Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2013 school year and a special welcome to our new students, staff and families.

It has been a fantastic start to the year and I have really enjoyed meeting with our new and continuing students and families over the past three weeks. I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring your students arrive at school on time and in uniform. We have also appreciated your contact when you know your student will be away from school.

Our Big O day for our Year 12 students was an outstanding success. Penny Shi, Psychologist, shared strategies with our students to support their success this year. Highlights of the day were presentations from past Seaford 6-12 School students – Matt Freeman, Hannah Webb and Jack Rothwell, sharing their journeys through school and life and offering strategies to students.

We have a number of new staff to Seaford 6-12 School and I warmly welcome Ms Sharon Cregan, Ms Natasha Smith (returning from leave), Ms Heather Carter (UK exchange teacher), Mr Alan Lambourne, Ms Weronika McMerrick, Mr Yul Sankey, Ms Rachel Ashford, Ms Trina Coburn, Ms Elly Vanderkley, Ms Hannah Webb, Mr Marc Snelson, Mr Luke Harding, Ms Karen Michelbach (CPSW), Mr Colin Fraser and Ms Marie Jeffries.

We are also thrilled to announce the arrival of Noah Robert on 2nd January, son of Sandra and Errol Greenan. We have all enjoyed visits from Sandra and Noah this term.

I would also like to wish our 2012 Year 12 students all the best for the future. 2012 saw significant improvement in all aspects of SACE and a doubling of the number of students receiving an ATAR. We will continue to work towards ongoing improvement, high standards and positive pathways for students.

Our work at Seaford 6-12 School centres on the commitment to and acknowledgement that:

• Students need safe conditions to learn
• Intelligence is fluid – with this belief is the understanding that targeted and strategic intervention will result in increased skill level
• Students will grow in an environment of high expectation

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This commitment forms the basis of all of our work and throughout 2013.

We are fortunate to be able to engage **Professor Martin Westwell** to work in partnership with staff at Seaford 6-12 School to support strategies for student engagement and learning. He will lead professional learning, work with teachers and challenge thinking.

**Ms Jacky Hiscock** has won the position of Numeracy Coach for Seaford 6-12 School. Jacky will work with teachers of Years 8, 9, 10 to focus on:

- Improving pedagogy in mathematics learning - working with teachers of mathematics to develop and implement pedagogies that increase student engagement and achievement.
- Developing numeracy in all learning - the Numeracy coach will work with teachers in all learning areas.
- Whole school planning for numeracy improvement - the Numeracy coach supports leaders and staff to plan and implement agreed whole school approaches that lead to improved student achievement in numeracy.

**Tim Kittel**, Speech Pathologist, returns to work in partnership with us two days a week to support the identification of students with language disorders and disabilities. Tim will also work with staff throughout the post referral phase.

Our challenge as a staff is to work in partnership to ensure that every student, all the time, without exception is empowered to become the best they can be………without exception.

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**BIG O DAY YEAR 12 ORIENTATION DAY**

On a beautiful sunny day, Wednesday 13th February the Year 12 students had an opportunity to hear guest speaker, **Penny Sih** who is a psychologist. She spoke to the students about how they can take control of their life and use some simple and effective strategies to do well at school this year. Penny will follow up this talk with two other seminars during the year when she will continue her supportive work with our students.

The students were also fortunate to hear presentations from two former students, **Hannah Webb** and **Matt Freeman** who spoke about their Year 12 experiences and their post school education and working experiences. A special and very insightful presentation from a current Year 13 student, **Jack Rothwell**, outlined the key warning signs of not being successful in Year 12 and some strategies he is using to overcome them in his plan to pass in 2013.

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**Andrew Russell**
Deputy Principal
**UNIFORM NEWS**

Seaford 6-12 School is in a uniform transition phase. In Term 4, 2012, a new girl's summer dress was added to the uniform and throughout 2013 additional uniform changes will occur. Students and caregivers will be included in the planning process for the new uniform and information will be shared through Governing Council, Letters to home and on the website.

In 2013 we are committed to having all students in full school uniform everyday. Items acceptable under the current Seaford 6-12 School uniform are as follows:

**BOYS**
- Official black/white board shorts with school logo
- Plain black shorts
- Plain black, polyester/cotton blend or gabardine trousers (not denim or canvas)
- Plain black fleecy tracksuit pants
- Plain black parachute-fabric tracksuit pants
- Official maroon & white polo top with school logo
- Official plain white or maroon polo shirt with school logo
- Official maroon hoodie windcheater with school logo
- Official grey school jacket with school logo

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS**
- Students are advised to change into suitable sports/casual clothing for Physical Education.
- Students representing Seaford 6-12 at sporting events will be required to wear school uniform and in most cases will be provided with a sports uniform to play.
- All Volleyballer’s are required to purchase an official playing top through the school.

Throughout the start of 2013 there have been a number of students wearing ‘short shorts’ that do not meet the requirement of minimum mid thigh in length, as well as black leggings.

Students who fail to arrive at Seaford 6-12 in full school uniform will be sent to student services to change in appropriate uniform.

Students who refuse to change will either have correct uniform brought to them from home, or will be sent home for the day for failing to follow the school uniform policy.

If you have any questions on the current uniform please do not hesitate to call Ben Hardy at Seaford 6-12 School on 8327 2222.

**GIRLS**
- Official summer dress
- Official black/white board shorts with school logo
- Plain black shorts
- Official black skirt with school logo
- Plain black, polyester/cotton blend or gabardine trousers (not denim, canvas or leggings)
- Plain black fleecy tracksuit pants
- Official black/white board shorts with school logo
- Official summer dress
- Official black skirt with school logo
- Official maroon & white polo top with school logo
- Official plain white or maroon polo shirt with school logo
- Official maroon hoodie windcheater with school logo
- Official grey school jacket with school logo

**OUR NEW CPSW**

Hi, my name is Karen Michelbach and I am the new Christian Pastoral Support Worker (CPSW) at Seaford 6-12 School. In my role, I offer pastoral, resource and referral support to all members of the school community. I have a passion for helping people see their value and potential. I plan to do this by building relationships within the school community and promoting services outside the school that offer useful resources for the wellbeing of students and families. I also provide a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local Christian churches.

I am at the school on Wednesdays & Thursdays 9.00 - 2.30 and Fridays 8.00 - 1.30 and can be contacted by students through my message box located in the Middle School office. Parents and caregivers can contact me through the school front office. I will be sending home a flyer giving more information about myself and the Christian Pastoral Support Program. I am really looking forward to all that 2013 has in store for Seaford 6-12 School and wish you all the best for the year.

Karen Michelbach
CPSW

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**SRC NEWS**

The 2013 Seaford 6-12 Student representative Council is under way with over 45 students who are enthusiastic to represent the student voice and make positive changes throughout the school. The formation of the team has been changed this year, with each of the 7 TLC's having a team of 6-10 students. The group is using data collected in surveys from 2012 to focus on 7 major priorities for Seaford 6-12 including:

1. Harassment, Bullying, Mental Health
2. School appearance & grounds
3. Lunchtime Events
4. Fundraising
5. Uniform
6. Learning and Teaching
7. Community involvement & Events

These project groups will be a mixture of SRC and non-SRC students around the school and will meet once per week to put plans into action for improvement.

The SRC will also participate in a number of other projects throughout 2013 including:

- Working with the Onkaparinga Council on its 20 year vision for the Seaford Centre.
- Young Leadership Conferences to boost leadership skills in all students.
- Mind Matters training and sessions to give students skills and knowledge in promoting student wellbeing.
- Working with primary school students in their transition into high school.
- Students are strongly encouraged to communicate with SRC members through class meetings and informal conversations with members as the most effective way to go about creating positive whole school change.

Ben Hardy
Senior Leader
NINNA MARNI!

We welcome Mark Pix as AET into the team, and Chloe Wallace is our ASETO full time this year.

Celebrating success last year we would like to congratulate our 2 Year 12 students, Jennifer Wilkinson and Harris Palmer for achieving their SACE. Jen is moving on to the Navy and Harris is continuing with further study, well done to both and we wish them well.

We have many plans this year, and Uncle Jim is continuing with a Middle School boys group, we hope to get a girls group going soon.

On Monday 18th February we are holding a parent meeting where we will be presenting an exciting new partnership with Second Story looking at encouraging your child to be more aware of their health and the choices they make. Don’t forget there are free dental checks available too.

Some up and coming events include Blak Nite at Warraparinga March 2nd and Nunga Taq Carnival March 8th at Christies Beach High School. We will also be leading the way for Harmony Day with different activities through the week leading up to the 21st March creating a video for the end of term assembly.

We are starting to make plans for Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week which will be capped off with a Cultural Day on the 5th July at the end of term 2. If you would like to be part of the planning for our Cultural Day please contact the school and let Chloe know.

Jacqueline (Jacky) Hiscock
Aboriginal Education Teacher (AET)

YEARBOOK 2013

A committee has already begun work on the new look Yearbook for 2013 and a competition will be advertised shortly for a cover design. We hope to receive many entries from students who have creative imaginations and can visualise a great concept for our next cover.

We encourage students to volunteer to join our committee and write on activities during the year, including Sports Day which is coming up soon. Photographers, graphic artists, cartoonists are all welcome.

Paulene Angus
Yearbook Committee

HEATHER CARTER’S BIRD’S-EYE VIEW!

Our new exchange teacher from the UK, Heather Carter, gets a bird’s-eye view of Seaford 6-12 School.
YEAR 8 & 9 IMMUNISATIONS

The 2013 immunisation program for all Year 8 & 9 students will commence shortly. Consent forms were sent home with students in the week commencing 11/2/13. Completed consent forms were due to be returned by Monday 18/2/13. There is provision on the form for non-consent should you not wish your child to have the free vaccinations, however all consent forms are required to be returned.

Please contact me at the school on 8327 2222 if you have not received a consent form for your child. Please read the information below, which is provided by the City of Onkaparinga.

Deb O'Connor
School Services Officer

IMMUNISATION DAY FOR STUDENTS

The SA School Based Immunisation Program will be offered at your school by the City of Onkaparinga.

It is important you read the information provided with the consent form to understand facts about the vaccines that will be offered, and the diseases that these vaccines offer protection against before you sign the consent form. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the City of Onkaparinga on 8384 0666 or the Communicable Disease Branch, SA Health (Monday – Friday, 9am – 4.30pm) on 1300 232 272.

All Year 8 students will be offered:
- A 2 dose course of Hepatitis B vaccine 4 to 6 months apart; and
- 1 dose of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.

Please Note: Chicken pox disease can be mild, with only a few spots. Even mild chickenpox disease results in life-long immunity. Repeat infection of chicken pox can occur but is not common. If a student has not had a confirmed case of chickenpox or a previous dose of chicken pox vaccine then they can have the free vaccine. A single dose of vaccine is required for students under 14 years of age. If the student is older than 14 years of age, a second dose of vaccine is recommended 4 to 6 weeks after the first dose to receive adequate protection. This second dose is not free and is available at a cost from your Doctor or Council Immunisation clinic.

All female Year 8 students will be offered:
- A 3 dose course of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine
These vaccines will be offered over three visits.

All Year 9 students will be offered:
- One dose of Boostrix - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough) vaccine.

All male year 9 students will be offered:
- A 3 dose course of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine
These vaccines will be offered over three visits.

Immunisation consent forms will be sent home with students. Parents/legal guardians should complete, sign and return the forms, even if the student will not be vaccinated at school. If you do not receive an immunisation consent form from your child in Week 3, please ask at the school office.

If your student is not vaccinated at school, please go to the immunisation provider (Local Council, Community Health Centre or GP) who delivers the school program at your child’s school for a free ‘catch-up’ dose. If you attend another provider other than your school program provider, they may not have the vaccine in stock and you may be charged for the vaccine and consultation.

REMEMBER: Keep School Immunisation Program records in a safe place as they may be required for future employment or travel.