

NEWSLETTER

2023 ISSUE 1

TERM DATES 2023

Term 1 30 January - 14 April

Term 2 1 May - 7 July

Term 3 24 July - 29 September

Term 4 16 October - 15 December

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 21 - Friday 24 February
Year 12 Kayaking
Friday 10 March
Sports Day
Saturday 11 - Monday 27 March
Morioka Chuo Study Tour
Monday 13 March

Public Holiday Adelaide Cup

Monday 20 March

Governing Council 6:30pm

Wednesday 15 - Monday 27 March

NAPLAN

Monday 3 April

Open Night 5 -7 pm

Thursday 6 April

Student Free Day

Public Holiday Friday 7 April

Good Friday

Public Holiday Monday 10 April

Easter Monday

Tuesday 11 April

Year 8 Immunisation

Friday 14 April

Early Dismissal 2.12pm Last day of Term 1



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME TO 2023

After such a challenging start to last year with a staggered start due to COVID restrictions, it has been great to have our students all back and meeting their teachers as of the start of the year, instead of trying to navigate online learning.

While we are delighted to welcome a small number of new staff, overall, we have a very stable staff team in 2023 which means that many of the relationships that underpin good classroom experiences are already in place.

MOBILE PHONES

We have been pleased with the way that students have responded to the new mobile phones and personal devices policy being rolled out in all South Australian Government schools this year.

From the moment students are on school grounds until they leave school at the end of the day, phones or smart watches must be 'off and away'.

In terms of a change to policy, the most significant impact on students has been in the yard and movement between classes where phones are no longer permitted.

We have noticed students interacting and socialising more at break times which has been terrific to see. As structured recess and lunchtime activities commence, we look forward to students getting involved and connecting with a broader range of their peers.

Where staff have seen a student using their phone during lesson, the student is sent to Time Out. If a student receives 3 Time Outs, it will result in Suspension. Please be aware that parents/caregivers are always contacted by the referring teacher when a Timeout is given. Students that are reported for using their mobile phones in the yard will receive a warning and it will be noted in DayMap.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

Staff have also noticed the positive impact on learning – particularly in Year 7 and 8 where students have traditionally struggled with having a phone with them. In the weeks to come, we will be surveying students and parents about whether we should extend this requirement to all students or embrace other strategies such as the much-publicized YONDR pouches.

One of the most common questions students have asked about is, 'what if my parent/caregiver wants to ring me'? If there is an emergency situation, please ring Student Services on **8327 5241** and we will ensure that your student is able to speak with you in a private area. If your child brings a phone to school, they can access messages after they leave the school grounds at the end of the day.

We are currently working through a very small number of requests for exemptions – largely on medical grounds – eg diabetes monitoring.

YEAR 12 CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

We have been delighted in recent weeks to learn that the majority of our students have gained offers into their first preferences for university. We have students accepted into Health and Medical Science, Paramedic Science, Law, Visual and Creative Arts, Education/Teaching, Digital Technology, Engineering, Arts (History), Nursing, Criminology, Psychology and Foundation Studies.

We also know that a number of students have gained an apprenticeship beginning this year.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

This year we have ten new staff (out of a total of 114 teaching and support staff)

Ms Annie Robinson Maths/Science – Teacher Mr Connaire Burns Maths/Science - Teacher Ms Maggie Cain English/Hass - Teacher

Mr Alan Geddie Instrumental Music - Teacher

Ms Carly Lohmeyer Technology Leader

Mr Tom Mayfield Head of Senior School Leader

Mr James McLaughlin FLO / SILC -Teacher

Ms Lynda Monteodorisio Learning Support – Teacher Mr Ben Samuel- White English/Hass – Teacher

Ms Kylie Sims Arts Leader

Ms Amy Moses Youth Worker – SILC

Ms Alannah Rochow Youth Worker – Mainstream Mr Brock Treager-Squires Tingara - House Leader

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) 2023

From March 15 - March 27, 2023 all Australian Students in years 3,5,7 and 9 will participate in the NAPLAN tests.

The tests assess the skills of all students in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

NAPLAN tests are an important tool in helping our school to identify how our education programs are working and what needs to be improved. In order for this to happen it's absolutely important that all year 7 & 9 students that are not exempt from NAPLAN attend and do their best.

Year 7 & 9 students who do not attend their NAPLAN test or subsequent catch up test will be recorded as not achieving SEA (Standard Education Achievement).

More information regarding NAPLAN testing will be sent to our Year 7 & 9 families in the coming weeks.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following people who were elected to the Governing Council for 2023/2024 during the AGM on Monday 20 February:

- · Joanne Healey Chairperson
- · Jackie McCormack Deputy Chairperson & Treasurer
- · Peter Griggs Secretary
- · Genevieve Skehan
- · Deena Philip
- · Jennifer Harrison
- · Louise Mallabar
- · Peter Good
- · Sharon Verlander

A very big thank you to the out-going members:

- · Helen Harrison
- · Tamara Williams
- · Naomi Moro
- · Kari Chandler

Governing Council meets twice per term, usually on a Monday in weeks 4 and 8 of each term. Meetings are held at the school from 6.30pm.

Being a member of the schools Governing Council is a great way to have your say on the future directions the school may be taking and is a fantastic way of getting to know other parents.

The school is always on the look-out for interested parents to join Governing Council, so if this is something you think you may be interested in, why not catch up with one of the current members and ask them what it's like to be a Governing Councillor at Seaford Secondary College.

Regards Harry Stassinopoulos Principal

ACE NEWS

Once again, at the end of last year, Tony Wardell of Top Quality Upholstery was generous enough to sponsor the End of Year Celebrations for our students in ACE.

The students were treated to the Beach House excursion and had a fantastic time which included water slides, dodgem cars, bumper boats, arcade games, mini golf and café dining. Farmer Darcy's Travelling Farm also visited the school and the students had the opportunity to give and receive some tender love and care with the adorable animals (ducks, guinea pigs, rabbits, cows and goats), all followed by a sausage sizzle before the students presented Tony with a Thank You card! Huge thanks from all of us in ACE Tony!













ONE PLANS AT SSC

One Plan students at Seaford Secondary College have their One Plan goals reviewed in Term 4 each year. Eligible students begin the year with a One Plan in place. Parents and caregivers should have had input into the review process and received a copy of the new plan in Term 4. Teachers and SSOs are using these Plans to support our students in school.

Please direct any One Plan questions or issues to:

- For students with a disability the Care Group teacher or House Leader.
- For Students In Care a Wellbeing Leader Kellie Holliday (middle school) or Bevan Constable (senior school).
- For Aboriginal students the Aboriginal Education Teacher, Emma Sewer.

These people are your main contacts for One Plan and will be responsible for the review of this Plan in 2023. My role continues to ensure these processes and supports are in place. I value your feedback, which I will be requesting via a survey separately.

Janine Arkwright
Assistant Principal, Learning Inclusion

YEAR 7 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

This week our year 7 Food Technology classes made Chicken Yiros with a focus on 'food safety'. Students successfully prepared the chicken safely by using separate equipment to avoid cross-contamination.

This is what some students thought of their meal:

"It was so good, 10/10" – Liv and Ivy.

"The yiros was really good, next time I will improve it by adding cheese and grilling the wrap" - Leanne.

"The yiros was really garlicky and my chicken was slightly dry, next time I will marinate it longer" - Kai.



Chicken Yiros Serves 2

Ingredients

160 grams Chicken Breast
2 Pita Breads
Shredded Lettuce
1 Tomato (diced)



<u>Marinade</u>

1 TBS Olive Oil
½ Lemon – grate rind and use juice
Sprinkle of Lemon Pepper
½ clove Garlic crushed
Cracked Black Pepper



Garlic Sauce

2 TBS European style Yoghurt ½ clove Garlic, crushed



Method

To make marinade, combine all ingredients into a small bowl. Cutchicken into small strips and place in marinade.

- 1. Shred the lettuce and dice the tomato set aside.
- 2. Panfry the Chicken till lemon juice evaporates and chicken is browned evenly.
- 3. Heat a little bit of oil in a frying pan and heat one pita bread each side. Remove from pan.
- 4. Place Pita bread on a plate, position chicken in a line down the centre, spoon garlic sauce over and then top with lettuce and diced tomato.
- 5. Roll Yiros tightly into a 'cylinder' shape and SERVE.....



SEAFORD INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTRE



GARDENING AND SUSTAINABILITY AT SILC

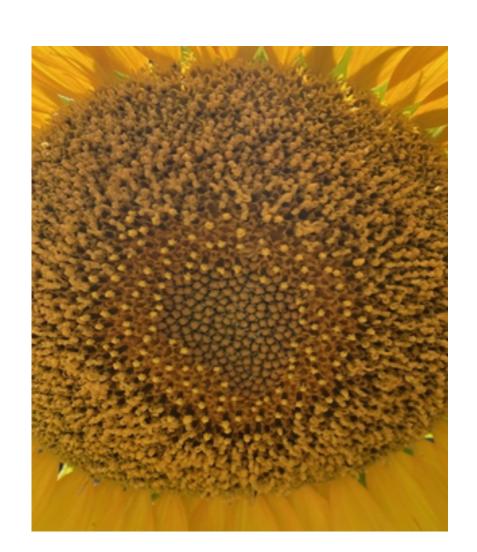
2023 sees SILC continuing our support of connection to community for our young people. Our Adopt A Spot Scheme rubbish collection continues, with staff and students making collections between the skate park at Karingal Reserve, along Cliff Avenue to "U-Turns" on the Esplanade.

Our plot in the Seaford Wetlands Community Garden and on site garden beds at Cliff Avenue have been reasonably productive and students have engaged in pruning, watering, fertilizing and harvesting some delicious summer produce. The produce is used for students to take home or for our community sharing table out the front of SILC where locals are encouraged to take produce for a small donation. We have seen this grow to a point where community members are now leaving items such as books and magazines for others to share. As a result we have had some good conversations about SILC and how we would like to position ourselves amongst the community.

One of the projects we have been monitoring are the sunflowers. Raised from seed in Term 4, we have seen these grow and bloom to a point where we are now ready to dry the flower heads, harvest the seeds and plant new ones to see if we can fit a second bloom in the season.

While we are speaking about growth we would also like to welcome new staff members Caroline Duke – Site Leader, James McLaughlin – Class Teacher and Amy Moses – Case Manager. The team look forward to working together to support our students move along their individual pathways towards employment and further learning.







Mark Orr Case Manager

VET, SACE & PATHWAY

Dear Seaford Secondary College Community

Simon White here from the Career Pathways team. Firstly, welcome to 2023. We hope you had a happy and restful holiday break, we are excited to be working with you again in this New Year.

The Career Pathways team have been busy. We have 72 students starting their Vocational Education & Training (VET) course this year, across our main site and at SILC. A record number! We congratulate these students on their acceptance into their course, and look forward to supporting them throughout the year to achieve success. We also have a further 14 students currently undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship. Congratulations to these students on their achievement in obtaining such a great opportunity.

As the year begins, we would like to remind our school community of the services the Career Pathways team provide:

- 1:1 Career Counselling
- Apprenticeship/Traineeship support
- VET Enrolments
- Short Courses (including White Card)
- Industry Immersion Activities & Career Workshops
- Resume Writing & Interview Support
- Work Experience
- Clearances

Students can come and see us in S10 at any time to access our support & services. We also encourage all students to check Daymap Bulletins and attend caregroup for any updates on career opportunities and key information.

An important update on White Card training. Due to trainer availability, the <u>training dates have changed</u>. All students attending the March 3 session will be moved to March 9, with another session arranged for April 6 if we have enough interest.

To secure your spot, please provide payment and your enrolment form to the Finance Office by **Monday 27 February**. The training goes for 1 day. Students may put the fee on a payment plan, please negotiate this with the finance team.

Please don't hesitate to contact myself or Deb Scotton (VET/SACE Co-Ordinator) for support on your new Career Pathway.

We wish you all a great start to the year. Take care

Simon White – The Careers Team. simon.white651@schools.sa.edu.au or deb.scotton647@schools.sa.edu.au

TEEN PARLIAMENT

On Thursday 16 February, Isis H and myself spoke in parliament as representatives of the school for The Advertisers Teen Parliament. Isis proposed the idea of having cheaper options for higher education so more people will opt to and can afford to study in South Australia. She articulated the opportunities that cheaper education could bring into our state, growing our population alongside creating more job opportunities for the future of South Australia. Following Isis, I proposed to parliament the need to increase implementing more sporting opportunities for young girls in the public school system. I believe that the South Australian Government is depriving them of opportunities that could be career defining. Sport is not only physically beneficial, but is proven to lower levels of stress, anxiety and depression.

We were joined by 18 other students from all around the state, where we all shared our ideas on ways to benefit South Australia. The multitude of ideas presented to parliament today will influence the future of South Australia. Some of the proposals included investing our focus on different learning techniques as not all students learn the same way. The need to replace solar and wind energy with nuclear energy as it has a lower carbon footprint and will increase job opportunities as well as increasing energy production. Reducing the cost of provisional licences allowing people who are disadvantaged educational and employment opportunities. To ensuring that all schools across the state are teaching students about sexual education from Reception to Year 12, so that all persons have a full understanding on the human anatomy and the meaning of the word consent.

We were joined at Parliament House by Former Premier Steven Marshall, Gemma Jones (Editor of The Advertiser), Attorney-General Kyam Maher and John Gardner (MP for Morialta), who were also accompained by some of their colleagues throughout the day. Going to parliament was a great experience, we got to express ideas to grow South Australia as well as hearing ideas from other students.

Overall, those that participated in Teen Parliament proposed tremendous ideas on how to benefit South Australia as well as securing the future of our state.

Teen Parliament 2023: Watch the live stream video via The Advertiser | The Advertiser (adelaidenow.com.au)







By Kaylee T

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

WELCOME TO OUR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our 21 new and 4 returning International Students who have joined our Study Abroad Program (SAP) this year. We have students who are staying from 8 weeks to 1 year and are from Germany, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Austria and Brazil. For the first time we especially welcome Giang (Chris) a graduate student who will be with us for 2yrs and will complete his SACE and graduate from Seaford Secondary College.

This term students have been attending the Port Noarlunga Aquatics Centre and participating in boogie boarding and surfing and our year 11 & 12 students who study Outdoor Education will have the opportunity to participate in a camp.





HOMESTAY INTEREST

We are always looking for host families. Hosting an international student is a wonderful and mutually rewarding experience.

While developing their academic skills, students gain and understanding of the Australian way of life. Likewise, homestays increase their appreciation of other cultures and have the satisfaction of knowing they have made a difference to a young person's life and along the way have made lifelong friendships. It is truly a win-win for everyone.

Families of all sizes and structures are eligible. You will be supported by the International team at Seaford Secondary College and financially supported while the student is with you.

So, if the thought of opening your home and heart to an International student sounds like an exciting opportunity or you want some more information, please contact Annette Wedding on 0418 826 133.

STUDY TOUR

Our sister school, Morioka Chuo from Japan will be visiting us from March 11 - 18. There will be 18 students and 1 support teacher attending Seaford Secondary College. Students will be engaged in a fun and engaging timetable supported by our staff.

BUDDY PROGRAM

The International buddy program is a great way to learn about another culture, make new friends, help others and contribute to the Seaford Secondary community.

A study tour buddy will be assigned to a student with the goal of learning about our Australian culture and improve their English-speaking skills. Buddies meet study tour students at break times and show them around our school, introduce them to others, help to teach them about Australian culture and help them to practice their English through conversation. Depending on the timetable, buddies may have the opportunity to accompany tours on excursions to Adelaide city and other school-based activities offered to each group. Year 10, 11 and 12 students can be buddies to longer term International students who enrol at Seaford

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM CONTINUED

Secondary College through the Study Abroad Program (SAP). As these students are often enrolled at SSC for 6 months to a year and come here alone, buddies are important to ensure SAP students feel comfortable in a new and foreign environment, help them with school programs (Daymap, email, library processes etc), be their first initial friend at SSC and help to introduce them to other students and activities they may be interested in (Nerd club, Volleyball, school sports etc).

If you are interested in being a buddy in 2023, please let your care group teacher know or speak to

Ms Wedding in Tingara Middle School Office or Mr Stribley in Boon Boona Office

Annette Wedding & Adam Stribley



ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

The Seaford Secondary College Acquaintance Night was held on Wednesday 8 February. The evening was designed for families to meet key teachers and leaders, provide important information to the school about how their child has started the year, receive some essential information about school operations and ask any clarifying questions. This years event also included senior school specific time for students and families in years 10, 11 and 12.

Attendance on the night was higher than it has been with over 400 guests on the night. We would like to thank all families who attended as well as remind all parents / caregivers that you are welcome to contact your child's Care Group or classroom teachers at any time via Daymap messages or email.

Ben Hardy Head of Middle School

SPORTS REPORT

Students have recently completed an expression of interest survey to nominate sports they would like to participate in throughout the schooling year. It looks like we will have another very successful year of sports in both the local schooling community and across the state.

As we are all aware, general costs have increased across the state. This has resulted in an increase in both fuel and bus hire costs. Unfortunately, this has resulted in the need to increase sporting trips from \$15 to \$20. We will continuously monitor the costs of events and will adjust accordingly to offer the best value for money we can.

Brad Kirk HPE & Sports Coordinator

SPORTS DAY INFORMATION

Seaford Secondary College's annual sports day is running on Friday 10 March from 8:50 am - 3:05 pm.

We are excited to announce that families will again be permitted to attend our sports day. Free tickets are available at the links below and *must be presented at the front office to gain entry*. Only immediate family members please to ensure numbers remain at a safe level.

Please ensure our student's sports day is enjoyable - our day is built on inclusion and enjoyment and ask that everyone cheers, supports and demonstrates good sportsmanship. We reserve the right to ask visitors to leave in the case of anti-social behaviours or breaches in the Department for Education policies and procedures.

The following food will be available on the day; Sausage sizzle and soft drinks, a food van (TBD) and a mobile coffee cart (students not to purchase coffee).

Tickets here or via the QR code - Please read the terms of entry at the tickets page



https://events.humanitix.com/seaford-secondary-college-sports-day

Brad Kirk HPE & Sports Coordinator

SPORT DAY COLOURS





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SEAFORD LIBRARY



2023 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now commenced for 2023!

This is open to all students to participate in, no matter what age, reading level or how many times you've completed the challenge before. If you are interested in participating, all you have to do is read 12 books between now and 8th September. All students who complete the challenge will receive an award from the Premier and will then go into the school draw to win a laptop! Last year's lucky winner was Eden.

This challenge is for everyone, not just for people who read all the time. Students wishing to participate will need to come into the library to register and collect their reading record. Then, all that's left to do is to get reading!

USING THE RESEARCH TOOLS PROVIDED BY THE LIBRARY

Most students start their research by doing a Google search. Whilst Google can be a useful tool, it can also provide a lot of irrelevant, incorrect and outdated information, which makes it harder to identify credible resources.

To help with this, the library subscribes to Britannica School, an online database containing information on many topics written by experts in the field. Better still, the information is aimed specifically at school students and therefore easy to understand. There are articles, images, videos, and links to other recommended websites, so before you search Google, I recommend you give this a go. This resource is accessible through the 'Links' tab in Daymap and should be the first place students look when doing project research!

Other useful resources provided by the library are accessible via the school website>Portal>Online Learning Resources (Only2Clicks) or at https://tinyurl.com/seafordhslibrary. This is a page that can be bookmarked for quick and easy future access to accurate, credible resources.

Karla Pickett School Services Librarian

www.onkaparingacity.com



2023 YEARS 7, 8 & 10 IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

The following dates have been scheduled for immunisations:

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 10	
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HPV & DTP (Gardasil	HPV & DTP (Gardasil &	ACWY	MENINGOCOCCAL B
& Boostrix)	Boostrix)	(Bexsero & Nimenrix)	(Bexsero)
Visit	Visit	Visit 1	Visit 2
27/10/2023	26/09/2023	8/06/2023	11/08/2023

Consent forms were distributed to students in week 1. If you have not received the consent form, or would like an electronic version, please email debbi.oconnor768@schools.sa.edu.au

Deb O'Connor Immunisation Coordinator

Care Group 8:35

Lesson 1 8:50 — 9:47

Lesson 2 9:42 – 10:35

Lesson 3 10:55 – 11:47

Lesson 4 11:47 — 12:40

Lesson 5 1:20 – 2:12

Lesson 6 2:12 – 3:05

Dismissal

SEAFORD BITS & PIECES

The school day starts with Care Group 8:35 am

Dismissal - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 3:05 pm and Wednesdays 2:12pm

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop is open at the following times during term time:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 8:15am-8:45am Tuesday and Thursday – 3:10pm-3:30pm

You can order uniform anytime using the Qkr! App.
Orders available for collection the following day.
Contact Finance Office if you need more information about Qkr!



STUDENT SERVICES

STUDENT ABSENCE

Do you know you can text or phone straight through to Student Services for your child's absence, lateness or when they need to leave early? Student Services has a direct phone line **8327 5241** that can be called to report absences. If the line is busy, the message will go to message bank, which is checked regularly and the absence recorded. Alternatively, you can text absences on **0418 155 901**. Please note that these numbers are for absences only; for all other enquiries, please call the front office on **8327 5200**.