.

In the second week she was flown to Ubon Ratchathani where she was involved in intensive feedback sessions with other DECD teachers and their partner schools; delivering professional development workshops involving around 300 Thai teachers.

While she was in Ubon Ms Webb was able to experience the candle festival, a famous festival that is part of the Asanha Puja Buddha ceremony.

We are looking forward to continuing to build on our newly formed partnership with Kantangpittayakorn School, and excited about the prospects to come.

http://www.kantangpit.ac.th

PLP TEACHER TRAINING IN THAILAND

During the Term 2 holidays, International Coordinator Mr Adam Pearce had the opportunity to deliver a seminar on the Personal Learning Plan (PLP) on behalf of DECD Schools to 110 teachers across 2 schools in Thailand: Patumwan Demonstration School in Bangkok and Assumption College in Lampang. The seminar outlined our comprehensive PLP program, including the career coaching module and planning for future pathways.

Mr Pearce was also able to visit a number of other schools across Thailand and further promote our School and our specialist programs to their prospective students.

In addition, Mr Pearce attended the Study Australia Exhibition in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The exhibition featured educational organisations from across Australia promoting their programs for any Cambodian student who was interested in studying at a secondary or tertiary level in Australia. We were able to offer Student Scholarships to several excited students who were very interested in coming to Seaford Secondary College for graduate programs; hopefully we can welcome them to our school in 2017. Mr Pearce would like to acknowledge the assistance from Ms Deb Scotton and Mr Zac Day in preparing the presentation.

BECOME AN EXCHANGE STUDENT WITH SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE) is an Australian based, not for profit organisation that provides cultural exchanges for students between 14 and 19 years of age. SCCE was founded in 1983 and since then has exchanged over 17,000 students in and out of Australia! SCCE have exchanges available to over 19 different countries ranging from 2 months to 10 months in duration. We also have gap year programmes available.

Going on an exchange is a once in a lifetime opportunity as you can only go while you are enrolled at school. Travelling as a tourist is fun but you will never have the feeling of being truly submersed into that culture and living as a family member in that country. SCCE offers an immersion program, where you live with a host family, go to school and immerse yourself in the local life, culture, community, language, food, festivals and everything that life has to offer a teenager in another country.

Going on an exchange opens your whole world, gives you confidence, gives you belief in yourself and gives you the greatest sense of achievement.

Currently SCCE have 12 scholarships open for 2016. Six scholarships are full fees paid which means that if you win you could be travelling to another country and staying for up to a year for free.

For more information or to apply for the scholarship please head to our website www.scce.com.au or phone toll free 1800 500 501. You can also direct your questions to Mr Adam Pearce or Ms Hannah Webb, which they will forward to Southern Cross Cultural Exchange representative.
THE POWER TO BE POSITIVE

On Tuesday 5 July, students from the FLO program journeyed to Alberton Oval to participate in a Port Power initiative: Power to be Positive program. The day focussed on giving the young people the skills and knowledge to maintain resilience when confronted with challenging situations. The presenters gave examples of how members of Port Power used positive thinking to overcome some fairly major obstacles; one example was Robbie Gary, who hyper-extended his knee in 2012 and required a knee reconstruction. It was at this time that Robbie thought about stopping playing football. However, with positive thoughts and the support of the Club, Robbie has overcome this hurdle and was John Cahill Medalist in 2014 and 2015; Australian Football League Coaches Association (AFLCA) Player of the Year in 2014 and was named in the All-Australian team in 2014 and 2015. The presenters then used this as a ‘stepping stone’ to look at how our young people could put a positive outlook on situations that they may see as negative experiences.

The young people were given a tour of the Port Power Club and saw a variety of the players’ facilities including the physiotherapy area, indoor pool, planning room and even had an opportunity to kick footballs in the indoor training area.

The day was a wonderful experience, with the young people participating in all activities and discussions; it was obvious that they had appreciated the opportunity to be a part of this Program.

I would like to thank Port Power for providing this wonderful Program and thank the staff in the FLO team for their assistance.

Tim Byers-Thomas
FLO Coordinator – Term 2

FLEXIBLE LEARNING OPTIONS (FLO) NEWS

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CAMP

The Aboriginal Education Camp is coming up on September 14-16 at Morgan. Students will be involved in activities such as hiking, campfire cooking, tree planting and Aboriginal Cultural activities. Places are still available to both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal students who wish to attend. Please see Chloe Wallace for a consent form. Final consent and payments can only be accepted until Friday 19 August.

Emma Sewer, Aboriginal Education Teacher

REISA SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION COMPETITION SUCCESS

The Real Estate Institute of SA (REISA) hosted the inaugural ‘Scholarship Auction Competition’ during the April and July School Holidays. Senior School students from all over Adelaide were invited to participate in this program which saw each participant complete 2 Auctioneering Units from the Certificate IV in Property Services course, delivered by and on location at REISA in Adelaide.

Jazre (Year 11) and Kaylen (Year 12) from Seaford Secondary College, enhanced their natural skill in Auctioneering, by attending workshops in the holidays, culminating in a Competition at the Stamford Grand Hotel on the Thursday 21 July. A Presentation Dinner was held that evening, where the winner was announced.

Prior to the competition, both Jazre and Kaylen had been expertly coached and mentored by Trainers from REISA along with 2 other students. Unfortunately, Jazre wasn’t able to participate in the Competition but Kaylen, who had the daunting task of going first, was an absolute star! He demonstrated natural ability and, as a result, came second; he will now represent our school when he travels to Alice Springs for the Australasian Auctioneering Schools Championships in September. He will compete with the winner from SA and the Tasmanian winner. Regardless of the result, both Jazre and Kaylen have been awarded a Scholarship from REISA, allowing them both the opportunity to study with REISA and complete the Certificate IV in Property Services at no cost. This Certificate attracts up to 150 Stage 2 SACE Credits. Kaylen is looking forward to finishing his studies this year and then commencing his promising career in Real Estate. Congratulations Jazre and Kaylen.

Denise Luker
Career Support and Work Experience
During Semester one, 8 Seaford Year 11 & 12 students participated in the Beyond Project. This was a Pilot Project instigated by 2 organisations, Community Bridging Services (CBS) & Orana, and only 3 Secondary Schools in the State were involved.

The aim of this project was to provide the participants with career support via 6 weekly workshops of career planning at Noarlunga TAFE Campus, followed by a Work Experience placement with a local employer to try out industry areas identified in the workshops. These included some amazing local employers such as: Southern Glass & Glazing, Mustangs & Australian Classics, Down South Electrical, Mitre 10 Beach Road & Adelaide Plant Growers.

We are now following up on employment opportunities as a result of this program including possible School Based Traineeships for 2 of the participants. I would like to congratulate the students on their amazing efforts throughout this program. It was an absolute pleasure watching them grow and develop important skills each week and for most, discover their career pathway as a result of this program.

Denise Luker, Career & Community Partnerships Manager

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CAREER & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

BEYOND PROJECT

NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

National Literacy and Numeracy Week will be celebrated at Seaford Secondary College during Week 6 this term. If you would like to know more or are interested in some activities at home [https://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/parents](https://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/parents) provides an array of information. We look forward to sharing stories from the week in our next newsletter.

Kylie Trenorden and Steph Johnston
Numeracy and Literacy Leaders

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SEAFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT & CAREER EXPO

Support with Subject Selection & Courses for 2017

WHEN:
Tuesday 23rd August
WHERE:
Seaford Library
(please enter via school)
TIME:
Free Sausage Sizzle from 5.15pm to 6pm
(cans of drink available at a cost)
Proceedings start at 6pm-Principal’s welcome
8pm finish

WHO SHOULD COME ALONG?

- Students & parents wishing to find out about SACE subject choices & the different learning areas
- Students & parents seeking information & advice on the range of different career pathways & post-school options
- Students who have a disability & their family

The evening will include information stalls and sessions

Presenters include:

- Universities – Flinders Uni/Adelaide Uni/Uni SA & Torrens Uni
- TAFESA – Noarlunga & Tonsley Campus
- Disability Service Providers
- NDIA (National Disability Insurance Agency)
- International Program
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
- Defence Force
- AIE (Academy of Interactive Entertainment)
- SAFTS (Southern Adelaide Fleurieu Trade Schools)

Students will have the opportunity to make their online subject selections on the night in Library ICT Room with support from staff

Information Sessions from Learning Area Leaders in 15 min intervals throughout the evening

(program & library map available on the night)
LIBRARY NEWS

YOUNG WINTER WRITER’S COMPETITION
Onkaparinga Libraries are currently holding a Young Winter Writer’s Competition, which began on 1 July and concludes on 19 August. Each week of the competition, new entries have gone into a random draw to win a prize. One of those lucky winners was Jasmine (Year 8), who won herself a $20 Smiggle voucher. Well done to Jasmine!

UNLEASHED 29-31 JULY 2016
The last weekend of July was full of excitement at the Seaford library, which was one of five South Australian locations for the nationwide Unleashed competition. Unleashed is a competition where young people were encouraged to be creative in using open data supplied by government agencies. The data available included anything from a list of all registered dog names in a council area, to a list of public toilet locations by suburb, or lists of parks and reserves and their locations. Participants were to select and use their chosen data sets, incorporate it into a concept for an application, game or even artwork, and then make a video about how and why this would be a good use of the data.

Hundreds of participants entered the competition throughout Australia and created some amazing concept videos. We are proud to say that several students from Seaford Secondary College participated and achieved very good results, with some fantastic ideas and uses for the data. These students were Archie and Braydon (Year 9), Keenan (Year 10), Josh, James (Year 11) and Olly (Year 12).

Everyone put in a huge effort over the weekend and worked very hard to come up with great results. Winners for South Australia will be announced in September, and we wish these boys and all the others the best for the awards.

ONLINE SAFETY SESSION FOR PARENTS
Seaford Library will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Tuesday 6th September at 10am and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend. ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers of how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples’ privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they’re accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.
For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au. Bookings essential. Please call Seaford Library on 8384 0044 to secure your place.

OLYMPICS COMPETITIONS
Over the course of the Olympic Games this year, the library have been encouraging students to get into the spirit of the games by promoting two competitions for students to enter. We had a medal tally competition and a quiz for students to participate in, which encouraged students to spend some time researching the history of the games as well as keeping up to date with the latest Olympic results. An Olympic and World Records book and a gift voucher were available as prizes.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is coming to an end this term, with reading finishing on Friday 9 September. All reading records are to be completed in order to ensure that you will receive your award.

Awards will arrive and be presented to students in Term 4, and don’t forget that there may be an extra special prize awarded to one lucky student who completes the challenge; last year Isobel was lucky enough to win a 10” Samsung Galaxy Tab!

Call the Seaford Library on 8384 0044 or visit www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries for more information.