DEAR FAMILIES

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2015. I would like to thank you once again for your support and commitment throughout the year.

The last few weeks have been particularly busy, with our Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 exams, Step Up programs, Presentation Evening, Formal and our school musical, Little Shop of Horrors. Watching our students shine in a range of contexts has been so impressive. Central to our students’ achievements is your ongoing partnership and support. Thank you.

Although staffing for 2016 has not been finalized I would like to take this opportunity to wish our contract staff and those leaving Seaford Secondary College the very best for the future. Thank you to our contract teaching staff for their commitment and professionalism throughout 2015: Mr. Luke Harding, Ms. Anita Roberson, Ms. Sarah Davids, Mr. John Hargreaves, Ms. Angela Vausse, Mrs. Jennie Fraser, Mr. Bevan Constable, Mr. Phil Brown, Mr. Tony Parsons, Ms. Sally Shearing and Ms. Deb Scotton.

OXFAM

The Seaford Secondary College staff has made the decision to forgo our usual Secret Santa this year and instead make a donation to Oxfam. With our collective donations we will be able to buy a duck or a piglet for a family, a well or veggie garden for a village or even literacy classes or a safe refuge for women. All details will be shared on our school website at the end of Week 9.

Cezanne Green

PRINCIPAL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (MYPIB)

During the 2015 school year, Seaford Secondary College has undertaken a review into the impact of the Middle Years Program International Baccalaureate (MYPIB) curriculum.

The review involved a survey of students, parents, teachers and support staff with an emphasis on ascertaining the level of engagement and knowledge of the MYPIB curriculum. At the conclusion of this task, staff were balloted on the following: “After reading the IB Review Report, do you believe the IB MYP is an effective framework for Seaford Secondary College and its students?”

An 88% ‘No’ vote was recorded.

With this response in mind, Seaford Secondary College has decided to move away from IB and focus on the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and utilisation of the Teaching for Effective Learning Framework (TfEL) as the basis of its curriculum for 2016 and beyond.

The IB has been vital in shaping the positive culture of Seaford Secondary College and the school will consider what aspects can be maintained to continue to build the culture and commitment to learner improvement.

I would like to acknowledge the incredible amount of work that many staff has put into the MYP program since the process began in 2008. Their work and learning is the foundation for Seaford’s future.

To ensure a smooth transition towards the Australian Curriculum, correct procedures will be implemented. The school will remain with the IB until January 2016; continuing our current assessment and reporting for the remainder of 2015.

In conclusion, I again thank staff for their support throughout the review process and acknowledge the leadership of Ms. Sandra Greenan of the MYPIB including professional learning, guiding our planning and programs and celebrating IB achievements of staff and students during the last three years.

Mr Phil Brown, MYPIB Review Coordinator

INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

At Seaford Secondary College, we have a variety of International Programs where students come from various countries to study here. This includes short Study Tours, or longer Study Abroad programs. All host families receive $250 a week to host an International student, and gain valuable, life-long friendships.

If you are interested, please call the school on 8327 2222, or email Mr Adam Pearce: adam.pearce220@schools.sa.edu.au

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

ANTI-BULLYING REGIONAL CONFERENCE

On the 13th of November four Seaford Secondary College vice-captains, Ben, Jayden, Casie and I, visited Willunga High School, accompanied by Ms Johnston. The visit was for a regional anti-bullying conference to start the action of eliminating bullying across southern area high schools. On the day, there were speeches from several guest presenters, one of them being Amanda Rishworth MP who spoke about leadership. The day changed our view of how bullying should be tackled. It gave us some game changing ideas on how we as students can help prevent bullying – being ‘up-standers’ rather than bystanders. We’d like to thank the Willunga SRC for this wonderful opportunity and congratulate them on a job well done.

Jazz, Nashwauk Vice Captain

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

A Remembrance Day service was held at our recently constructed ANZAC Centenary Memorial Wall on 11th November. Members from our Year 9 and 10 Student Representative Council led the ceremony and presented a moving and respectful ceremony. This group also managed to raise a significant sum through selling poppies to raise money for the 2015 RSL Poppy Appeal. Congratulations to Nathan, Ben, Nicola, Steve, Jazz and Stacey for their organisation and presentation. A huge thank you to Jacob in Year 11, who did a brilliant job with the sound, as well as the staff who assisted with setting up on the day.

Stephanie Johnston, Head of Humanities
The 2015 Seaford Secondary Formal was a huge success, celebrating the Year 12’s final year of high school. The prestigious evening was held at the Stamford Grand, Glenelg, which showcased a food buffet, awards and dancing. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the formal committee, student MC’s and the teacher’s and leaders who came to support the evening.

Crystal Thursby
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

The first whole school musical, Little Shop Of Horrors, took place on November 11th at the Hopgood Theatre and it was a great experience. I just want to first give thanks to everyone involved, both on and offstage. Everyone put in as much effort as they could and I am so proud of everyone that was a part of this production. Special mention to Ms Scarfe, Ms Whyte, Ms Davids, Mr Kammermann and Mr Harding for their contribution to the production backstage.

For those who don’t know what Little Shop Of Horrors is, here is a brief overview of the story: a poor man named Seymour Krelborn, played by Ryan (10 04), works at Mushnik’s Skid Row Florists. The florist shop is owned by Mr Mushnik, played by Matthew (11 05), an old man who’s business has been getting worse and worse by the day. Along with Seymour and Mr Mushnik, a pretty young girl with low standards, Audrey, Jessica (11 01) also works at the florists. Seymour is madly in love with her but doesn’t show it, especially because of her sadistic dentist boyfriend, Orin Scrivello, D.D.S, played by Jarrad (11 05). One day, Seymour finds a strange and interesting plant and his luck begins to change as he finds out what it eats, after pricking his finger on a rose. Three street urchins, Stacie (11 02), Laura (11 01) and Danielle (11 02) narrate the show and take us through to the blood-dripping finale.

Thanks to the entire on-stage cast, band and stage crew for making the show an experience the crowd will never forget. I’d also like to give a special mention to the cast for their amazing performances.

Seaforth Secondary College’s production of Little Shop Of Horrors is something that everyone involved can be proud of and we can’t wait to do it again.

Ryan (10 04)

SCIENCE CLUB

Science club has exploded at Seaforth Secondary College this term with 23 Middle School students being involved. Students are able to design, create and carry out experiments that do not necessarily align with the curriculum. It has been absolutely fantastic to see so many budding scientists give up their time to pursue their love of science!

Starting in week 3, and keeping in line with upcoming Halloween festivities, students made fake blood, scars and bloodied scabs. During week 4 students completed a fire writing experiment and created bubbles. Week 5 exploded on to the scene with a ‘Mentos’ and ‘Coke’ bang whereby students challenged each other to make the highest fountain, with one stream reaching over two metres. Week 6 saw students designing and creating mini-prototype helicopters. The final two weeks of science club for the year will be especially exciting as students have the opportunity to create bath bombs, magic foaming snowmen and light up Christmas cards.

Eight science club members were given the opportunity to attend Adelaide University’s Chemistry Spectacular show on the 24th of November. This was a brilliant opportunity to see some mind-blowing experiments and be inspired by science. Nineteen experiments were demonstrated including a ‘Pringles’ rocket using hydrogen gas, gun cotton toy animals that spontaneously ignited and a permanganate volcano. The finale was a highlight for many students with hundreds of ping pong balls exploding out of a cylinder using liquid nitrogen.

Act like a proton, stay positive!

Emma Thistlethwayte, Science and Maths Teacher

WEST JAVA, INDONESIA TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

It is our absolute pleasure to host 11 teachers from Subang District in West Java, over weeks 6, 7 and 8 this term. Nia, Muksin, Mamad, Asep, Trinarti, Eri, Arief, Oom, Eni, Hedi and Hermawati participated in professional learning programs from our staff, focusing on areas such as school management and operations, restorative practices, information technology, Australian curriculum, Tfel (Teaching for Effective Learning), learning support, and assessment and reporting. In addition, they were able to observe Mathematics, English, Humanities, Japanese and Science lessons.

The group of teachers were fantastic, and very much appreciated the opportunity to learn from our staff, and interact with our students and school community. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience and look forward to welcoming our West Javanese guests back in 2016!

Mr Adam Pearce & Ms Hannah Webb Team International
FAREWELL TO OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our two Tokyo Board of Education students, Ayane Sato and Shun Nakamaru returned to Japan on Sunday the 29th November after arriving at our school In Week 2 of Term 1. It has been an absolute pleasure to host such amazing and caring students over the year and we wish them a happy and successful future.

We would also like to thank Julien Lambert for his time here in Terms 3 and 4 and wish him all the very best as he heads back to France.

Thanks to Seaford teachers and students. I enjoyed my stay in Australia. I had a great time in my life. Of course I learned English, but I also learned how to communicate with strangers.

Many Seaford students cared about and talked to me. At first I didn’t have any friends and people who I can rely on. But at the end of my stay I could make them. My English, especially pronunciation, was poor. But everyone tried hard to listen to my English. I’d like to say thank you to everyone who cared about and talked to me. Thank you.

Shun Nakamaru

I cannot believe that I’ve been here for ten months.

The most important things I knew here is to find good points. When I came here, I couldn’t like a lot here as it was different from my country. But when finding everything has something good, I could accept all and like here. And I found I could like some I hadn’t liked. Because I knew they had good points. From then, I found my world look better than before. I’d like you to visit Japan, feel it and find my country’s good points. Thank you for all!

See you.

Ayane Sato

I would like to thank all of the students and teachers here at Seaford Secondary College. I had a great time here and I will never forget you. Thank you.

Julien Lambert

RITSUMEIKAN STUDY TOUR- YOKOSO

It is our pleasure to be able to host Ritsumeikan Junior High School students and staff from Kyoto Japan. Fifteen students joined our school from 19th November until 2nd December. It is the 10th year that Ritsumeikan have sent students to Adelaide, with a total of 237 here and placed at schools across Adelaide. The students, accompanied by their teacher Reiko Matsuoka, participated in excursions to Cleland Wildlife Park, Adelaide City, Flinders University and a Kayaking experience at Pt. Noarlunga. They also delivered Japanese cultural lessons to Year 3/4/5 students from Seaford Rise Primary School, with the assistance of Japanese teacher Yayoi Okuda- a fantastic experience for their young students!

Our staff delivered a range of amazing ‘Aussie culture’ lessons including cooking ANZAC biscuits, making meat pies and pavlova, football and netball lessons and boomerang painting. What study tour wouldn’t be complete without Mr Duncan Beggs Chemistry spectacular?

We would like to sincerely thank our continuing and new host families for the tour, the amazing buddies and students who have helped to welcome the students, and the staff for sharing their expertise and giving the students unforgettable experiences. A huge “ARIGATO” also to Mrs Tracy Pearce for her continuing work as English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher. Seaford Secondary College would like to sincerely thank Ritsumeikan Junior High School, and welcome them back for 2016.

Mr Adam Pearce & Ms Hannah Webb
Team International

Seaford Secondary College would like to wish Emily Newman all the very best as she begins her student exchange program in France in 2016.
In September I went on an Indigenous camp for a week, provided by the Bluelight arm of the South Australian Police Force. We camped for three days at Coorong Caravan Park. On Tuesday we went to Noorla yo-long. Whilst at Noorla yo-long I participated in many trust and team building exercises. After the completion of these exercises we learnt how to abseil. On the second day at Noorla yo-long we did more team exercises as well as some high ropes activities.

On Thursday we moved from our site to the Camp Coorong proper. Once we got there and had settled in we went for a walk down to the Coorong. On the walk we learnt about a lot of plants that were safe and good for you to eat in the scrub. That night we were taught how to weave, and we made different things such as armbands and bowl like objects. On Friday, before we left we did a team exercise about how to drop an egg from 3 metres without cracking it.

My experiences were a real eye opener and I found it quite enjoyable and, though there was some ups and downs, I came out more of a leader. I also made some brilliant friends. I would definitely recommend it for future students, especially those having troubles believing in our past and heritage. It was a blast of fun and we all faced a challenge or fear coming out - we all feel stronger and we have all shown tremendous improvement from when we began.

Steve (C02), Yr 9

As part of their biological studies in Science, C09 class had an excursion to the Adelaide Zoo to further their knowledge and understanding of ecosystems and classification.

The students explored the Zoo and all its animals and had a session with one of the Zoo Keepers on being MAD people, people that Make A Difference. Through not purchasing items made of animal skin, by keeping pets well fed and being responsible for them, and by recycling, we can all Make A Difference. The year 7 students will now investigate an old phone recycling process at our school, which will aid chimpanzees in Africa. The chimpanzees’ habitat is being destroyed due to mining for materials used in phones.

Thank you to Ms. Steph Johnston for her support on the excursion and Mr Daniel Healy from Flinders University for his contributions.

Craig Ottaway, Year 7 Science Teacher

In week 5 this term, the 2nd annual Ultimate Frisbee Zone Carnival was held for southern schools. Following on from last year’s inaugural event, the carnival has grown in size from 3 schools to 5 schools, and relocated to the larger ovals at Christies Beach High School.

Seaford Secondary College entered 5 teams, with 40 students participating. After an introductory skills session from South Australian Flying Disc Association (SAFDA) representatives, students played in a round-robin tournament against Tatachilla Lutheran College, Woodcroft College, Reynella East College, and Christies Beach High School.

Our Year 10 boys team were very competitive finishing the day in 3rd spot, while one of our Year 8/9 boys team finished the day in equal first position going through the day undefeated! Our other Year 8/9 boys teams both had success and were extremely competitive, while our Year 8/9 girls team learnt a new sport, new skills, and notched up a win to complete the day.

A very big thank you to the South Australian Flying Disc Association (SAFDA) for running the day and providing 10 coaches to assist students! Thank you must also go to Mr. Cameron Sparkes who helped coach, supervise, and make the day a success too.

If any students wish to play in the community they can look at the Facebook page ‘Flinders Ultimate Youth Training’, research the SAFDA website, or contact Mr Ottaway.

We had two teams make the finals. One of our boy’s teams comprising of Kyle, Nic and Lachlan placed second overall out of a total of nineteen teams. The boys narrowly lost the grand final by only 2 points against some very tough and skilled opposition. They were proudly supported by teammates during the game. All teams were competitive and thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was also great to see our girls’ team play so well. A great effort by all.

John Jamieson, Teacher
CAREER & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS – NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR 16 AND 17 YEAR OLD APPLICANTS

The Australian Government recently introduced legislation that affects 16 and 17 year old passport applicants.

From 1 January 2016, child applicants aged 16 and 17 will be issued with 10 year passports instead of the 5 year ones currently issued to children under 18. Parental consent will still be required.

16 and 17 year old applicants must still be accompanied by their parent or a person with parental responsibility when lodging passport applications. The application fee will be the same as for adults, reflecting the longer validity of the passport to be issued.

Contact: The Australian Passport Information Service on 131 232.

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 an information evening 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 7th December 2015 – 7:30pm start.

Simon Blair
FLGOFF(AAFC)
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CAREER SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBER/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, Marion, Mitcham and Onkaparinga.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015

This year 22 students took part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, where they each read at least 12 books between the start of the school year and the first Friday in September. The challenge was embraced by students of all abilities and ages, and we are very proud of each student who took on the challenge and completed it. Each student receives an award upon completing the challenge, and the award they receive is determined by how many years they have completed the challenge previously.

The awards received by Seaford Secondary students this year are as follows:

Gold Medal (4 years of participation): Jessica (E14)
Champion Medal (5 years of participation): Natasha (E14)
Legend Medal (6 years of participation): Brandon (E14) and Maya (E14)
Hall of Fame Medal (7 years of participation): Ebony (C09), Aaron (E14), Mariette (E01) and Nicholas (E14)
Reader for Life 8 (8 years of participation): Elijah (E14), Liam (C09), Crystal (E14), Jordan (E14) and Dylan (E14)
Reader for Life 9 (9 years of participation): Isobel (D07) and Connor (E14)
Reader for Life 10 (10 years of participation): Aryn (C08), Brad (D04) and Devlin (C02)
Reader for Life 11 (11 years of participation): Ryan (1002) and Kyson (E14)
Reader for Life 12 (12 years of participation): Renee (1205) and Laura (1205)

Congratulations to all of these students, and particularly to our Year 12 participants, Renee and Laura, for completing the challenge every single year since beginning school and completing it in addition to their Year 12 studies this year.

These awards will be presented to students at the next assembly, with one of them lucky enough to have their name drawn to win the Samsung 10” tablet prize generously donated by the Friends of Seaford Library.

Seaford Secondary School CAR BOOT MARKET

Sunday 13th DECEMBER 10:00am – 2:00pm

$20 per car space (car park size). Booking multiple spaces is an option.

BBQ, HOT FOOD, PETTING ZOO, JUMPY WATER SLIDE CASTLE, LIVE MUSIC. OVER 50 STALLS.

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