Dear Families,
It is with pride and heartfelt best wishes that we farewell our Year 12 students. Our end of term assembly held on Thursday 26th September and our breakfast at Moana Surf Life Saving Club on Friday 1st of November, provide important opportunities for our staff and students to celebrate their achievements and their time at Seaford 6-12 School.

I would like to publicly recognise the leadership of our Deputy Principal Mr Andrew Russell, Year 12 Care Group teachers Mrs Jennie Fraser, Mr Vito Silvistri, Ms Crystal Thursby, Ms Kayla Tilling, Mrs Sharon Creegan, Mrs Sandra Greenan and Mr Craig Fraser, Senior School Counsellor Mrs Anne Russell, SACE Coordinator Mr Tony Parsons, VET Coordinator Mr Jeff Mogg and acting VET Coordinator (in Mr Mogg’s absence) Ms Sarah Harrington, and our Year 12 subject teachers, in supporting our students to realise their potential.

As you are aware, we are preparing to implement a House System at Seaford 6-12 School. This will create an opportunity for our students to stay within a House from Year 7 through to Year 12 and be supported by a Head of House, Assistant Head of House and House Coordinator. This will enable even greater support for our students and create a seamless transition throughout their secondary schooling. The process for selecting our leadership team to fulfil the new roles is continuing and I look forward to presenting the team to you early 2014.

Our commitment to Operation Flinders continues and in Week 10 of Term 3 Crystal, Erin, Casey, Shannon and Taylah accompanied Ms El Fehring and students from Eastern Fleurieu School on a 10-day trek within the Flinders Ranges. I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with the girls after the expedition. What is clear is that this opportunity gives our students the opportunity to develop leadership skills, build strong friendships and learn strategies that will support them in life. On Saturday 12th October, Hannah Webb (FLO Support Worker) and I undertook the Trailblazer 50km challenge and walked from the Adelaide city centre to the top of Mt Lofty to raise money for Operation Flinders. Our amazing staff supported this event and raised $346.00 to contribute to Operation Flinders.

Remembrance Day at Seaford 6-12 School was particularly special this year. Our Army Cadets, Navy Cadets and Air Force Cadets worked in partnership with Ms Steph Johnston, Mr Tony Parsons and Mr Steve Kammermann to coordinate our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Our students wore their uniforms and modelled leadership and respect.

As you are aware, our Volleyball students are preparing for an ‘working with the community’ amazing competition in Melbourne. Under Mr John Natar’s leadership and in partnership with Ms Kayla Tilling, Ms Crystal Thursby, Mr Craig Fraser, Mr Pete Natar and Mr Anthony Kendrick our students are showcasing outstanding skills in Volleyball and in leadership, discipline and resilience. I wish them well in the competition in Melbourne in Week 9.

Cezanne Green, PRINCIPAL
CONGRATULATIONS

SOPHIA!
Year 8 student Sophia (D05) has achieved a great level of success with her sport of Figure Skating and has been practicing with private coaches. Sophia will be competing in the 2013 National Figure Skating Championships in Melbourne at the end of November, before heading to Austria in Jan 2014 to represent Australia!

Seaford 6-12 School wishes Sophia all the very best in her competitions.

Anita Roberson, Teacher D05

SPEEDWAY CHAMP
Seaford 6-12 School Congratulates our student Jay (10 06) who has been selected for the Australian Cycle Speedway Championships held here in South Australia between the 7th and 14th of November. Jay has been selected to compete against cyclists from all over the world including England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Poland, and New Zealand. Well done Jay, and good luck for the remainder of the racing event.

Matt Freeman and Adam Pearce

OLD SCHOLAR NEWS
Charlotte Carter has recently returned from Johannesburg, South Africa where she represented Australia at the 2013 World Indoor Netball Association Aged Tri Series from 22nd – 28th September 2013. She was the Vice Captain of the Australian National 18/U Indoor Netball Mixed Team and was one of six young South Australian players selected in the National team. The Tri Series Tournament was attended by teams from Australia, South Africa and England and competed in a “Super Sixes” (6-a-side) Tournament followed by a “Sevens” Tournament.

The Australian 18/U Team was undefeated in all the games they played and defeated South Africa in the 6-a-side final; winning in overtime 51-43. In the 7-a-side tournament, Australia defeated South Africa 53-30.

At the end of a long week of netball, Charlotte, and the 18/U team, came home with two championship trophies, some new friendships and many memories that will last forever.

Seaford 6-12 School congratulates Charlotte on her, and the team’s, achievement.

ETEAM MEETS THE COMMUNITY
On October 17th, members of the school’s ETeam met with members of the Seaford community in the Seaford Library to showcase how we use ICT at Seaford 6-12. The student team presented how they use a variety of programs such as Powerpoint, Photoshop, Sketchup, emails, dealing with images, use of the internet and how to save Word files in folders on the Desktop. This was an excellent showcase of the ETeam’s skills in teamwork, as they blended each aspect of the presentation under the same overall travel theme.

After this presentation, which was very well received by the appreciative audience, we moved to a separate room where the members of the community were helped one-on-one with how to navigate their way around a range of ICT devices. Our student ETeam showed the adults some of the secrets of working with iPads, laptops, e-readers, smartphones and Android tablets.

Feedback from the members of the public who were involved was highly positive, and they expressed their delight in being shown a glimpse of the sorts of ICT experiences we are able to provide for our students. Many thanks go to the Library staff who kindly initiated and advertised this opportunity, and the staff who supported the team. We hope to build on this community link with further opportunities again next year.

Jennie Fraser, 21st Century Learning
WHO ARE WE...? TANGO 8!

Imagine you are in the middle of the Australian outback. The only possessions you have with you are those you carry on your back, and mostly it’s food and water. Your phone is useless, there are no shops close by and the only way you can travel is on foot. This was the journey facing five Seaford 6-12 School students in Term 3. For eight days, Cassie, Shannon, Taylah, Erin and Crystal were trekking through the Flinders Ranges participating in Operation Flinders.

Operation Flinders is a program designed for young people to experience the Australian wilderness, adventure and to learn a little something about themselves. In September, Cassie, Shannon, Taylah, Erin and Crystal joined forces with four students from Eastern Fleurieu School to form Tango 8 and were led by Bucks and Princess – experts on all things Bush.

It was a hard slog. Temperatures averaged 34 degrees during the day, but freezing at night. There were no luxuries like tents or blow up mattresses – only canvas mats, sleeping bags and hutchies. The girls battled the elements, even a windstorm, and endured burns, blood noses and blisters. Not to mention the flies! Those pesky little blights that relentlessly found shelter in ears, noses and mouths.

Yet, in spite of all these challenges, the girls not only survived – they thrived. They found strength to work together and became a solid unit of friends; they faced fears and found a way to overcome their doubts and kept walking - all 103 kilometres of the trek through some of the most remote parts of the Flinders Ranges. In between, there was time for cooking, team challenges and abseiling – Tango 8 proved to be one of the strongest teams at Yankaninna station.

Operation Flinders is a fantastic program supporting young people in South Australia. The fundraising efforts such as Trailblazer, have been invaluable in raising the necessary funds to ensure this opportunity remains for students both at Seaford and for schools around our state. For more information about Operation Flinders contact the school or to donate, visit the website: http://www.operationflinders.org.au

A very big ‘CONGRATULATIONS’ to Tango 8 for their amazing efforts – our school community is very proud of this huge achievement!

Elouise Fehring
Operation Flinders Counsellor – Tango 8
SRC REPORT – TERM 4, 2013

The SRC team have worked hard in 2013 to address all areas of school improvement that students identified in 2012 surveys.

Due to the teams hard work we have managed to show improvements in almost all 2013 school focus areas. As a result of improvements made our areas of focus for term 4 and 2014 have changed into 5 key focus areas.

We have had new students come into the SRC group who are motivated to join one of these 5 groups to keep the students voice and student led school improvement strong. Students will be given another chance to join the 2014 SRC team at the beginning of next year.

All SRC students should be congratulated on their hard work and commitment to making Seaford 6-12 the best possible environment for students to be successful.

The following survey results show some of the journey that the SRC have been on over the past 16 months.

Ben Hardy
Senior Leader Boon Boona

WHAT IS GOING WELL - 2013

WHAT CAN BE IMPROVED (2012 – 2013 DATA)

WHAT CAN BE IMPROVED – 2013 WHAT 2014 FOCUS AREAS WILL ADDRESS EACH?

WHAT IS GOING WELL - 2013

YEAR 10 SA WATER EXCURSION

On the 31st of October a group of Year 10 students went to SA Water in the city as part of the ‘Next Steps’ program by the Smith Family. We were shown around the building, and even went up to level 8 which is very secure. To enter level 8 we had to use key cards. On this level they controlled all of the water going around South Australia. There were a lot of technical screens showing you how the pipes are working, and control panels to control the flow of water around the state.

During the day the staff explained to us how important education is and showed us how to write a resume. Shortly after that we had 1 on 1 job interviews with a member of staff to help us develop our skills for future interviews. These interviews, and the feedback given to us, really helped to build our confidence in seeking employment, planning a career and securing a future job.

Ellie 10 05

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

UNITEST

Recently we had twenty of our Year 12 students sit for uniTEST. This is an aptitude test offered by Flinders University as a further measure of Year 12 students’ abilities and aptitudes. The test is set by ACER and is quite rigorous, taking the students about 2 ½ hours to complete. It assesses Quantitative Reasoning, Critical Reasoning and Verbal-Plausible Reasoning. The results are combined with the students’ ATAR scores and can contribute to the chances that students have to receive an offer of a place at Flinders for 2014.

Anne Russell
Senior School Counsellor

HIGH HOPES

Hi there! I recently heard about a great website for dads - www.thefatheringproject.org

“The Fathering Project” is a University of Western Australia-based non-profit team of professionals whose aim is to help fathers realise how important they are in a child’s life and to give them advice on how to encourage their children”.

The website includes articles on fathering, practical fathering tips and email tips (receive helpful tips weekly). You can purchase great books on parenting (including well known psychologist/author Steve Biddulph) through the website.

There is also “A Word for Mums” – so mums don’t feel left out!

I encourage you to check it out.

Keep smiling
Karen Michelbach
CPSW
On October 29th three Year 10 Seaford 6-12 School students, as well as 13 other students from around the Onkaparinga area went to Canberra as part of a five day SAPOL Leadership Camp. The students selected were Erin and Brett of 10 02 and Daniel of 10 06. They won their place on the camp based on an essay they wrote for SAPOL about issues of drug and alcohol abuse in the local community. This required the students to conduct their own research as well as to investigate crime data and to suggest possible solutions for these problems in our society.

Erin, Brett and Daniel went to Canberra and participated in multiple activities with the aim of building confidence, team building and leadership skills, and to form new friendships. As part of the trip they visited The Australian Police Memorial, the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House, Old Parliament House, the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and also climbed Mount Kosciuszko.

Erin: “The highlight for me was playing in the snow on Mount Kosciuszko because it was the first time I had ever seen snow! I also liked the opportunity to meet students from other schools as well as community leaders”.

Brett: “I was most impressed by the War Memorial because we were privileged enough to watch the ceremony of the last post, which was really moving. When we went to Old Parliament House, we took part in a debate on the extension of life sentences and the death penalty.”

Daniel: “My favourite part was being able to go into the Prime Minister’s office. Most people, even some who work at Parliament House, are not allowed to enter; a real ‘money can’t buy experience’! I loved visiting the War Memorial as we learnt a great deal about the sacrifices that so many Australians have made for us. I also made some really great blokes!”

SAPSASA FOOTBALL
On Friday 30th August our school sent a team to compete in the SAPSASA Onkaparinga South district boys football carnival. The boys competed against 4 other teams, showing great spirit and sportsmanship throughout each contest. It was great to see some first-timers having a try, and even better to see their teammates rally around and support them each to share the goal kicking! Great team work and well done Dan, Connor and Will.

The boys were undefeated, dominating with some massive scores through the day, the best being 17 goals 10 to nothing. With many of them playing club footy together regularly, it was clear that teamwork and persistence pays! Well done boys on an outstanding effort and result. Thanks to the “last-minute extras” that helped out and thanks to Mr. Ottaway for organising it.

Simon Truman, Teacher - Nashwauk
YEAR 8 CAMP

On the 23rd of October 52 Year 8 students headed to Woodhouse for three days of adventure. On camp the students became Kookaburras, Koalas and Possums, working as a team in a variety of activities and completing duties to help out the group. The staff involved were impressed by the determination shown by all of the students in making it to the top of Mt Lofty House, and it was great to see a sense of achievement at the top. This was also needed on Challenge Hill as students tackled the Mouse Trap, the Balancing Beams and the River Crossings. The camp excursion was both fun and educational and it was excellent watching/hearing people speak in the language that we are studying.

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LEGAL STUDIES EXCURSION

Our Legal Studies Class went on a field trip to the city to visit two courts with Mr. Habib and Mrs. Mackenzie. Our class visited the Supreme Court and the Magistrate’s Court. All students were given the amazing opportunity to analyse and witness the courts in action. In the Magistrate’s Court, we witnessed the way the courts work and saw the underground tunnels they used to use to store very important legal documents during WW1 and WW2. In the Supreme Court, the class sat in and listened to a murder case of a man accused of a murder which occurred at Two Wells, not long ago. We learnt that every time you enter a courtroom it is compulsory to bow showing that you acknowledge the judge. The class were addressed by the Courts’ Education Officer, Peter, who showed us around the court and also let us play the roles of judges, lawyers, and the other people that represent the court during a case.

This field trip was well worthwhile and if anyone is thinking about studying Legal Studies in the future, don’t hesitate!

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JAPANESE EXCURSION

On Thursday 7th of November a group of Year 9 and 10 students of Japanese went on an excursion to the Palace Nova Cinema and watched a new Japanese anime movie called ‘A letter to Momo’. The idea behind the movie was about a young girl, clinging to a letter partly written from her deceased father. Whilst her mother and Momo were grieving they moved to the island of Shio, and tried learning the ways of the Japanese locals and other mystical creatures. Overall all the students thoroughly enjoyed the movie, and it was a great learning experience, as it was completely in Japanese. After the movie we left the theatre and went down to Kishi Sushi on Rundle Street, where we got a typical Japanese meal and enjoyed the delicious flavours of tuna, chicken and prawn sushi. The whole excursion was both fun and educational and it was excellent watching/hearing people speak in the language that we are studying.

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8/9 GIRLS KNOCKOUT SOFTBALL

On Monday 11th November, our team of Year 8/9 softball girls competed in a knockout tournament at Southern Districts Baseball Club. The girls travelled to Peregrine Park to compete against Unley, St. Peters and Victor Harbor in the whole day event. Though we didn’t bring home a win, our team pulled together and persisted against some highly skilled opposition, making many fantastic plays throughout the day. Special mentions go to Abigail and Abbie for their amazing pitching and catching efforts, Charlie and Emma for being great all-rounders, and Brianna and Nadia for making some exciting double plays!! Well done team!

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Kate Roberts, Year 8 Teacher Nashwauk

Joni and Ethan

Craig Ottaway & Casey Swansson
REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2013

To commemorate Remembrance Day, a whole-school service was held near the flag poles on Monday, 11th November. Students have learned about the origins and symbols of Remembrance Day as part of PFP and acted respectfully to remember the sacrifice of our service men and women.

This year, we were thrilled to have the involvement of cadets from the three separate services. They looked very smart in their uniform; added a real sense of ceremony to our service and should be commended on their cooperation, organisation and the exemplary fashion they represented their units.

The students involved were:
- Navy Cadets: Jayden, Lachie, Tyler
- Army Cadets: Mitchell, Brandon, Deane
- Air Force Cadets: Connor, Jana

Thank you also to Mr. Parsons and Mr. Kammermann for roles and assistance with the ceremony.

Stephanie Johnston, Senior Leader Tigress

PORT NOARLUNGA/CHRISTIES BEACH REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

On Monday 11th November, 4 students were selected to represent Seaford 6-12 School at the RSL service at the Memorial Gardens. Stacey, Sophia, Craig and Kane were excellent representatives and contributed a wreath to honour our fallen men and women who served in our armed forces.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

El Fehring, Teacher - Tigress

As we approach 100 years since the beginning of WWI, the students have reflected on their experience at the service:

“The ceremony at the RSL was amazing, the service was a wonderful chance to understand the importance of Remembrance Day and to remember those that have fallen, fighting for our country. Representatives from many services and councils went up and laid their wreaths to pay their respects, then our school went to lay ours and paid our respects.”

Stacey, D05

“Going to the Remembrance Day service was really interesting for me. It was also the first RSL ceremony I’ve ever gone to, so I didn’t know what to expect. It was really good to see all the dignitaries with the medals on their jackets. It was moving to see how much they care about the people who died for our country.”

Sophia, D05

“As a young person to go to the ceremony it was great we got to see lots of people like some of the army soldiers and nurses. I think it’s important to remember the soldiers and the war because without them we wouldn’t be able to live the lives we do now.”

Craig C09

“I think it’s good to go to Remembrance Day, especially as a young person, to respect the veterans who are no longer with us. There were many people with medals, which made me respect them more.”

Kane C09
AUTHOR NICK EARLS COMES TO SEAFORD

Why do we say 'hello' when we answer the phone instead of 'ahoy'? Have you ever really thought about it?

On Monday 4th of November, as a part of the SA Readers and Writers Festival, we were lucky enough to have Australian author, Nick Earls, come and talk to approximately 150 students. The students from Seaford 6-12 and surrounding primary schools heard all about his latest book series for children, Word Hunters, which revolves around two young children who go back in time to trace the origin of certain words and surnames, and why they are what they are. This was a very intriguing, interactive session, which students really enjoyed. At the end of the talk, Nick selected one student to receive a complete set of his Word Hunters book series, donated by the library, for her excellent participation throughout the session.

EVERY GENERATION FESTIVAL – GET TO KNOW TECHNOLOGY BASICS

Joint venture between Seaford Library & Seaford 6-12 School

On 17th October, the School’s E-Team, their teachers Mr Fraser and Mrs Fraser, along with Sally and Kelly from the Seaford Library, hosted a joint community event called “Get to know Technology Basics”. The aim of the event was to encourage older members of our community to familiarise themselves with some of the modern technologies that they often hear about but have never used. The E-Team delivered a very polished presentation about some of these technologies and some other skills they had learnt by being a part of this group. Their presentation was followed by a hands-on session where students sat with participants and guided them through the basic use of different devices ranging from various tablets through to Windows 8 laptops. The feedback from the participants was fantastic, and the E-Team are to be commended on their preparation and involvement, and their representation of Seaford 6-12 School to the wider community.

Karla Pickett, School Services Librarian

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has finished for another year, and once again Seaford 6-12 had some good results. This year the number of participants increased, which was fantastic. The students who participated will receive their awards at an assembly later this term, and the winner of the iPad mini donated by the Friends of the Seaford Library will also be drawn at this assembly and awarded to one lucky student who completed the challenge.

END OF TERM 3 QUIZ

After the success of the Lunchtime Library Quiz at the end of Term 2, we decided to hold another one at the end of Term 3. This was once again well attended and a lot of fun for all students who were a part of it. Students and library staff had many laughs, but things became more serious as Trish tallied the points on the board after each round. With only one point separating first and second place, it was a nail-biter, but ‘Megatron Thunder 3000’ came out the winners in the end. Congratulations to Laura, Renee, William, Tara and Alisha, from the winning team, and a special mention must go to the runners up, ‘The Creepy Pineapples’. Well done to all students who participated, and thank you to the teachers who came along and supported the students.

SOUTH PORT NIPPERS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME ‘N’ TRY any Saturday from the October 2013 till March 2014.

Please contact Graham, our Parent/Member Liaison Officer at grahamjoyce@adam.com.au for further information.

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