Dear Families,

Our Acquaintance evening provided a fantastic opportunity for our families to meet with teachers and leaders. Despite 39 degree heat we were impressed with the large numbers of students and families who attended. The changed format of our 2013 Acquaintance Evening enabled families to sit together on the lawns around our gazebo, enjoy dinner, listen to our talented music students and chat to teachers and students.

I enjoyed the opportunity to introduce our leaders and teachers to you and share our school directions before directing students and families to their student’s Teaching and Learning Community.

Our Acquaintance Evening culminated in our Annual General Meeting. I was impressed with the many families who attended and am really pleased to present to you, our 2013 Governing Council.

2013 Governing Council

Staff Representatives
Cezanne Green, Principal; Andrew Russell, Deputy Principal, Neil Majewski, Pam Pix, Ben Hardy, Heather Carter, Jennie Fraser, Sandra Greenan, Katrina Bishop, Lorraine Hardy

Community Representatives
Amanda Rishworth, MP Kingston; John Hill, MP Kaurna, John Gunn, Councillor City of Onkaparinga

Parent Representatives
Daniel Coad, Chairperson; Tracey Corkhill, Secretary; Kim Wreyford, Melina Alyward, Sherry Yeend, Beverly Furlong, Darren Henson

Student Representatives
Patrick Coad (Year 7); Josh Yeend (Year 8); Dale Hancock (Year 11); Kerry Sankey (Year 12); Dani Kewley (Year 12); Fiona Broadbent (Year 13)

Our partnership with our community is very important; please don’t hesitate to contact any of our Governing Council members or staff if you have any queries.
has been inspiring to see students re-engage in schooling in a positive and productive way. As a result of the success of this strategy, Tim and I have had the opportunity to present to leaders across the state, the state wide Speech Pathologist team, and more recently, the Chief Executive of Education, Mr Keith Bartley. Several schools have now adopted a parallel strategy and employed a Speech Pathologist on site and are sharing resources and successes with Seaford 6-12 staff.

One of our priorities at Seaford 6-12 School is to build in our students the understanding that they can make a difference in life. Our year 11 students have been exploring this as part of their Pathways and Futures program. It has been really impressive to see the way our students have embraced the opportunity to make connections and make a difference. I have had several students see me about ways we can work together to support them to make a difference.

Corey Pretlove has made a commitment to Relay for Life and Hannah McCall, Hayden Weber, Howard Clarke, Amber Wadham, Emily Bartlett and Nathan Smith came to see me to share the fact that they are undertaking World's Greatest Shave to raise money for cancer research. All of these students have been affected by someone close to them who has/is suffering from cancer. Their discussion centred on how Seaford 6-12 could support their fundraising campaign and raise awareness. In response to this, our SRC coordinated a casual day, sausage sizzle and lunch time music program on Thursday 14th March. We raised $680:00, which will be donated to Relay for Life and Worlds Greatest Shave. Staff and students have also embraced Keep Australia Beautiful and worked with Office Works staff to pick up papers around the school and our local community too. Several students have also made a commitment to give blood through Red Cross. I am very proud of our students.

Sports Day, held on Friday 15th March was a fantastic opportunity for our students (and teachers) to showcase their sporting ability. We will report on this event in detail in our next newsletter, but I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Mr Ben Hardy for his coordination of the day and the HPE staff for their hard work and preparation. As we move towards the end of Term 1 I would like to thank you for your support and partnership. I wish you a safe holiday season.

HELP WANTED!

Are there any parents willing to sew costumes for this year’s Arts Showcase?
If you can help, please contact the school on 8327 2222, and leave your name and phone number with reception; Lorraine Hardy (Dance Teacher) will be in contact with you.

Lorraine Hardy, Dance Teacher

DANCE WORKSHOP

On February 15 the Year 10 and selected Year 9 Dance students participated in a Hip Hop workshop run by well known Adelaide choreographer Jessica Statton. Students were given a fairly difficult routine to learn in a very short time, and they accomplished it with flying colours. Student comments at the end of the session included:

“It was fun, energetic and enjoyable”
(Jadi Smeda E02)

“It was really fun and a great experience”
(Meg Hamer C01)

“It was awesome and enjoyable to learn a new style of dance”
(Ellie Britton C01)

Lorraine Hardy, Dance Teacher

From The Principal continued

DANCE WORKSHOP
CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Wednesday 6th March Seaford 6-12 School participated in this year’s clean up Australia day activities. Students from years 8, 9, 10 and 11 along with support from the Noarlunga Office Works store participated in helping to clean around our school oval and playground areas along with areas surrounding the senior school.

On the day our students worked hard to find as much rubbish as possible, looking everywhere they could, including under play equipment, next to the gym and between classrooms. By the end of the clean up we managed to collect three bags of rubbish and also three bags of recyclable materials that included items such as food wrappings and drink containers these were then recycled via the school’s recycling system.

All of the students were very excited about the positive changes they had made to their school environment.

Mark Turville, Teacher

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

UMAT TESTING

A reminder to Year 12 students wishing to apply for places in Medicine and Dentistry at Adelaide University or Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine and B of Medical Science (Vision Science), Master of Optometry at Flinders Uni will need to sit the UMAT test. I will publicise the UMAT test date for Adelaide but please note that it is the family’s responsibility to apply to sit the UMAT test by the closing date. Applications open early April, 2013, close on June 7 at 5pm AEST. The test is held on July 31, 2013. UMAT information is available online at www.umat.acer.edu.au

Mark Turville
Teacher

FREE TERTIARY AND CAREERS EXPO

This will be held in the Adelaide Convention Centre on Sunday and Monday May 12 and 13 from 10am - 4pm on Sunday and 9.30am to 1.30pm on Monday.

The school will take a group of 50 Year 11 and 12 students on the Monday morning after lesson 1. However families wishing to take their students on the Sunday are welcome to do so.

Further information is available on www.careersevent.com

Anne Russell
Senior School Counsellor

SEAFORD 8/9 BOYS CRICKET

On Wednesday 13th February Seaford 6-12 played host to Tatachilla’s year 8/9 Boys Cricket team, hosting our first 35 over match of the year.

Seaford Boys bowled first, taking several wickets early using a combination of both spin and swing bowling. However Tatachilla’s middle order dug deep and led their side to commanding 300 run lead at the change of innings.

Seaford realised they had to pile on the runs quickly from the opening ball. This lead to some rash shots that resulted unfortunately for them in early wickets. Seaford was 4/40 off 10 overs, when Hunterfairlie stepped to the crease, making a quick fire 45 which included several fours and one massive six over long off. However this was not enough Seaford gallant in defeat eventually lost the match with Tatachilla taking the final wicket off the last ball of the match.

Seaford 6-12 was proudly represented by the following students: Hunter Fairlie, Luke Reed, Toby Phillips, Connor Babidge, Tom Anderson, Rendel Cabugao, Jordan Corfield, Marcus Lewis, Kristian Bagshaw, Will Slater.

Mark Turville
Teacher
**APPRENTICESHIP SUCCESS**

It was with great pleasure that I represented the Seaford 6-12 School at a meeting at Plympton Crash Repairs on Thursday 14th March to officially sign up Jamie Barnes into a full-time Panel Beating Apprenticeship.

Jamie has worked very hard to achieve this Apprenticeship by completing a Certificate I in Automotive, partial completion of Certificate II in Airbrushing, Work Experience at a local Crash Repairer and maintaining casual employment throughout school holidays and achieving accolades from his employer.

**HIGH HOPES**

I have been offered the chance of providing a regular article for the newsletter and have decided to call it “High Hopes”. Sometimes this phrase is used flippantly (such as – “You’ve got high hopes mate!” when someone is hailing a taxi in peak hour traffic). The definition of hope is… the eager expectation of good things to come. Our hope can be threatened by circumstances, disappointments and negative thinking. For many this threat is constant and it can appear that there is no hope.

With Easter fast approaching I am reminded that, for Christians, it is a significant time of celebrating our source of hope. In my new role as CPSW (Christian Pastoral Support Worker) I have been making connections with the local Christian Churches to learn about the support services they offer the community. If you think it would be helpful to find out more about their source of hope, I have listed the local Easter church services and I am confident that the church communities would love to see you there.

Another great part of Easter is CHOCOLATE!!! So for all you choc-a-holics, here are a few facts about chocolate:

- If you’ve got melted chocolate on your hands… you’re eating too slowly
- The problem: how to get 250gms of chocolate home from the shop in a hot car. The solution: eat it in the car park
- If you can’t eat all your chocolate it will keep in the fridge. But if you can’t eat all your chocolate… what is wrong with you?
- Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.
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**EASTER CHURCH SERVICES**

**Seaford Ecumenical Centre**
- Holy/Maunday Thursday
  - 7.30pm for all congregations

**Seaford Community Church**
- 9.00am Lutheran with Holy Communion
- 10.00am Anglican, Churches of Christ, Uniting Church (combined service) with Communion
- 10.45am Catholic Eucharist

**Seeds Church**
- 9.30am Easter Sunday at All Saints School Hall

**Seaford Christian Fellowship**
- 10.00 Easter Sunday at Seaford Community Centre

I would like to encourage you to raise your hopes; know that your past does not determine your future; know that you have real potential and you CAN dream big. I wish you all a happy and safe Easter.
BIKE RIDE TO McLaren Vale

A bike ride to McLaren Vale was organised recently by Ms Deb Halse to introduce our UK Exchange Teacher, Heather Carter, to the wonders of the Southern Vales. All staff who participated had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

FREE DENTAL SERVICES

FOR ABORIGINAL & NON-ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

Medicare will be issuing all eligible teenagers with a teen dental voucher at the end of January 2013 that entitles them to attend a School Dental Clinic for an examination and preventative care.

Any treatment required will be completed free under the same course of care. Alternatively they can see a private dentist for preventative services only under this scheme.

If you are a parent/carer of a teenager aged 12–17 years you should contact your local School Dental Service/GP Plus to make an appointment.

You do not have to have your voucher however you will need to have your Medicare card to access this scheme.

MOST TEENS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SCHEME

For further information you can contact Medicare 13 2011 (option 4) or the Health Promotion Unit 8222 9016

LIBRARY NEWS

MANAGING YOUR LIBRARY ACCOUNT FROM HOME

Did you know that you can search the library catalogue, place holds and renew your library items from home?

All you need to do is go to www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries and click the ‘catalogue’ link. From here you can login with the barcode number from your student ID card (X0…...).

If you do not know your PIN, you can come and see library staff and have it changed to something you will remember for the future to allow easy access to your online account.

Karla Pickett
School Services Librarian