

NEWSLETTER

2023 ISSUE 2

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

Friday 14 April

Early Dismissal 2.12pm Last day of Term 1

Monday 1 May Term 2 Starts

Monday 1 May - Wednesday 3 May
Dental for Schools Visit

Friday 5 May

Year 12 Formal Stamford Grand Hotel

Week 3 Thursday 18 May & Friday 19 May
Whole School Photo Days

Thursday 8 June

Year 10 Meningococcal B & Meningococcal ACWY



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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 1 has continued to be an exciting, action-packed term! Our students have challenged themselves in positive and diverse ways, both within and beyond the classroom. Camps, performances, competitions, sporting events, leadership training, lunch activities, socials and celebrations have supported students to develop skills and capabilities and thrive as global learners.

This newsletter highlights just how our students have embraced the many opportunities available to them and the milestones they have already achieved.

NAPLAN 2023 Update

Our year 7 and year 9 students participated in NAPLAN online during weeks 7 – 8 of Term 1.

It's been a great team effort in not only the running of the tests over the past 10 days but the work that has been done in the past few months preparing our students.

Overall, we had an average of 93% of our year 7 and 9 students undertaking the tests which is a 13% increase from 2022.

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Duncan Begg for his leadership and support of the NAPLAN testing. I would also like to acknowledge the work our school administration team Deb O'Connor, Gen Skehan, Simon McMahon, Bron Hall and Gail Edgecombe for all the document preparation and phone calls. Matt Livsey and Mick Grzeczkowski for their ICT set up, support and follow up when we were having technical problems. To the teachers, learning support staff and leaders that supervised the test supporting and encouraging our students to do their best.

We are hoping that with the increase in student attendance and participation we will see growth and improvement.

We are looking forward to receiving the 2023 results so that we can see a snapshot of our students' literacy and numeracy skills. This supports our staff to customise programs to ultimately improve the learning outcomes for our students. We were very impressed with our students' attitude and hard work throughout the weeks.

TERM 2 STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY BERRY STREET EDUCATION MODEL (BSEM) -TRAINING DAY 3

BSEM is an innovative education model that provides schools with a whole-school approach to meet the developmental strengths and needs of students, teachers and leaders. This is a holistic program that is the first of its kind to show significant academic growth for struggling students. The BSEM is based on classroom strategies informed by Berry Street's approaches to trauma-informed learning and the science of wellbeing. These student-centred strategies will provide our school with knowledge of how to further improve the willingness and capacity for all students to achieve within a culture of high expectations.

On Thursday 6 April as a whole staff we undertook Day 3 of our (BSEM) training. During the day we focused on building Stamina and Engagement. The day was divided into 2 parts:

Part 1: Stamina - Creating a strong culture of independence for academic tasks by nurturing resilience and emotional intelligence.

Part 2: Engagement - Employing engagement strategies that build willingness in struggling student.

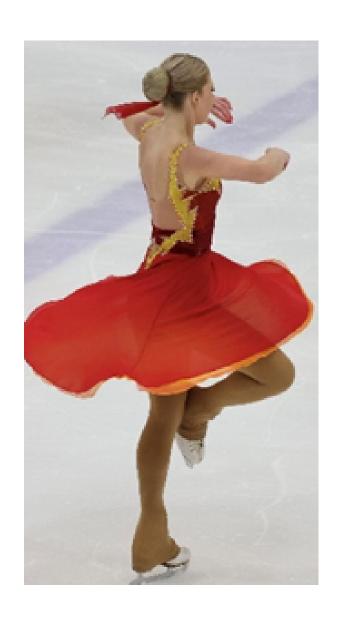
Day 4 – Character of BSEM is scheduled for week 7 term 3 and is focused on harnessing values and character strengths to enable successful student self-knowledge which leads to empowered future pathways.

As a school we will continue to embed the BSEM approach to meet the developmental needs of students both academically and emotionally to thrive as global citizens.

Regards
Harry Stassinopoulos
Principal

SEAFORD STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS

Earlier this term Madi headed off to Sheffield, England with her ice-skating team to compete in The Steel City Trophy competition to represent Australia. Madi and her team managed to receive a Bronze medal for their amazing performance. Madi has been figure skating since she was 8 years old, at the age of 10 she started Synchronised Skating which is a team of 8 to 16 skaters who skate together in unison. Madi has competed many times over the years internationally including the National Championships representing SA. Madi demonstrated her dedication and commitment by learning her choreography in only 5 weeks. Well done Maddi!





SPORTS DAY 2023

We held our annual sports day on the 10 March where the four houses, Nashwauk, Tigress, Tingara and Boon Boona battled it out for the Nina Avery Sports Day Plaque. The students enjoyed an inclusive and fun-filled day in some of the most perfect weather we've seen for the year.

Overall, Nashwauk walked away worthy winners for the third time in a row with a strong showing of students in both the middle and senior school. Tigress battled valiantly all day to finish narrowly behind in second place.

Thank you to all the staff for their contributions on the day and the preparation leading up to the event. It was a great day enjoyed by all and we look forward to doing it again next year. Good luck to our students selected in the school athletics team that will be competing on the 12th April.



Nashwauk - 5179 Tigress - 5116 Tingara - 5102 Boon Boona - 5084

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INDIVIDUAL WINNERS FOR THEIR YEAR LEVELS:

Year 7 – Isabella – Tigress 37 points & Will – Tigress 38 points.

Year 8 – Allegra – Nashwauk/ Amber – Tingara tied 33 points & Brock – Nashwauk 33 points

Year 9 - Taylah - Nashwauk - 26 points & Isaiah - Nashwauk 42 points

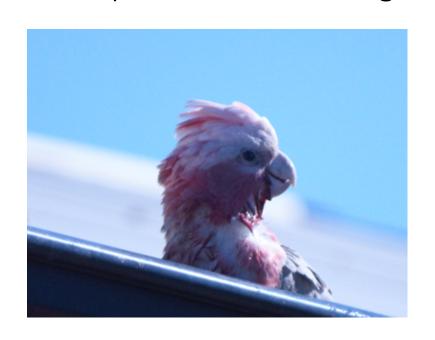
Year 10 – Lauren – Boon Boona – 30 points & Patrick – Tigress – 45 points

Year 11 – Laura – Boon Boona – 16 points & Jonathan- Tingara – 18 points

Year 12 - Zoe - Tigress - 20 points & David - Tingara - 33 points







UPDATE: Pinky the Galah who had a little wing problem won a trip to the vets and is doing very well.

NEWS FROM THE CAREER PATHWAYS TEAM

We are now taking names for mid-year enrolments for any Year 11 students wishing to access VET courses. The following courses are available:

- Cert 2 in Community Services
- Cert 3 in Individual Support (Aging/Disability)
- Cert 3 in Early Childhood Education & Care.

If your young person is interested in one of these courses, please send their name and the course they're interested in to dl.0641.pathways@schools.sa.edu.au. We'll send you information relating to the course and we'll also be in touch in Term 2 to officially enrol them.

We have a total of 28 students accessing White Card training this term. This training is a requirement for any student wishing to do work experience or obtain an apprenticeship in the following industries: construction (including carpentry, plumbing, electrical, tiling & plastering), automotive, horticulture/landscaping, & engineering. If you have missed out and would still like to do the training, please send me your name so I can put you on a waiting list for the next session (date to be announced).

Year 10 students are soon to complete a compulsory interview task with the Career Pathways Team, as part of their Personal Learning Plan (PLP). This is an excellent opportunity to prepare students for the world of work, to learn industry requirements and for the Career Pathways Team to support the young person in their career journey. A reminder to all Year 10 students: book in a time and come prepared! We look forward to meeting with every Year 10 student and guiding them through their career pathway!

For any questions or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Deb Scotton (VET/SACE Co-Ordinator) for support via our new Career Pathways dedicated email dl.0641.pathways@schools.sa.edu.au

Simon White
Career Pathways Advisor

TEEN PARLIAMENT

Thursday 17 February, Kaylee attended the Teen Parliament held in Parliament House, SA. There were 30 students there and as a result 6 scholarships were to be given out to the best proposals, of \$10 000 which will go towards future studies. Kaylee was lucky enough to have won one of the scholarships and on Thursday 23 February, the 6 scholarship winners were invited to SkyCity for a presentation to receive their scholarships. This scholarship will go towards University, where Kaylee would like to study to become a secondary Maths Teacher. Kaylee's scholarship was funded by Mr Lang Walker, from the Walker Corporation.



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Farewell tour our Japanese Exchange students

It is time to farewell 13 of our Japanese students. We have enjoyed having them here at Seaford Secondary College and they have also enjoyed being here. Students participated in an International Welcome Party, Sports Day and a visit to Urimbirra Wildlife Park where they got the opportunity to pat a koala, feed Kangaroos, hold a snake and look at other Australian animals. While we were in Victor Harbor students walked up to the Bluff and enjoyed the panoramic views. We will miss them all.

Student comments on their time her with us -

- ·I enjoyed drama lessons and acting in front of an audience Miyu
- ·I enjoyed sports day and dressing in team colours Hinako
- ·I enjoyed sports day as I was able to show people that I was good at it Ami
- ·This school helped me to make special memories in Australia Rikoto
- ·I love recess time, as in Japan we don't have one Sai

STUDY TOUR

Our sister school, Morioka Chuo from Japan visited on the 11 – 18 March. We hosted 18 students and 1 support teacher. Students enjoyed participating in Art, Home Ec. where they cooked ANZAC biscuits and PE and learning the art of kicking a football. Students visited Urimbirra Wildlife Park, spent an afternoon in the city sightseeing and experienced an Outdoor ED program where they put up tents, cooked noodles on a trangia stove and learnt how to cook a BBQ. Students shared a farewell party with their buddies while enjoying some iconic Australian food – kangaroo, meat pies, fritz and sauce, Tim Tams, lamingtons and Vegemite.

A program like this can not run without of the support of our host families, buddies, staff and the international team. Thank to all who were involved; it is very much appreciated.

We are looking forward to welcoming our second Morioka Study Tour on the 13 - 20 May. If you wish to be a host family, please contact **Annette** Wedding on 0418 826 133.









HOMESTAY INTEREST

We are looking for host families to join our 2023 Study Tour Program. Hosting an international student is a wonderful and mutually rewarding experience and students gain an understanding of the Australian way of life. It is a great opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life and to make lifelong friendships. It is truly a win-win for everyone.

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

If the thought of opening your home and heart to an international student sounds like an exciting opportunity or you want to know more, please contact Annette Wedding on 0418 826 133.



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 them to practice their English through conversation and involving them in breaktime activities. Depending on the timetable buddies may have the opportunity to accompany tours on excursions and other school-based activities offered to each group.

If you are interested in being a buddy, please contact **Ms Wedding** in Tingara Middle School Office or **Mr Stribley** in Boon Boona Office

Annette Wedding and Adam Stribley
International Team

SILC NEWS

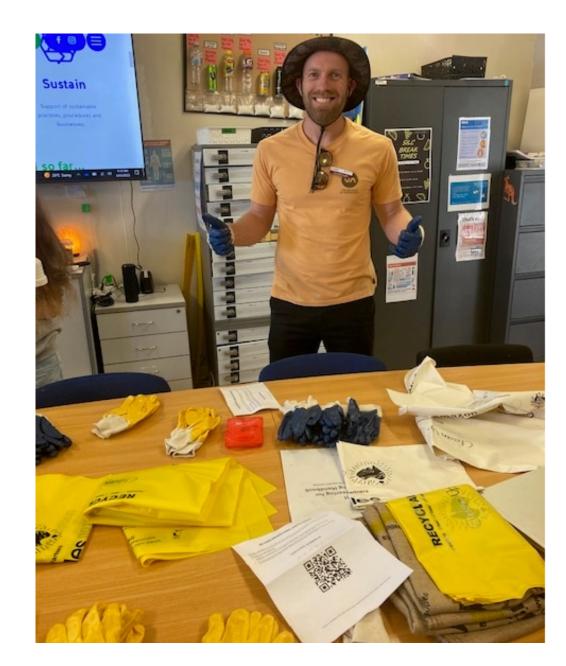
Every Friday afternoon we run a subject called "Passion Project". Staff rotate weekly leading the class with a focus on one of our passions, which is linked back to the Australian Curriculum and SACE capabilities. Mark is passionate about our local community and is heavily involved in the "Adopt a Spot" scheme. SILC even have their own "spot" we maintain on Cliff Ave. We document how much rubbish is collected. With this weekend being Clean Up Australia Day, SILC jumped at the opportunity to play our part.

If you have a spare Friday afternoon and would like to share your passion with us please sing out! Art, music, photography, plants, cooking... any ideas are greatly accepted (Caroline suggested an Algebra afternoon but not many share her enthusiasm)

From all of us here at SILC, enjoy the sun this weekend!

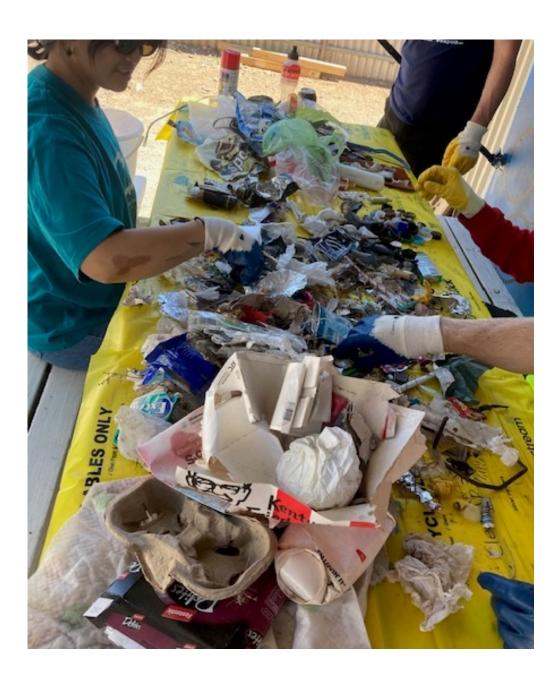


Mark Orr with a surfboard made out of collected cigarette butts and plastic.



Our newest staff member: James McLaughlin





Issy and the sorting team



Australia Reads competition

Recently the Seaford Library celebrated 'Australia Reading Hour', a national day dedicated to sharing the joys of books, reading and stories. On 9 March Australians were asked to spend one hour of the day reading, sharing and enjoying the stories they love with others, and Seaford Secondary College teachers were encouraged to incorporate this into their lessons. Many students participated and then entered the book review competition run by the library for the following week. Students were asked to write a Twitter-style book review using only 280 characters or less, with the winning entry receiving a brand new iPad as the prize. We were thrilled to receive so many entries, and it was wonderful to see so many students passionate about reading. The winning entry was written by Bridgette, whose review was concise, insightful, and truly captured the essence of the book. Congratulations to Bridgette and thank you to all the students who participated.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Don't forget you have another opportunity to win a prize later this year by completing the Premier's Reading Challenge! Students are required to read 12 books and submit their reading record by the 8 September in order to be eligible to win the laptop prize. All students who complete the challenge and submit their reading record will receive an award from the Premier of South Australia and then have their name entered into the lucky draw where one Seaford Secondary College student will win a laptop. You've got to be in it to win it, so why not start your reading now?

Karla Pickett School Services Librarian

FUN FACTS

NAME: Caroline Duke

WHAT IS YOUR TITLE AT SSC: Leader at SILC

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED AT SSC: This is my second year

at SSC

FAVOURITE SONG: The Distance by Cake

FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF: During high school I worked at Hungry Jacks in the drive through and loved surprising customers with the quote "Hi welcome to Hungry Jacks home of

the whopper. How can I make you a happy shopper?"

WHAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST: To eat cheese on the Seine

River in France



NAME: Ben Hardy

WHAT IS YOUR TITLE AT SSC: Head of Middle School,

Technology, Data, Wellbeing and SBM

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED AT SSC: 13 years **FAVOURITE SONG:** Mr Jones by Counting Crows

FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF: I couldn't whistle or click my

fingers until I was 17

WHAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST: Machu Picchu Trek



NAME: Duncan Begg

WHAT IS YOUR TITLE AT SSC: Math's and Numeracy Leader

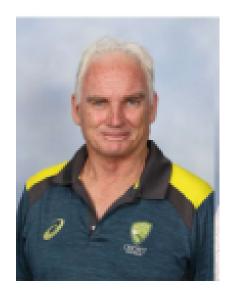
HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED AT SSC: 16 years **FAVOURITE SONG:** Never Tear Us Apart by INXS

FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF: Donated blood to Red cross 64

times

WHAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST: Being reincarnated as a rock

singer or Rapper!



NAME: Bron Hall

WHAT IS YOUR TITLE AT SSC: Business Manager HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED AT SSC: 4 Years FAVOURITE SONG: Rainbow Connection by K T Frog

FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF: I make teeny tiny beanies for

premature babies

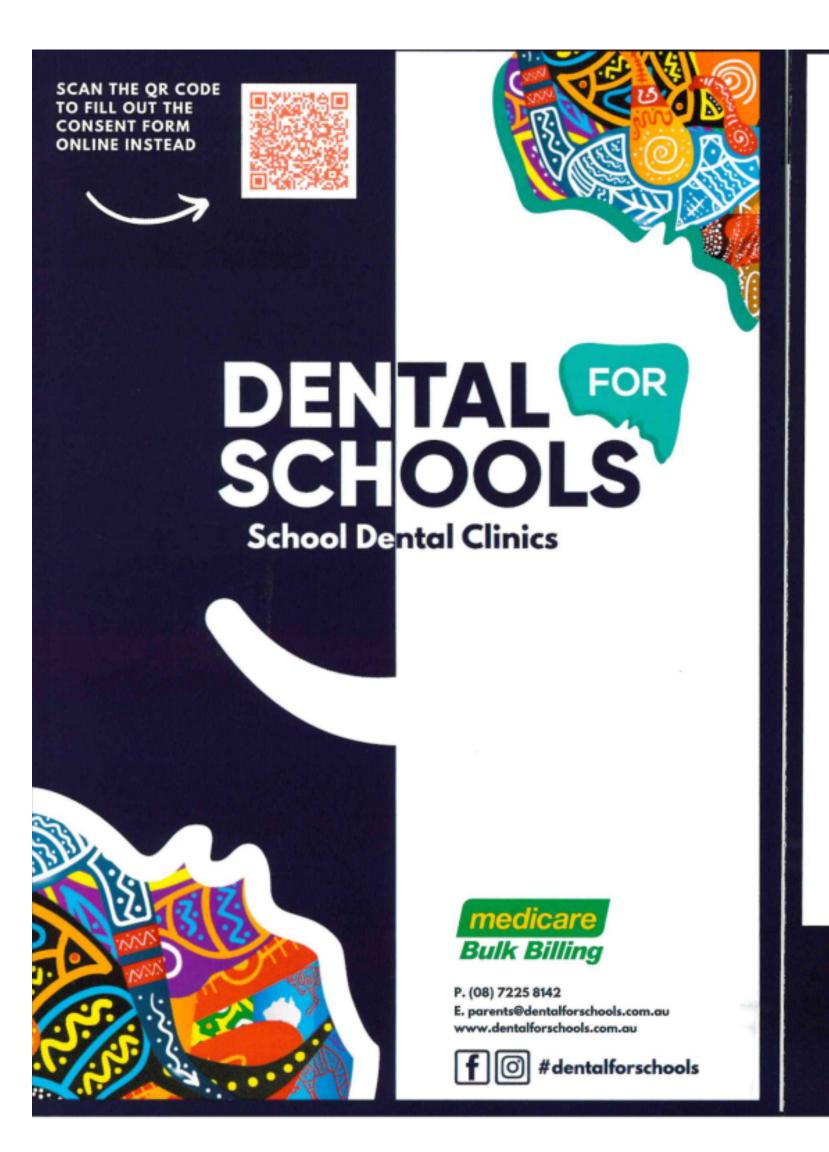
WHAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST: Retirement



SCHOOL DENTAL VISIT

Week 1 Term 2 Monday 1 May - Wednesday 3 May

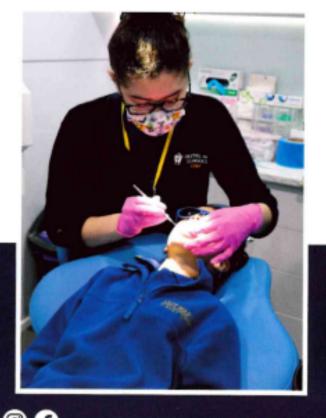
The free dental program for schools has been offered to our students again this year. Consent forms have been sent home with all students and the program will be running at Seaford Secondary College.



Our School Dental Visit is coming

Dental for Schools (DFS) is coming to our school site:

- The dental practitioners visiting our school specialise in prevention and early detection of decay in the form of regular check-ups. They work on reducing fear and anxiety by providing a comfortable environment for each patient.
- DFS offers our school no out of pocket dental treatment under Medicare's (CDBS) Bulk Billing.
- Non-Medicare Card holders and private patients will be contacted prior to the visit with treatment options available to them.
- Please fill in a form before the due date to avoid missing out.





Treatment List:

Here are the following treatments you will most likely receive on site:

- Comprehensive Oral Examination determine any concerns
- Professional Clean to remove any stains/Plaque
- Fluoride Treatment to strengthen teeth and gums
- x-rays (if required) for diagnosis of any areas of concern
- Take Home Dental Pack and Parent Oral Health Report



Email: parents@dentalforschools.com.au

IMMUNISATION DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 7 – 27/10/2023 – Gardasil (Human Papillomavirus) & Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Whooping Cough)

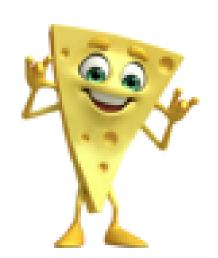
Year 8 – 26/9/2023 – Gardasil (Human Papillomavirus) & Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Whooping Cough)

Year 10 - 8/6/2023 - Meningococcal B & Meningococcal ACWY

Year 10 - 11/8/2023 - 2nd dose Meningococcal B



Say Cheese



School Photo Day is: Thursday 18th & Friday 19th May

Have your child's school memories captured forever

To order school photos please keep a look out for your email containing your child's unique shoot key & remember these helpful tips:





- Use the unique shoot key provided in the email to place your order online before the close date. If you have more than 1 student at the school you will also receive a FAMILY shoot key. Use this to order Family photos.
- Your child is not required to hand anything in on photo day.
- If you do not have an email address please collect a spare envelope from the school Student Services.



Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. email: admin.adelaidesouth@msp.com.au ph: 08 83913951



My name is Edward, newly appointed Cadet Coordinator, from the Seaford Country Fire Service (80 Seaford Road).

We're looking at setting up a new cadet program at the brigade and would be really keen to get some new members!

The cadet program includes training just like the adult firefighters, but without responding to incidents and can include nationally accredited courses. Additionally, we will be looking to organise group activities with the other cadet brigades as well as camps and competitions.

Thank you very much in advance.

Edward Heaton Seaford CFS Cadet Coordinator