DEAR FAMILIES

It is with pleasure that I welcome Ms. Heather Davies, Mr. Cameron Sparkes and Mr. Vito Silvestri to our staff.

They replace Mrs. Jacky Hiscock and Mr. Bevan Constable who are on leave, and Ms. Danielle Gagliardi and Mr. Matthew Freeman who have won leadership positions for term 4. Welcome back to Mrs. Sarah Owens, who returns from leave this term. Thank you to Mr. Brad McIvar for backfilling a number of short-term vacancies this term.

I wish to formally announce the teachers who have won permanent teaching positions at Seaford Secondary College beginning 2016; Ms. Rebecca Morrison, Ms. Liz Bawden (currently at Tatachilla Lutheran College) and Mr. John Jamieson.

Congratulations to Mr. Phil Brown and his wife Nicole on the birth of their first child, Declan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Amy Whyte for her coordination of this event and our transition program, in partnership with Ms. Stephanie Johnston, Mr. Matt Fry, Ms. Deb O’Connor, Ms. Casey Swansson, Mr. Simon McMahon, Mrs. Merryn Gomez and the learning support staff, leaders and teachers.

On the 20th November we will have our final Student Free Day for the year. The focus of this important professional learning day will be the Australian Curriculum and will also provide an opportunity for our staff to reflect and refine our School Values. I would like to thank the Professional Learning Committee for their coordination of the day and our professional learning program throughout 2015.

We had our first Science Club meeting after school on Tuesday 27th October coordinated by Ms. Continued page 2
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Emma Thistlethwayte. Fifteen students engaged in fun, challenging and hands-on Science activities. The group will meet after school each Tuesday. It is fantastic to see our students engaging so positively in learning opportunities both within school and after school.

Our school musical, Little Shop of Horrors, is on Wednesday 11th November. Students, staff and community members are working hard to ensure all is ready for our performance at the Hopgood Theatre. Please save the date in your diary.

Our ANZAC Memorial Wall is starting to take shape and will be almost ready for our Remembrance Day Ceremony on 11th November. Special thanks to the working party and in particular Ms. Stephanie Johnston and Mr. Roy Webb for coordinating the work and Mr. Ian McGregor for coordinating the Art work for the memorial.

There are more events highlighted in this month’s Newsletter and I continue to be proud of our students and staff in their achievements.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support to ensure our students achieve their potential.

Kind Regards,

Cezanne Green

REGIONAL STUDENT WELLBEING FORUM

On Friday of week one, we were invited to Wirreanda Secondary School to partake in a regional Student Wellbeing Forum. Josh (10 05), Nathan (10 04) and Stacey (10 03) attended the forum, where we each took part in a variety of team building, wellbeing and campaign activities, as well as listening to the keynote speakers. There were students from a range of schools across the southern region.

One of the speakers was Khadija Gbla; who, having been awarded both the ‘Young Australian’, and ‘Young African of the Year’, spoke enthusiastically about how “We have to be the change we want to see”. Among other things, she also discussed the difficulties that she has faced, as well as her many achievements.

As part of a team building process, each of us were put amongst several individuals from the other attending schools, and tasked with solving a dozen different challenges; including rock climbing, rowing, and an egg and spoon race. We also took time to create campaigns that aimed to raise awareness for self-harm and similar social issues, before we presented the ideas to our peers.

Everyone felt positive about their experiences throughout the day, recalling the numerous activities as being fun, engaging, and highly educational; as told by Nathan, “It was very well run, and conducted. The presenters were also extremely professional.”

Thank you to Mr. Hardy for accompanying us on the day and Ms. Griffin for picking us up.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT SEAFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Seaford Secondary College will be holding its Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday, 11th November at 11.00am. This year, staff and students will have the opportunity the purchase poppies for a donation to the RSL’s Poppy Appeal. These may be purchased at student services or donation tins will be circulated by our SRC reps during Week 5.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

YEAR 10 STUDENTS PUT ON A CLINIC!

The Year 10 Recreational Physical Education (PE) students have gained several coaching qualifications during this semester via the online Australian Institute of Sport coaching accreditation course. This course specialises in specific sport’s online coaching courses, and the face-to-face Essentials for Coaching Children course. After gaining experience by delivering lessons to their peers, the students then delivered coaching clinics to Year 7 students in Soccer, Basketball, Football, and European Handball. Several of the students were placed outside of their comfort zone but did an exceptional job, with both Year 10 and Year 7 students learning a great deal about themselves and each other during these sessions. Thank you to Mr. Kendrick for allowing the B10 class to be involved in the program; their behaviour, participation and effort was greatly appreciated, and to the Year 10 students for their leadership and teamwork.

Mr Ottaway - Year 10 Recreational PE teacher

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SPORTS DAY

Seaford Secondary College held their annual Sports Day during term 3. Staff arrived very early to set up the day, as students arrived in their onesies, face paint, body paint, and tie-dyed t-shirts in all their house colours.

Students competed in a range of sporting activities, accumulating points for their houses. They displayed outstanding athleticism, as several students pushed and strived for their personal and team best. Regardless of their athletic ability, all students showed great house spirit as they supported and cheered one another on. The highlight of this school spirit was shown when one student tumbled in the baton relays at the end of the day. Students from all houses cheered him on to finish and displayed brilliant sportsmanship despite the race having ended.

Congratulations to this year’s winners of the Nina Avery Shield, NASHWAUK house. Their win means we have had all four houses win Sports Day over the past 4 years. Nashwauk completed a true team effort as all care groups contributed equally. Well done!

Thank you to all staff for their extra help and support in making the day run efficiently. It was great to announce the winners at the end of the day! Whole school events such as Sports Day are not possible without the good will of all involved, so I thank all the staff, students, parents, and community members who contributed to making this year’s Sports Day a success.

Mr Ottaway, Sports Coordinator

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Most points for Individual winners
Tigress – Ty (C09) / Jonah (C09) (30 points)
Tingara – Keenan (C02) / Ronal (10 05) (30 points)
Boon Boona – Ayden (D08) (29 points)
Nashwauk – Kate (B10) (28 points)

Most points for Individual Care Group winners
436 points – CO9 Tigress
382 points – B09 Nashwauk
372 points – C01 Tingara
315 points – D08/E02 Boon Boona

Overall Sports Day results
2890 – Nashwauk
2613 – Tingara
2525 – Tigress
2494 – Boon Boona
CAREER & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS
Would you like to find out more about the Seaford squadron of the Australian Air Force Cadets, what they do and how to sign up?

You are welcome to attend one of the information evenings to be held at 619SQN, which is accessed from the Lynton Terrace gate at the back of Seaford Secondary College staff car park on:

Monday 30th November 2015 - 7:30pm start
Monday 7th December 2015 - 7:30pm start.

ADF OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS
For the conclusion of 2015, Defence Force Recruiting – Adelaide has created two Information Sessions designed for school leavers. Entitled ‘ADF Opportunities for School Leavers’, these sessions will provide students with detailed information on the vast array of career options and avenues available to them at the conclusion of their secondary education. Options include furthering their education through the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) or if they are attending a civilian University they may be able to apply for the Defence University Sponsorship. Leavers may be interested in the fantastic Gap Year program or if, they are beginning to develop their post-school plans by looking into entering the workforce and study options, which can enhance their academic and social skills at no cost. Local volunteer mentors are recruited and trained to have appropriate skills and knowledge to support activities. Through regular attendance, students are able to enhance their learning and development skills.

The Learning Club happens every Wednesday in the school library from 2:00 until 3:00pm.

LEARNING CLUB – HOMEWORK SUPPORT
The Smith Family provides a supportive after school learning environment where students can participate in activities that develop their academic and social skills at no cost. Local volunteer mentors are recruited and trained to have appropriate skills and knowledge to support activities. Through regular attendance, students are able to enhance their learning and development skills.

The Smith Family will be continuing its partnership with Seaford Secondary College through Term 4, 2015 and into 2016. We are currently seeking expressions of interest for our Learning Club and iTrack online mentoring program.

ITRACK 2016 – CAREER MENTORING SUPPORT
ITrack is The Smith Family’s online mentoring program offered to students in Year 9 & 10.

ITrack supports and informs students who are beginning to develop their post-school plans by matching them with an active member of the workforce who can offer encouragement and advice, as well as, sharing the benefit of their working life experiences.

ITrack mentors provide support by helping students to further develop their self-esteem and confidence. They provide information about the workforce and study options, which can enhance students’ school to work transition. Mentoring takes place at school, online, through secure and monitored, Smith Family chatrooms for an hour a week.

All students receive full training and support from The Smith Family along the way. The program will run over Term 2 and 3 in 2016. Positions are limited.

If you would like further information regarding either of these programs please contact Karl Melvin at The Smith Family on 8382 7619 or email: karl.melvin@thesmithfamily.com.au

CAREER SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS
Career Partners Plus Inc are delivering free Career Services (guidance and support) to anyone living in the Holdfast, Marion, Mitcham or Onkaparinga Council areas. This service is suitable for anyone aged 17 – 70 (provided they are not in full time education/training).

There is no requirement to be receiving Centrelink benefits to access this professional service which is delivered by a team of experienced Career Practitioners; and you can be looking for part time or full time work.

Help can be provided with career direction exploration, resume preparation, cover letters, interview skills etc and based on individual needs.

Contact for Career Partners Plus to make an appointment on 8326 6545 or 0447 194 350 or email info@careerpartnersplus.org.au

This project/training is an initiative of the Government of South Australia, and is a Skills for Jobs in Regions project delivered in partnership with the Cities of Holdfast Bay, Marion, Mitcham and Onkaparinga.

SPORTING SUCCESS
Lauren(10 05) has been selected in the South Australian Athletics team to represent South Australia and Seaford Secondary College at the All School Nationals Athletics competition in Melbourne.

She has been selected to compete in the Under 18 400metre hurdles event. We wish her all the best when she travels with the team in December.

YEAR 8/9 VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL
In week 1, we had our Junior Volleyball team participate in the Year 8/9 Knock Out Volleyball Carnival. The students played 5 games against various Southern Schools, and although we didn’t have any year 9 players, they challenged all their opponents with many tight games.

With 35-degree heat, it was fortunate we had 11 girls rotating through the court. The girls displayed fantastic teamwork and persistence throughout the day whether it was setting up, packing up or playing in the carnival. The last game against Hallett Cove, very much highlighted their hard work at training throughout the year as they almost won a set against the undefeated carnival winners.

A special mention to the senior school students who helped with the set-up and refereeing of games throughout the day; they did an exceptional job and the day would not have run so smoothly without their initiative.

Ely Haussen – Volleyball coach
On Thursday 24th September, nine students were accompanied by Mr. Adam Pearce and Mrs. Kelly Burford, as they embarked on Seaford Secondary College’s biennial Japan Tour. Arriving in Tokyo at 5:30am, tired but excited, we braved some of the world’s busiest train stations to make our way to the district of Odaiba. We spent the afternoon checking out the Toyota Megaweb showroom and wandering the arcades of Venusfort. We made our way to the Miraikan or ‘Future Museum’ to get acquainted with some robots and be dazzled by the futuristic technology we have come to associate with Japan. The evening was spent enjoying the sights of Akihabara, the home of electronics and anime.

Day 2 allowed us to relive our childhoods at Disneyland. We enjoyed the rollercoasters, water rides and parades whilst taking in the aroma of the flavoured popcorn at every corner. Prince Charming made an appearance, much to the delight of some of the tour members! Day 3 was another full day, starting with the 360° view from the Skytree - Japan’s tallest tower. Other activities included: witnessing the crazy hustle and bustle of Shibuya intersection, enjoying the peace and serenity of Meiji shrine and later shopping at the ultra-trendy Harajuku district.

A smooth and super-fast bullet train ride, and we found ourselves in Kyoto, Japan’s ancient capital city. Having left the fast-paced and modern Tokyo, we enjoyed the contrast of such a beautiful old city, rich in history and resplendent with temples and shrines. The day’s highlight was certainly our appointment with an exquisitely dressed Maiko (apprentice geisha) who, in serving us tea and performing traditional dances, provided an insight into the discipline and ritual of her world.

On Day 5 we enjoyed the morning at Toei Movie Park, home of many Samurai and Ninja movies and television dramas. Sword fighting lessons, live action shows and television studio tours were great insights into a hugely popular aspect of Japanese culture. No time to rest; it was on to the ‘Dragon of the Heavens’ (Tenryu) temple before heading up the mountain to the Iwatayama Monkey Park to be amused at the sight of little macaque monkeys roaming freely. We enjoyed a walk through the Bamboo Groves at dusk before heading off for dinner.

Day 6 was quite possibly the highlight for the students; the visit to Jonan Ryoso High School. Matched with buddy students, we enjoyed an English conversation class and a cooking class that provided us with a delicious lunch. A tour of the school and a visit to the Byodo-in temple gave students the opportunity to establish lasting friendships.

Back on the bullet train, we headed for Hiroshima and into the pouring rain. It was fitting weather for a sombre morning spent at the Peace Memorial Museum, Peace Park and the Atomic Bomb Dome. A spot of shopping and a delicious meal of okonomiyaki (savoury pancakes) afterwards certainly helped to lift our spirits again. Clear skies and sunshine greeted us the next morning as we caught the ferry to Miyajima Island. We spent the day visiting various landmarks and hiking or riding the cablecar up the mountain to see temples, shrines and the spectacular view from the top. Tame deer roaming the island kept us company as we stocked up on last minute souvenirs.

A long day of travelling break to Tokyo was broken up with a brief stop in Himeji, Adelaide’s sister city, where we paid a visit to the newly renovated Himeji Castle. The students were excellent ambassadors for their school and country. The learning, confidence and maturity that they developed over the duration of the trip was amazing; they were able to lead the way through the various cities, use Japanese to talk to locals, and even establish some really strong international friendships with the students from Jonan Ryoso High School. Every day was a new experience; the food, transport, traditions, language and culture really allowed the students to understand and appreciate what a truly remarkable country Japan is.

Kelly Burford – Japanese teacher
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