DEAR FAMILIES,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2013. I have appreciated your support and your partnership throughout the year and continue to be proud of your students.

2013 has seen the consolidation of strategies, processes and commitments. During 2013 we have removed the Year 6 cohort from our enrolment, re-registered our school, introduced a new school uniform, re-structured the school to create four 7-12 Houses and re-aligned 12 leadership positions. On Tuesday 3rd December, Minister Jennifer Rankine formally approved and signed off on our new school name, Seaford Secondary College. Over the next twelve months we will transition from Seaford 6-12 School to Seaford Secondary College, changing the letterhead, general signage, logo and uniform branding.

Our commitment to a Yearbook continues. Our 2013 Yearbook will be available to purchase on Wednesday 11th December from our Finance Office for $11.00. The Yearbook will keep memories of school alive.

Special thanks to Paulene Angus, Sharon Cregan, Jennie Fraser, Mark Turville, Emeel Habib, Colin Fraser and Matt Freeman, for their coordination of this year's Yearbook.

Congratulations to our students who achieved public recognition for their academic and service to the community at our Presentation Evening. This was a wonderful evening and enabled us to recognise the achievements of our Year 12 students in a beautiful setting. We will, however, investigate a new venue for 2014 as we had over 70 people standing due to a lack of seats. Your support of events such as these is so important and means a lot to your children.

This is a challenging time for our teachers temporarily placed at Seaford 6-12 School. Our staffing process is continuing and I will share information with you as it comes to hand. I would however like to wish Sharon Cregan all the best as she moves to Willunga High School in 2014.

Richard Maynard has been at Seaford 6-12 School for many years. Richard has made an enormous contribution to our school and we sincerely wish him well in his next school. Annette Wedding is taking twelve months leave in 2014 and we wish her all the best as she embarks on an exciting overseas adventure.

I sincerely wish our 2013 Year 12 students the very best for their future and wish you a safe and happy Christmas.

Cezanne Green, Principal

Since the use of Aerosol sprays can cause asthma attacks for some people, students are not to use aerosol deodorants, anti-perspirants, or body sprays at school. If needed during school hours; roll-on, cream, or pump deodorants should be used for personal hygiene.

Parents and caregivers are asked to support the school on this health and safety issue.

Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development

Merry Christmas!!!
SERVICE AWARDS

WALPAARA ANPA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Brett McMahon

VET AWARDS
Certificate I Automotive Jack Waye
Certificate III Business Lois Bryan
Certificate III Children’s Services Skye Jolley

A.S.B.A. AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEE Heidi Koler & Jake Whitehead

SEAFORD 6-12 SCHOOL CITIZEN AWARD
Middle School Brianna Conelly
Senior School Tyson Brennan

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES AWARD
William Alyward

SARA HOLT CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS AWARD
Middle School Corey Coombe
Senior School Tahlia Furlong

CITY OF ONKAPARINGA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD Hannah Crump

SPORTS AWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Male Indiana Wortley
Female Sophia Peralta-Schafer

SPORTS AWARD SENIOR SCHOOL
Male Callum Harvey
Female Hannah Crump

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARDS
Year 10 Student Caitlin MacFarlane
Year 12 Student Lauren Dobrilla

CALTEX BEST ALL ROUNDER AWARD
Hazel Brinsley

ZONTA COMMITMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD Alyssia Tennant

DUX 2013 Tyler Genovese

YEAR 12 SUBJECT AWARDS

ARTS, CRAFT & DESIGN Crystal Penhall
BIOLOGY Tyler Genovese
CAFÉ SEAFORD Tyler Genovese
CHEMISTRY Rhian Kasteliz
COMMUNITY STUDIES CLASSES
Food & the Community: Emily Smith
Health, Recreation & the Community Samantha Reed
Design Construction & the Community Rhian Kasteliz

CHILD STUDIES

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIONS Jade Schulz

ENGLISH PATHWAYS

FOOD & HOSPITALITY

MATHEMATICAL APPLICATIONS

MATHEMATICAL STUDIES

MATHS PATHWAYS

MODERN HISTORY Lauren Fowler

MUSIC David Hopkins

PHYSICAL EDUCATION Sam Allman

PSYCHOLOGY Callum Harvey

RESEARCH PROJECT Mark Bell

SOCIOLOGY & CULTURE asmin Taylor

VISUAL ARTS – ARTS
Victoria Mango & Charlotte Jeffrey-Bannister

VISUAL ARTS - DESIGN
Maisie Rawlinson & Lauren Fowler

WORKPLACE PRACTICES Renee MacDonald

WRITING FOR AUTHORSHIP Jasmin Taylor

Nancy Remkes

Alyssia Tennant

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As you may be aware the school is looking at introducing another second language, in conjunction with Japanese, in the next couple of years. A parent and community opinion survey is available via our website for you to contribute to this important decision. Many people have provided us with feedback and we genuinely value your support and input.

Language learning provides students with a variety of skills necessary to be active and contributing citizens of the future. Language learning is not simply about the language itself - it’s about using language to think differently and to build communication skills, even in our own native language.

Here are some interesting facts about the importance of learning a second language:

- **Brain growth:** Language centres in the brain actually grow as a result of successful language learning.
- **Reduce dementia:** Bilingualism delays Alzheimer’s disease in vulnerable people by as much as five years.
- **Hear language better:** Being bilingual can lead to improved listening skills, since the brain has to work harder to distinguish different types of sounds in two or more languages.
- **Boost your memory:** Babies brought up in a bilingual environment have stronger working memories than those brought up with only one language. This means they are better at mental calculation, reading and many other vital skills.
- **Better multi-tasking:** Bilingual people can switch from one task to another more quickly. They show more cognitive flexibility and find it easier to adapt to unexpected circumstances.
- **Increased attention:** Bilinguals have stronger control over their attention and are better able to limit distractions.
- **New ways of seeing:** Learning a new language can change the way you see the world. Developing an appreciation for other cultures and perspectives helps us to become more respectful and sensitive people.
- **Improve your first language:** Since learning a second language draws your attention to the abstract rules and structure of language; it can make you better at your first language.

“You can never understand one language until you understand at least two.”

*(Geoffrey Williams: English author)*

Sandra Greenan, Senior Leader LOTE


On Monday 18th of November, our two year 9 classes in Tigress visited the CSIRO Education Centre in Hindmarsh. We were there the whole day and conducted experiments such as making slime and snow and doing tests with different types of materials. After lunch, we learned about robots and how they are made. We got to make the robots dance by giving them instructions through the computer. The day was very fun and I believe we learnt a lot from the experience.

Olivia C08
YEAR 12 FORMAL

The Year Twelve Formal was a magical night filled with excited students who were dressed to impress, proud teachers and one crazy dance floor. The Formal was held at the Stamford Grand in Glenelg and provided mocktails on arrival, delicious food and a chocolate fountain.

Thanks to our formal committee and teachers involved with creating a night not to be forgotten.

Crystal Thursby
Teacher & Formal Committee Member
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Ben Hardy, Senior Leader School Culture

SCHOOL SURFING

As part of Physical Education Week students had the opportunity to participate in a surfing activity at Middleton Beach. Qualified surfing instructors provided students with a day of lessons. The conditions were good, with small waves, which allowed for the students participating on the day to develop their skills. The students involved were Blayze E03, Ellie 1005, Lee C09, Brett 1002, Jadi E02, Cooper 1002, Erin 1002, Reece 1001, Ryan 1006, Kyara 1002 and Jack C02. All students enjoyed the day and improved their surfing skills. Thank you to Ian McGregor and Heather Carter for their attendance on the day.

Matt Freeman, Sports Teacher

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‘working with the community’
YEAR 12 BREAKFAST AT MOANA SLSC

Well what a year it has been for the Year 12 students in 2013! On October 25th, we said a heart-felt farewell at the same venue where we started off the year, on the Big O Day for Orientation Day in February. This event marked the end of formal Year 12 lessons for the year. Students were treated to a delightful breakfast of bacon and egg muffins and fresh fruit, and fruit juices, all cooked and served to them by their caregroup and subject teachers.

It was an excellent opportunity to reflect back on how far these students had come since they began their academic journeys at Seaford 6-12 School. Ms Green and Mr Russell spoke words of encouragement about taking care of themselves as they prepared for the upcoming exams. Students were encouraged to make the last final efforts to complete any outstanding work and ensure that they took advantage of the many support services available to them at our school.

This event was a great chance for teachers and students to converse in a more informal setting, and they acknowledged each other’s efforts towards achieving the successful outcomes for students in 2013. Plans for the future were discussed and all enjoyed the chance to connect one last time as a Year 12 student and teacher cohort.

The Year 12 Care Group and subject teachers would like to express how thoroughly proud they are of the graduating class of 2013.
**MOVEMBER 2013**

This November the Seaford 6-12 School team participated in ‘Movember’ for the second 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 13 members, 12 MoBro’s and this year our first MoSista, Ms. Jones. Team members grew their moustaches and groomed, sculptured and characterised their mo as they raised donations.

At the end of the month, the team had raised an incredible $2,485! With last year’s donations, the team has raised $4,083 over the 2 years. I’ve been amazed at the generosity of family and friends of our team members and school students who have donated throughout the month. What a fantastic result!

The end of the month was celebrated with a staff cricket match where many David Boon and Merv Hughes look-a-likes played, and the prestigious Mo Awards voted by the students. This year Mr Hardy was the winner of the Best Mo Award.

Thank you to all who donated and raised awareness for men’s health this movember.

*Craig Ottaway, Movember Facilitator*

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**WHAT IS ZONTA**

Your local Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales is part of Zonta International, a service group in 65 countries with 10 clubs in SA. Club members join Zonta wanting to make a difference, to give their time to improving the lives of women locally and globally, both impoverished and gifted.

We do this through supporting international projects, through advocacy, by holding events to raise service funds, raising awareness of vital issues and having fun at the same time.

A SA initiative 14 years ago, Zonta in Australia has celebrated making its millionth birthing kit to ensure a clean birthing environment for women in developing countries and educated over 6,000 birth attendants.

We are also well-known for our Breast Cushion Project and have made and donated over 22,000 cushions for the comfort of breast cancer patients in Australia. These are just two examples of the work undertaken by South Australian Clubs.

We are a very small club and you are most welcome to join us at one of our dinner meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month and/or help us with our breast cushion and birthing kit assembly days. You may even consider becoming a member.

We do encourage young women to apply for any of the following Zonta International’s valuable projects, through advocacy, by holding events to raise Materials & Services Charges for 2014

Thank you to everyone that took part in this poll. *Neil Majewski, School Manager*

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**PARENT POLL – MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGE**

The result of the parent/caregiver poll in regard to Legally claiming Materials and Services Charges above the standard sum set by the Department of Education and Child Development is as follows:

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As per this result, the School will legally claim all Materials & Services Charges for 2014

Thank you to everyone that took part in this poll. *Neil Majewski, School Manager*

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**HIGH HOPES**

Christmas is fast approaching and our thoughts are set on the festivities – presents, food, drinks, parties, family & friends. For some, Christmas can be a time of great excitement and fun. Some, however, find Christmas a real struggle; whether it be $$, family breakdown, grief, or other. I hope that we can all, no matter what our circumstances, reach out and offer - a smile, a helping hand, a word of encouragement; and make a difference to the Christmas experience for those we meet.

If you would like to celebrate Christmas by attending a local Church service, I have listed them below:

- **Carols – Seaford Community Carols**
  - December 15th @ All Saints School Hall
  - BBQ 5:30pm & Carols 6:30pm
- **Seaford Community Church Carols**
  - December 22nd @ Maslin Beach Community Hall 7:30pm
- **Seeds Church Carols December 24th @ Noarlunga Downs Primary School Park**
  - 5:30pm (including sausage sizzle)
- **Christmas Eve at Seaford Ecumenical Mission – Anglican 6:30pm / Catholic 6:00pm / Lutheran 7:30pm**
- **Christmas Day at Seaford Ecumenical Mission – Anglican 9:00am / Lutheran 9:00am / Uniting Church & Churches of Christ 9:00am**

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year season.

*Karen Michelbach, CPSW*
**JAPANESE SPORTS DAY**

The Red Team were looking for a victory this year and on Thursday 14th November, the team pulled together to win the annual Japanese Sports Day!

All Year 7 and 8 students were involved in traditional Japanese activities as part of P.E Week. Students worked in care groups and competed throughout the afternoon in various events such as tug-of-war and a chopstick relay.

Students wore ‘hachimaki’ (Japanese headbands) and showed true team spirit and cooperation skills during the event.

Congratulations to the Red Team (Boon Boona & Tigress) who were overall winners by a narrow 5 points!

*Sandra Greenan, Japanese Teacher*

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**LEARNER DRIVERS COURSE**

This year, Denise Luker, a FLO support worker identified the need for a ‘hands on’ course to support students wanting to get their Learner’s drivers license. Together with the Seaford/Moana Community Centre, Denise was able to create this program. Volunteers from the Community Centre worked with Seaford 6-12 School students in small groups to help them gain a greater understanding of the road rules and feel more confident when sitting the test.

To date we have had five students successfully gain their learners drivers license, with several more about to sit the test in the coming weeks. A big thank you goes to Denise and the volunteers from the Community Centre; Doug, Sandra and Piquet, as well as Pam Mitchell for allowing us to use the Community Centre's facilities to run this program.

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**SAMMY D FOUNDATION VISIT**

On Wednesday 20th November, the Sammy D Foundation brought their ‘Party Bus’ to Seaford 6-12 School to spread the message about safe partying to the FLO students. The students were asked to trial a new app that the foundation has designed around safe partying, and then they had the opportunity to try on the beer goggles to experience what it is like to be three times over the legal alcohol limit. The students really enjoyed the beer goggles and the challenges they had to attempt while wearing them.

A big thank you to Hannah Webb for organizing the visit, and to the Sammy D Foundation for bringing their bus out to our students. Look out for their safe partying app in the new year, and remember their message – ‘Party safe and look out for your mates’.
I think it's fair to say we have had an amazing year of growth, development and success in 2013. We have had more students taking up the sport than ever before with up to 60 students being involved at different stages throughout the year. Many of these have decided that they want more involvement in the future and are looking toward future local, state and national competitions.

We have hosted 5 tournaments this year and inaugurated a new tournament, The Southern Invitational; which was unanimously heralded by all teams involved as a significant progression for our sport in our region. Volleyball SA have endorsed the tournament and South Adelaide Volleyball Club are looking to sponsor the tournament and contribute to its running in future.

We entered four teams in the VSA Junior League competition this season and our Open Boys won the First Division competition. All other teams performed very well in this competition and we look to continue this involvement in the coming years.

Our Open Boys and Girls teams competed in the SA State School’s Cup. Our boys performed extremely well throughout the tournament although they were significantly depleted by injury at the time. The Open Girl’s played some of the best team Volleyball they have ever put together and won the Gold Medal match against quality opposition. In addition to this the Open Boys backed up their performances throughout the season to win the SSSSA Championship. This means we currently hold 3 state titles in Open Boys/Girls Volleyball. Whilst this success is great, it has been the development of the students’ skills, confidence, teamwork and work ethic that has been the most pleasing.

These students are wonderful young people who are learning that by working together, they can achieve great things.

“The accumulated result is far greater than the sum of the parts.”

We know this doesn’t add up in mathematical terms; however, in people terms, teamwork and working for each other towards a common goal is the reason we have enjoyed this success. This is a principle that grows success and can help carry these students toward a rewarding and successful future. With teamwork and the right work ethic they can achieve far more together than they ever could as a group of individuals.

As a coach I am encouraged by their willingness to work and hunger to improve. It has been a joy to work with such a fine group of young people and I wish them every success in their future endeavours. Sadly for some of our students this is the end of their school journey. They are well prepared for whatever their future holds and an exciting time is ahead. We plan for this year’s AVSC in Melbourne to build on their positive memories of Volleyball at Seaford and wish them all every success. I trust they will apply these principles to other areas of their lives.

Finally, to quote John Kessell, (TeamUSA player coach and mentor), “Scores are temporary, friendships last forever.” Invest is what is important.

John Natar, Coach
BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE TO SEAFORD IN 2014

The school has reviewed all options extensively and has determined that our only reasonable course is to introduce a BYOD policy. BYOD means Bring Your Own Device and many schools around the world have been using this strategy for several years to meet the requirements of 21st Century learning.

We expect students will be using a range of devices when the trial BYOD program becomes available later this year. The school has opted for Citrix, a professional desktop program that will offer the same set of applications to all ICT users in the school. In this way, students will have access to the same programs both at school and at home. These programs will include Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and other applications yet to be determined by staff, in line with the requirements of the Australian Curriculum and the SACE Board.

Should parents decide to purchase a new device, our recommendations are that the device have these minimum specifications:

- A 6 hour battery life
- At least a 10 inch screen
- Preferably a trackpad or mouse, but not essential

We believe this BYOD + Citrix program is the best possible solution to maximising your child’s learning outcomes, as his/her device will be able to connect with the school network via Citrix anytime at home and at school.

It is anticipated that some students will already have their own device, and we encourage these students to bring them to school for use in the BYOD program. We have made provisions for these devices, when not in use, to be stored in lockable storage lockers either in your child’s classroom, or in the central locations in the Senior School. Students will need to submit a completed BYOD user agreement signed by their parents before they can be registered as users on the BYOD Network.

Under the BYOD program, our ICT Office team will be available to help with network issues, but will not be dealing with issues that are specific to each device, as each BYOD program device remains the property of the student.

SUMMER READING CLUB 2013-14

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ENTERTAINING AND FREE FOR THE KIDS TO DO THESE SUMMER HOLIDAYS?

The Summer Reading Club is happening again this year and registrations are now open.

For more information phone Seaford library on 8384 0044 or visit:

www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries

Karla Pickett, School Services Librarian

’S working with the community’