DEAR FAMILIES,

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. I continue to be proud of the growth and improvement your students demonstrate at Seaford Secondary College. I have been reminded again of the importance and strength of our partnership together after a recent mail out to you regarding your child’s attendance. We received many calls from families exploring ways we can continue to improve attendance of students. Our absolute commitment to supporting our students to achieve their potential centres upon our work together and on ensuring our students are at school and engaged in learning.

NEW LEADERS

Congratulations to Mr Simon Truman who has won the position of Assistant Head of Nashwauk House, Restorative Practices, Learner Wellbeing, PLP. Ms Merryn Gomez (Learning Support Leader) has begun her visits to SSC in preparation for officially starting in Term 4. We are currently working through 9 Teacher panels and will have all successful teachers identified by the end of Week 10.

KYOTO STUDY TOUR

Further to our successful Kyoto Study Tour held recently Mr Adam Pearce and I received the following email from Jill Simmonds (Executive Manager Marketing and International Business).

“Yesterday, I received a personal phone call from Mr Tom Yates, the Consul-General and Trade Commissioner for Japan. Mr Yates was delighted to receive outstanding feedback directly from the Kyoto Board of Education reaffirming that the program delivered by Seaford Secondary College was an outstanding success. Mr Yates also added that it is very rare for a Board of Education in Japan to write directly to the Australian Trade Commission with this type of positive feedback.

Congratulations to you, Adam and your international team. I am sure that this group will want to return next year and we know that

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they have already started planning to send individual longer term students in the future. Thank you so much for delivering a successful program. This type of good news story certainly assists us to promote the quality of our South Australian Government Schools.”

Congratulations to our International Team, Mr Adam Pearce, Mrs Sandra Greenan, Mr Matt Fry and Ms Hannah Webb and all of the staff and community host families for your contribution to the Kyoto student visit.

SPORTS DAY
We had a highly successful Sports Day recently. It was just great to see students competing to beat their ‘PB’ and work so hard to accumulate points for their House (even collecting rubbish from the oval), to see staff participating in races with students (and in many cases winning), to have many parents attend for part of or all of the day and to see students’ pride in their achievements. Overall it was a collective positive “feel”. The support of our amazing staff was reflected by the number that stayed back after school to put equipment away, in just 35 minutes the oval was empty. Congratulations to Mr Craig Ottaway, Mr Ben Hardy and our HPE Learning Area Team.

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL DAY AND MURAL UNVEILING
Recently Seaford Secondary College, led by the Aboriginal Education Team, hosted a partnership Cultural Day and Mural Launch. I would like to thank Ms Chloe Wallace, Uncle Jim, Mr Simon Truman, Mark Pix, Ms Jacky Hiscock, Mr Phil Brodie, Ms Stella Davis, Mr Neil Majewski, Mr John Dophiede, Mr Niel Bevan, Mr Ben Hardy, Ms Sandy White, Uncle Jim, our student leaders and our library staff for their coordination and hard work. It was really great to have staff, students and community members from within our partnership, with us for the day. The Honorable Chris Picton MP, Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg and our Governing Council Chair Mr Daniel Coad were in attendance. The story that each picture tells will be fixed to the wall below each piece of the mural.

NAPLAN
Those families with students in Years 7 and 9 will have received their students’ NAPLAN results. We have employed Carolyn Abbot, consultant, to work with Ms Jen Griffin, Ms Steph Johnston, Mr Duncan Begg, Ms Jacky Hiscock and Ms Paulene Angus to analyze the results to inform our learning programs.

It has been very pleasing to note that 98% of year 9 students met the national bench mark for numeracy.

We have also seen improvement in the percentage of year 9 students that have progressed at a rate in the upper 25%.

TRANSITION VISIT
We had another Transition Visit on 3rd September and had the opportunity to test incoming students in the areas of PAT V, PAT R, PAT M and Jenkins. It was an excellent day and we are looking forward to the next transition day in Term 4. Thank you to Ms Amy Whyte and the Transition Team for their coordination of this successful day.

STUDENT NEWS
JONATHAN (JONI) PRISCAN YEAR 12
Joni has made the semi-finals for Search for a Star. He is also on a new show for Channel 9 entitled ‘2014 Talent on Show’ and is down to the last 9 (will be aired later this year). He has also auditioned for another program ‘Live Audition’. Feedback from producers has been excellent.

Joni is managing to keep on top of his school work – despite all of the excitement.

Cezanne Green, PRINCIPAL
NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

This year, for the first time, Seaford Secondary College took part in National Literacy and Numeracy Week from 25th - 31st August (Week 6). Students were able to participate in a number of exciting competitions, workshops and activities including:

- Theatre Sports, Poetry, Haiku, Speed Wall Challenge and Geocaching lesson workshops
- Board games, theatre sports, Minecraft, debating and card tricks during lunchtimes
- AFL Maths Competition, Poetry in my Pocket national comps
- Short story and Poetry in-school competitions
- Quizzes in the morning bulletin
- Excursions
- Staff Literacy and Numeracy morning tea

It was great to see different groups of students and staff working together on Numeracy and Literacy activities to celebrate this week. A huge thank you to staff that facilitated competitions and ran sessions. Thank you also to our participating students for making our first National Literacy and Numeracy Week a success!

SUCCESSFUL FORMER STUDENTS

Congratulations to former Seaford student Adrian Johnston who graduated on Tuesday with 1st Class Honours in a Bachelor of Computer Science and will be going back next year to do his PhD.

Another former student, Tanya Loveless, is doing a PhD in Genetics; we are very proud of their achievements.

Andrew Russell, Deputy Principal

YEAR 9 CAREER FORUM

On 29th August, three students were given the opportunity to attend the Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga’s 4th Annual Prayer Breakfast. They are pictured here with the guest speaker, Peter Irvine. Peter is a co-founder of Gloria Jean’s Coffees. He is an inspirational man and spoke of his life journey; overcoming great adversity and maintaining a vision to grow in all aspects of life. I am so proud of our students; they represented Seaford Secondary College with such integrity and responded to an unfamiliar environment with real maturity – well done!

Karen Michelbach, CPSW

YEAR 9 JAPANESE QUIZ DAY

On the 28th of August myself, Mr. Truman, and several other students travelled to the Education Development Centre, where we all took part in the year 9 Japanese Quiz Day. Here we were all separated into small groups and integrated with other schools to compete against other combined school groups over the course of half-a-dozen rounds. There were 120 students participating.

Questions relating to geography, history, pop culture, and language were just some of the topics covered throughout the day. Nathan, and I were a part of the team, ‘ichiban’ which roughly translates to ‘Number One.’ Ironically, our team came 5th against the other fourteen teams, but overall I am extremely proud of everyone’s effort.

In conclusion, this was an educational, social, and fun experience that I would recommend for any and all future Year 9 students that are interested in Japanese culture!

Joshua CO2

Hiragana Challenge

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Congratulations to each class, who have received their class rewards and have also each earned 20 points for their house in the inter house cup.

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Jen Griffin

Head of House Nashwauk

Stephanie Johnston and Jen Griffin

Heads of English and Maths
SPORTS DAY 2014
This year for the first time at Seaford Secondary College, Sports Day was held in term 3. Staff were at school before 6am to help set up as we were treated to absolutely perfect weather for the day. Students arrived at school in their house colours and costumes, waving flags and banners to support their peers. Throughout the day students participated in a range of athletic events and sporting activities to gain points for their house. Several students kept performing in events until they achieved personal bests, all while being encouraged by their friends that demonstrated the spirit of what Sports Day is all about. Highlights included E01 running the BBQ, the Seawinds unit participating in the novelty events and 100m, staff versus students at various stations, and the tug-o-war being hotly contested as always. The relays at the end of the day saw many close finishes and several cheers went up with the announcement of the eventual winners:

Tingara – 2337
Nashwauk – 2134
Tigress – 2064
Boon Boona – 1817

A huge thank you to all staff that contributed on the day. The day was a great deal of fun for all involved and truly demonstrated the athletic abilities and positive culture of all our houses and our school as a whole. Well done to Tingara and all the students that participated and represented the school so proudly.

SPORTS SUCCESS STORIES

Kayla (Nashwauk B09) has recently been selected for her 4th successive Figure Skating National meet. Kayla has represented South Australia at the past 3 annual competitions travelling to Melbourne to compete and winning Gold at all 3 competitions! This year the competition is being held on the Gold Coast in November. Kayla trains 3-4 times a week with the Noarlunga Figure Skating Club devoting a huge portion of her personal time. Well done and we wish you the best of luck Kayla!

TERM 1

In Term 1 Rani in Tingara B19, attended the Onkaparinga South District Swimming trials. At the event Rani swam extremely well and was selected for the District squad! Rani specializes in freestyle and butterfly. She swims for the Fleurieu Swimming Club in Old Reynella and swims 6 times a week, sometimes at 4am! We wish you the best of luck and congratulations on your selection!

In Term 1 Seaford Secondary College had 5 boys selected at a trial for the Onkaparinga South District Football Team. Of the 5 boys selected for the next stage of trials, Shaye (Tingara B19) was chosen to represent the district. He will now participate in the week long SAPSASA Football Carnival, 26th – 30th May. After winning the competition last year in division 2, he will now play in division 1. Congratulations Shaye. We know you will play your best!

Following on from her SANTOS success where she won every one of her events, Lauren (Tingara CO2) was selected for the Junior National Championships back in March. She performed at the Sydney Olympic Stadium and represented South Australia in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 2 relay events at the under 14 level. She then had to also run to the airport to make it back in time for school the next day! She trains with Western Districts Athletics Club and will again be performing in the State Championships in October this year. Outstanding performances Lauren!

TERM 2

Amber-May (Boon Boona) – Amber has been selected for the SAPSASA Onkaparinga South District 2014 district girls soccer team. She will take part in the SAPSASA Soccer Carnival, 23rd - 27th June representing the Onkaparinga district competing against other districts across Adelaide. Best of luck Amber-May.

Casie (Tigress) – Casie, who currently plays for South Adelaide, has been selected as the centre for the South Australian U/15 State Rugby Union Team. He will be competing in the World Sport Rugby Carnival on the Gold Coast, which is Australia’s biggest junior rugby tournament, from the 6th – 12th July against other teams from New Zealand, England and South Africa. Congratulations Casie!

George (Tigress) – George, who currently plays for Onkaparinga Rugby Union Football Club, has been selected as the centre for the South Australian U/15 State Rugby Union Team. He will be competing in the World Sport Rugby Carnival on the Gold Coast, which is Australia’s biggest junior rugby tournament, from the 6th – 12th July against other teams from New Zealand, England and South Africa. Congratulations George.

TERM 3

Sam (B10 Nashwauk) is a skilled athlete on his scooter and will be participating in an upcoming weekend tour in a country town to showcase his scooter skills. Sam has competed and placed 1st and 3rd in competitions at Seaford, the City, and West Beach in the under 12s category. He practices his freestyle scootering almost every day and is sponsored by Krunkit. Well done Sam!

Jack (B10 Nashwauk) has been selected for the upcoming Onkaparinga South District Athletics Team and will compete at Santos Stadium on Tuesday 23rd September. Jack made the team by finishing first in the Shot Put event for the 13 year old boys by throwing a distance of 8.56m! Congratulations Jack and we wish you all the best!

Craig Ottaway, Sports Coordinator,
SEAFORD STRIKERS

Every Friday, after recess, a small number of Seaford Secondary College students board the school bus for a one-hour journey to the Adelaide suburb of Thebarton. Many may question why these committed students are willing to spend 2 hours each Friday on a bus, the answer is easy, ICE HOCKEY.

These students are the inaugural members of the Seaford Strikers Ice Hockey Team as part of the Ice Factor Program. This is a fantastic program that aims to increase student engagement in school, through Ice Hockey and a life skills program.

The students from Seaford have taken on the program with enthusiasm and represented our school exceptionally well, both on and off the ice. Watching the students developing, as Ice Hockey players and young adults, has been incredibly rewarding and a great testimony to the skills that Ice Factor has helped to develop.

This development has taken place over three long terms of hard work. As many may imagine, students living in the Australian climate do not spend a large amount of their time ice-skating. The first few weeks were reminiscent of the initial training sessions of the Mighty Ducks; however after a number of training sessions, the students’ skills and confidence grew at an incredible rate.

Their confidence was boosted when the Seaford Strikers received very generous sponsorship from the South Australian Police Association to purchase the required hockey equipment and support from the Boy’s Brigade to have their jerseys designed. Now we were an ice hockey team!

With new equipment, jerseys, and a sense of pride, the Seaford Strikers entered their first tournament. Many of the students were very nervous at the prospect, but these nerves were put to good use when the Strikers became the first team in the history of the program to win a game during their inaugural tournament.

Ever since, the Strikers have competed successfully in two more tournaments, being awarded the Spirit Cup in their second competition. The Spirit Cup is the trophy that goes to the team who capture the spirit of the program on and off the ice during the competitions.

As team manager I would like to thank the S.A. Police Association and the Boy’s Brigade, without whom, the program would not be possible for Seaford Students. I would also like to thank the students for their enthusiasm, conduct, hard work and representation of our school; you have done yourselves proud.

Craig Fraser, Team Manager
LIBRARY NEWS

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK COMPETITION
Seaford Library celebrated National Science Week in Week 5 by holding a competition for Seaford Secondary College students. The competition required students to describe a useful item they would invent if they had as much money and time as they needed. Imagination was the key, and there were plenty of entries with fantastic ideas! The winning entry came from Lauren in A15 who would invent ‘a bin on wheels that moved to anyone on that side of the road who had rubbish in their hands- to clean up the streets’. We thought this was a great idea and awarded Lauren her very own plasma ball! Well done Lauren!

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014 has now finished. Awards will be presented to students who completed the challenge after we have received them in November. Well done to all students who made the effort to complete the challenge, and good luck in the prize draw for the Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 which will also be drawn when awards are presented.

KARLA PICKETT, SCHOOL SERVICES LIBRARIAN

MATHS CHALLENGE
During Week 3 this term, Seaford Secondary College held its inaugural Inter-house Mathematics Challenge. Two students were chosen to represent each year level for their house. These students received an invitation to the event and parents were called and asked to give their support.

On Tuesday of Week 3, the Year 7, 8 and 9 competitors took their seats in the library according to Houses. Once settled, the questions were handed out and the problem solving began.

The mood was tense as the students furiously worked at their problems in pairs. It was great to have parents there for support. The scene was repeated on Thursday with Senior students representing their Houses. Some very difficult questions were tackled, but the teamwork was great to see!

After the event, leader Jen Griffin provided a pizza lunch before the students were sent back to their afternoon classes.

Once the solutions with the best mathematical reasoning were found, the winners were notified through the morning bulletin. House points were awarded to the winners and they were given a prize for their efforts!

Congratulations to all who participated and thank you to all of the teachers and parents who supported the competition.

Lauren Scarfe, Maths Teacher

RESULTS
Year 7: 1st- Boon Boona (Tahlia D06), 2nd-Tingara, 3rd-Nashwauk, 4th-Tigress
Year 8: 1st- Tingara (Devlin C01, Will C01) 2nd- Boon Boona, 3rd-Nashwauk, 4th-Tigress
Year 9: 1st- Tingara (Abigail C02 and Lauren C02), 2nd-Nashwauk, 3rd-Tigress
Year 10: 1st- Tingara (Jordan 10.1 and Alisha 10.6), 2nd-Tigress, 3rd-Boon Boona, 4th-Nashwauk
Year 11/12: 1st- Boon Boona (Colin 11.1), 2nd- Nashwauk

HIGH HOPES
Stress has become commonplace in our fast-paced society. The list of causes is seemingly endless. Right now our senior students are under enormous pressure to perform. The Year 12 students particularly so; pressure to achieve the required ATAR for tertiary education or to achieve a SACE pass to have the upper-edge in the world of employment. Our staff members are under enormous pressure – giving 150% to help students achieve their best and, at the same time, having to fit in a huge amount of DECD requirements (not to mention their own personal family commitments). I take my hat off to them.

So often we place enormous value on performance…forgetting the individual. We can even place huge expectations on ourselves. Recently, during a presentation by Sacred Stone, the Middle School students learnt about “intrinsic value” – ie that each person has value, just because they are living and breathing. The truth is, regardless of our performance, we are valuable – we have great worth. Take time to appreciate your own worth; know that you have a place in this world. Then go and tell someone else that they are valuable too. You’ll benefit from bringing some sunshine into their world.

Regards, Karen