It is hard to believe that another year is almost over. As I reflect upon 2014 and all that has been achieved I am reminded of the incredible work of our Governing Council, our staff, students and families. This year we have introduced a new school name, agreed upon a new logo and begun the process of re-branding our school. We have introduced a new school uniform, a new school structure based on Houses and a new leadership structure placing the role of leading learning at the heart of each role.

We are now in the position where we can demonstrate and measure learner growth and can see the impact of our targeted intervention strategy.

MINISTER’S VISIT
Minister Rankine, in partnership with Chris Picton MP and PA Belinda, Helen Gray (Support Services) and Di Rodd (Disability Coordinator), Stacey Alyward and Josh Yeend (SRC) visited the unit on Friday 28 November, to see our staff working with and engaging our students. Minister Rankine observed our students enjoying learning and the opportunity to talk with the students. We then visited our learning support classroom and saw students engaging with QuickSmart literacy, QuickSmart numeracy, multi lit, writing groups and other learning groups.

The vibe in this room was amazing and our students were clearly proud of their achievements and their learning. We met together at the end of the tour. We had a fantastic conversation about our school and our staff members’ work.

SCHOOL REVIEWS BY DECD
There are significant changes in place across DECD beginning 2015. One of these changes centres upon all schools undertaking an external school review. As part of this process, a review team will engage in the interrogation of systems’ data and evidence of learner growth, in sites. As part of the process, a trained Principal Representative will be on each review team. I have been selected to be one of the review Principals on one panel per term. I see this as a fantastic opportunity for our school to gain insight into the review process as I will be able to share details of the process and grow as a leader from my experiences as a member of the review team benefitting SSC staff, students and the community.

Another strategy for reform engaged by DECD this year is the concept of the 90 day change team. This strategy has been successfully implemented by ChangeSA with a number of Government organizations. I have been asked to be the secondary Leader representative on the Leadership Charter Change team. This team comprises three other DECD employees- one early year’s leader, one primary year’s leader and a member of the Australian Institute for Teaching and Learning.

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From the Principal CONTINUED

School Leadership AITSL team who facilitates. Our task is to develop a leadership charter for DECD. This too is a positive as I will be able to consult with you directly regarding your opinions for this Charter. The “kick off” meeting is Wednesday morning.

PRESENTATION EVENING
Our presentation evening on Tuesday 18th November provided some amazing examples of the outcomes of the partnership between students, staff and families.

Some moments that I will never forget:
• The raw pride of achievement of the award winners
• The response of our students and families when Natalie entered the stage to receive her graduation certificate
• Hearing Angus Deane talk about the support of our staff in helping the year twelves achieve their potential
• Jonathan Priscan’s song at the end of the evening and the impact on all there.

The partnership between our staff and our students was evident from the beginning as our staff launched a Flash Mob. For this amazing group of people to have not been flash mobbing were right there with us. And the tone was set for the evening.

YEAR 12 FORMAL
Wow, what a night! The largest cohort attending and more than four tables of staff!
• The partnership between staff and students was evident from the beginning as our staff launched a Flash Mob. For this amazing group of people to ‘put themselves out there’ was another example for me of the unique connection and unique staff we have at Seaford Secondary College. Even those that weren’t flash mobbing were right there with us. And the tone was set for the evening.
• Students and staff danced together and celebrated and shared their learning achievements and best memories.

VET AND INDUSTRY BREAKFAST
To speak with Mr Jeff Mogg and Ms Denise Luker (bubbling over with pride and enthusiasm) after the VET and Industry Breakfast late last month where Seaford Secondary College was again recognised for the outstanding VET and community partnership programs, is a reminder again of the difference our partnership with our wider community makes, to our student learning outcomes.

STAFF FAREWELLS
It is the time of the year that we farewell some of our staff. At the time of writing this, we have not finalized our 2015 timetable and do not have clarity regarding which contract teachers on contract ancillary staff will be returning in 2015. I will therefore say a general thank you to all of our fantastic who are on a contract that ends this month and hope that we will see them back next year.

It is with mixed feelings that I farewell our retiring staff members - Marion MacKenzie, Jeff Mogg, Anne Russell and Andrew Russell. These dynamic staff members have made an enormous contribution to our students, staff and community during their time at Seaford Secondary College. I wish them all the very best for the next chapter in their lives. I would also like to thank Lorraine Hardy for the contribution she has made to Seaford Secondary College over the past 15 years. She leaves our school to begin the position of Performing Arts Coordinator at Hallett Cove School.

Finally thank you to our Governing Council, our parents and wider community for your on-going support and partnership.

I wish you a safe and happy holiday period.
Cezanne Green, PRINCIPAL

FROM THE O’MAHONY FAMILY
“...to teachers, principal and support/admin staff; Thank you for your professionalism and the opportunities you gave our kids. It has been our first experience with a public high school and the commitment and enthusiasm of all has been amazing.

Wishing you all a very relaxing and great summer. (We all know you deserve it!)
All the very best,
Calm and Brenda O’Mahony”

SEAFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE YEARBOOK 2014
The Yearbook will be available during the last week of Term 4. This year we have eighty pages of information, photos and fun to celebrate students’ activities throughout the year.

I would like to thank Mr Imeson, Mrs Fraser, Ms Spencer, Mr Turville and Mr McGregor for their work in compiling our Yearbook. Thank you to Isabella (10 04), Patrick (D04), and Lachie (10 05) for taking photos around the school, and to Lucy (11 05) for help with the Sports reporting. It is an enormous task and we are all grateful for the time you have put in to make it successful.

The Yearbook is for sale at $11, which can be paid at the Finance window before school or during recess each day. The form can be obtained from Care Group teachers or from Student Services.

We hope you enjoy it and refer to it in years to come as a record of your son or daughter’s time at Seaford Secondary College.

Paulene Angus, Yearbook Committee
Pursuing our dreams and making a difference were two key themes that resonated throughout Seaford Secondary College’s annual Presentation Night on Tuesday 18th November.

A full house at Noarlunga’s Hopgood Theatre saw our Middle School Academic Award winners recognised, as well as our sporting champions and community ambassadors. We celebrated outstanding IB academic results and also got an insight into some of the fantastic community work our students are involved in.

Guest speaker, Jimmy Harrington, is a local young man who shared an incredible story about his dream to walk around Australia in order to raise funds and awareness for brain cancer sufferers. His motivational speech and video left the audience speechless and in awe of his goals and achievements. Jimmy encouraged our students to aim high and never back down when things get too hard. It was an honour to have Jimmy in our presence and our students were clearly inspired by his journey.

The main stars of the night were of course our Year 12 Graduating Class of 2014. Care Group teachers lead their students into the theatre with pride, and presented them with graduation certificates to recognise their work and achievements. A collage of photo memories was also displayed and it was wonderful to reflect on their time here at Seaford and also see how much the students have changed! Our current House captains presented the 2015 captains with a pin to symbolise handing over responsibilities, which was another lovely celebration to observe.

It was also a significant night for our staff, as our Principal, Cezanne Green, publicly farewelled four amazing and long-term Seaford colleagues. Anne Russell, Andrew Russell, Jeff Mogg & Marion MacKenzie were recognised for their outstanding work with students and their families over a number of collective years.

Our two MCs, Andrew Russell and Year 12 student, Angus Deane, did a marvellous job ensuring the night ran smoothly. Angus delivered a motivational valedictorian speech, as he reflected on memories and encouraged his peers to reach for the stars.

We would like to thank our guest presenters, dance students, Year 12 student, Jonathan Priscan for a wonderful singing performance and to staff who helped out on the night.

Well done to all Middle School award winners, our graduating class of 2014 and our Dux of the school, Elliott Saunderson. The Seaford Secondary College community is proud of your achievements and wishes you all the best in the future.

Sandra Greenan, Assistant Head of House
The Japanese restaurant excursion for CO7 on the 3rd of December went really well. We all got on the train and went into the city. When we got there we caught the tram to the park near the Japanese Himeji gardens. We walked to the gardens from the tram station and went inside. The garden was amazing and the information we gained from the tour was extraordinary. Himeji is the sister city to Adelaide and the gardens reflected many aspects of Japanese culture and tradition. It was lovely to see.

After we finished in the gardens we went and had recess, as we were getting closer to the tram station we bolted to make sure we got on the tram. After we took the tram to Victoria Square and we walked to Hotaru Japanese restaurant on Gouger Street. Inside the restaurant we had to take our shoes off before we sat down. The food was amazing, Mrs Greenan and Mrs Pennifold and I enjoyed our meals along with everyone on the trip. People ate things like teriyaki chicken, crispy deep-fried pork, sushi, tempura and curry. David found the curry really hot! All meals were served in a ‘bento’ box, which means we got to taste a few different things. Everyone enjoyed their meals!

After we finished our food we went to Rundle Mall and after we had finished looking around in Rundle Mall we all walked back to the train station to catch the train back to school. The trip was perfect to a degree and we all had fun. Thanks for taking us Mrs Greenan!

Kimberley CO7

SEAFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE IS AN INDUSTRY/SCHOOLS AWARD WINNER

Last year the Secondary Schools of the Southern Region established a breakfast at Hortas Restaurant to recognise and celebrate school/industry partnerships and has consequently become an annual event.

This year we nominated 6 people who represent fantastic partnerships Seaford has developed:
1. Ashley Sinclair of ATEC, for delivery of First Aid courses over years.
2. Anne Pollard of ATEC, who provides a wide range of programs from Forklift to White Card and full certificate courses.
3. Dee Dukes for mentoring FLO students weekly in our community library.
4. Doug Pryde who provides mentoring for students aiming to achieve their Learner’s Permit.
5. Carol Rowe of Seaford Community Centre, who has been working with our ‘E Team’ students to support community members learn IT skills.
6. Jarrid Turner, DECD Apprenticeship Broker, for providing special support to help students gain a school-based apprenticeship.

We are proud and thrilled to announce that 4 were finalists, Ashley, Anne, Carol and Jarrid, with Doug Pryde winning the “Marvellous Mentoring” category. Doug, as a community volunteer, gives a lot of valuable time and expertise to work weekly with groups of students in our Community Library to help them achieve their Learner’s Permit. So far this year he has successfully mentored 21 students; what a fantastic achievement. We congratulate Doug and sincerely thank him for his great, valued efforts with our students.

Jeff Mogg, VET Coordinator
Denise Luker, Career & Community Partnerships Manager

OCEANIA LEAGUE OF LEGENDS TOURNAMENT

Nathan (Year 9 Nashwauk) took part in the Oceania League of Legends Tournament at PAX (Gaming Expo) in Melbourne in October.

Nathan and his team faced many opponents from all over Australia and Asia and were runners-up in the Grand Final! A massive achievement in a world-wide online gaming tournament.

Well done Nathan!

Catharine Watson, Teacher
Seaford Secondary College team participated in ‘Movember’ for the third consecutive year to raise money and awareness for men’s health in the areas of mental health, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. This year the team consisted of 17 members and the male staff groomed, sculptured and characterized their moustaches as they raised donations for the month. At the end of the month, the team had raised an incredible $2,418! The generosity of the students and the family and friends of our team members who have donated throughout the month has been amazing. What a fantastic result!

The prestigious annual ‘Mo Awards’ were presented at Assembly which were voted by the students. This year Mr. Truman was the winner of the Best Mo Award while Mr. Day won the most stylish award. Thank you to all who donated and raised awareness for men’s health this Movember.

Craig Ottaway, Movember Participant

Year 11 Boon Boona student Jo raised $302 for ShelterBox, an organisation that helps communities affected by natural disaster and humanitarian crisis, including the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, 2010 Haiti Earthquake, the Syria crisis and several disasters not featured in the media. She received kind donations and also spent many hours baking delicious muffins to sell at school. To increase donations for every $50 she raised, she challenged staff to certain dares. Mr. Kirk spent the entire school day in his Football uniform including his boots! Mr. Pearce and Mr. Ottaway had to shave their legs, while Mr. Fraser had his head shaved! Many students watched at the school rotunda as the dares were carried out and all had a laugh. Well done Jo for the fantastic effort.

Craig Ottaway, House Leader

The Governing Council greatly appreciates and would like to thank Merridee Dangerfield for her 16 years as a parent representative of the Governing Council. The last of Merridee’s children has graduated from school this year, so it is time to stand down as an active member of the Council.

Neil Majewski. School Manager

RESULT OF THE PARENT POLL CONCERNING 2015 MATERIALS AND SERVICE CHARGES

38 YES 17 NO

Materials and Services charges above the standard sum can be legally pursued. Thank you to all those that responded.

FROM THE SCHOOL MANAGER

MOVEMBER 2014

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C08 COURT VISIT – YEAR 9 HUMANITIES

Students from C08 travelled to town on Monday 24th November to conduct a court visit after our Civics topic about laws and courts in Australia. In Victoria Square, we were able to see behind the scenes in the Magistrates Court, including a mock trial with all of the regalia. We also were able to see a sentencing in the District Court and some cases being heard in the Magistrates Court. It was great to see part of our justice system in action and our students demonstrated interest and respect at all times.

STUDENT REFLECTIONS:

“The most interesting thing was seeing was seeing the outfits and wigs that judges and lawyers wear” – Natalia

“I thought it was interesting that Police Prosecutors are used in the Magistrates Court” – Ashleigh

“The elevator that leads to the basement where the cells are (and the cells behind the court rooms) were pretty interesting” – Jedd

I would like to add a big thank you Care Group teacher Lauren Scarfe for accompanying us on our excursion.

Stephanie Johnston, Head of Humanities

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE VISIT

On Thursday 20th November, 45 Seaford Secondary College Year 8 students visited Flinders University to take part in their “University Experience” program.

The day involved a tour of the grounds and library, as well as workshops and sample tutorials. Our students came away with an understanding that there are many pathways that lead to university study and that anyone can access a tertiary education.

A special thanks to Karl, from The Smith Family, for initiating the day and organising coach transport for us. Also, a big thanks to Travis Harriman and his Flinders team for running the day for our students.

Matt Fry, Middle School Counsellor

“We started the day by attending a science lesson, where we learnt about liquid nitrogen and the properties of certain gases. Then we broke off into two groups. One group started talking to some people who were attending the university. Some questions asked were “Do you have to be smart?” “How much does it cost?” “What classes would you have to attend if you wanted to be a teacher?”

Meanwhile, the other group did some team building games. The first one was where you had to join hands and you had to untangle the group’s arms so that everyone ended up in a circle. The second game was where everyone stood on a tarp and you had to flip the tarp over without anyone stepping off.

After the provided lunch one group went to an art lesson and learnt on how to draw a face with shading and tone and the other group were in the library and where given a book’s code/number and were asked to find the book.

After these activities were completed we gathered in a meeting hall and reflected on the day. I believe everyone had a good time.”

Patrick, Year 8 Student

HIGH HOPES

This year I have been developing further partnerships with the local Christian Churches and local community services/organisations.

This newsletter is a good opportunity to publicly acknowledge some of the things these partnerships have achieved.

Throughout this year the Seaford Homestyle Bakery has donated baked items each week to support some of our school families.

Foodbank SA generously donated fruit to the school during Terms 3 & 4. This provided students with a healthy option for recess or lunch. It was great to see students digging into a mountain of orange pieces on Sports Day.

The local Christian Churches provided food hampers for families and students in emergency situations. They funded presentations to students which addressed topics such as making wise lifestyle choices; and considering how our behaviour affects others (acceptance, respect and equality). A group of volunteers came to the school car park to wash all the staff cars on Sports Day. Biscuits and slices were baked for the students attending the Volleyball competitions in Melbourne. Finally, but definitely not least, volunteers came faithfully each week to help with Breakfast Club.

We are fortunate to have these great partnerships with Seaford Secondary College and I feel privileged to be a part of it.

I wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Karen Michelbach, CPSW
This term, C09 and B19 visited the Adelaide Zoo to further their current studies and understanding on classification and ecosystems. The students were excited to see the lazy lions, playful otters, and hungry hippos, but learnt of new species such as the Capybara (dog-sized guinea pigs), Tamarins (tiny orange monkeys), and South American Coati (similar to a raccoon). After viewing the vast range of beautiful creatures, the students spent the afternoon in the Education Centre. Here a Zoo Keeper helped students learn about being MAD people - People that ‘Make A Difference’. By recycling, supporting fair trade and looking after their pets properly, they are all making MAD efforts to support wildlife.

Thank you to Brett Alcock and Karen Michelbach for their support on the excursion.

*Craig Ottaway, Tigress House Coordinator*

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**ULTIMATE FRISBEE ZONE TOURNAMENT**

Ultimate Frisbee is a sport growing in popularity across the world with leagues currently being played in Adelaide at the Adelaide Parklands and Flinders University. To allow students to play in a competitive setting, Seaford hosted an Ultimate Southern Zone Tournament, the first of any type of carnival for Ultimate Frisbee south of the city. Woodcroft College and Tatachilla Lutheran College joined Seaford for the inaugural event, and despite the poor weather, students played through the rain and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Seaford Year 8/9 Boys team won their division, while the Year 10 Boys team lost their final 6-5 in extra-time. Ultimate is self-umpired and all students displayed excellent sportsmanship, playing the game in the correct spirit while displaying high skill level in tough conditions. We thank the South Australian Flying Disc Association for their help running the day. For more information on Ultimate and where to play please visit [http://safda.ult.cc/](http://safda.ult.cc/).

*Craig Ottaway, Sports Coordinator*
8/9 GIRLS KO SOFTBALL

During term 3 and 4, Southern Districts Baseball and Softball Club delivered sessions at Seaford Secondary College in preparation for the upcoming 8/9 Girls KO Softball Tournament. Students were given specific instructions and feedback from experienced players from Southern Districts and made noticeable improvements over the weeks. On the day, the girls saw what was required to play at an elite level when they played against club players from Concordia and Unley, however they were very competitive against Victor Harbor with several girls applying their newly learnt knowledge and skills to pitch strikes, run bases and make runs home. Seaford Secondary College sincerely thanks Southern Districts for the time they volunteered to the Seaford Secondary Students. If you are interested in playing softball or baseball you can email Mary Rees the Baseball Junior Coordinator at msrees@adam.com.au or Wendy Backman Softball Club Secretary at mwbackman@adam.com.au for further information. Thank you to Ms. Swansson and Ms. Johnston for their coaching and support of the girls too.

Craig Ottaway, Sports Coordinator

FROM THE LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CLUB @ ONKAPARINGA LIBRARIES

This year’s theme is Adventure!

Register now for the Summer Reading Club and collect an information pack at your local library. The reading adventure starts on Monday 1 December 2014 and finishes on Friday 30 January 2015.

Participants need to be between the ages of 5 and 16 and have library membership.

There will not be an auction this year. Finale events will take place in our libraries on Friday 6 February 3:30–4:30pm and 16 and have library membership.

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Participants will aim to read up to 12 books, and these will be recorded on a reading log obtained when registering. Prizes this year will be a book for each participant with the chance to win an additional book voucher for the best book rave (review).

There are also state and national prizes to be won including a mini iPad from Public Library Services.

Contact Seaford library (8384 0044) or your local Onkaparinga library for further details.

Karla Pickett, School Services Librarian

COMMUNITY NEWS

CRAZY $2 SALE!

Thursday 11th December 2014
10.00am - 3.00pm
Come along and grab up to 6 clothing items for only $2.00!

Sea Room Op Shop
Onkaparinga Library
Contact Debbie Shaw, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(08) 8186 8920 / 0457 778 646
or dshaw@anglicaresa.com.au

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Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
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• excursions and camps
• sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
• music tuition and instrument hire.
You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in South Adelaide and surrounding areas by Anglicare SA. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Contact Marie JP, Justice of the Peace available at the Seaford Community Centre, Beechwood Grove Seaford: Every Wednesday 12 noon to 3.00pm

NO NEED TO BOOK