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## DIARY DATES

**2-16 SEPTEMBER**  
**YEAR 12 DRAMA PRODUCTION**  
THE BROTHERS GRIMM SPECTACULATHON!

**22 SEPTEMBER - 6 OCTOBER**  
**JAPAN TRIP**

**FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**  
**LAST DAY OF TERM**  
(2:15 DISMISSAL)

**MONDAY 14 OCTOBER**  
**FIRST DAY OF TERM**

**TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER**  
**YEAR 10 IMMUNISATION**

**24 - 25 OCTOBER**  
**SCHOOL DENTAL**

**WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER**  
**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

**MONDAY 28 OCTOBER**  
**YEAR 12 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY & BBQ**



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STUDENTS,

As we move through Term 3, I am delighted to share the latest updates and achievements from our vibrant school community.

### YEAR 9 EXCURSION TO FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

Recently, our Year 9 students had the opportunity to explore Flinders University. This excursion was designed to give students a taste of university life and what it takes to succeed in higher education. The day was filled with interactive workshops, fun activities, and insightful mentoring sessions from current university students. I'm confident this experience will inspire many of our students to set ambitious academic goals for their futures.

### KYOTO BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDY TOUR

We had the pleasure of hosting students from the Kyoto Board of Education for a two-week study tour. This cultural exchange was a fantastic success, thanks to the dedication of our staff who provided engaging lessons and activities. The visiting students had a wonderful time, and their final performance for their host families and buddies was a highlight of their stay. I want to extend a special

thank you to everyone who contributed to making this program memorable.

### SCIENCE FAIR AND NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

Our recent Science Fair was a standout event, attracting glowing feedback from both students and staff of our feeder primary schools. The hands-on activities and experiments were not only educational but also sparked a genuine excitement for science among our visitors. I'd like to commend our Year 7 and 12 students for their leadership and support during the event, and to thank **Lisa Pennifold** and the entire team who worked tirelessly to make the day a success.

In addition, our **National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence** was marked by a successful BBQ and 4-square event. It was wonderful to see our community come together to support such an important cause. Congratulations to **Tanya Statton** and all the staff involved in organising this impactful day.

### SENIOR SCHOOL COURSE COUNSELLING DAY

Our recent Senior School Course Counselling Day was another significant achievement, with over 270 families attending – an increase of more than 100 from last year. This high level of engagement speaks

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volumes about our community's commitment to the academic and personal growth of our students. Thank you to all the teachers, SSOs, and leaders who made this day run smoothly. Your hard work is truly appreciated.

### SSO WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Lastly, we celebrated SSO Week with a series of events to recognize and thank our incredible School Support Officers. Their contributions are vital to the success of our school, and I encourage everyone to take a moment to express their gratitude for the outstanding work they do every day.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Together, we are making a positive difference in the lives of our students.

*Kind regards, Harry Stassinopoulos, Principal*

## EXTENDED ABSENCES

Student absences of more than 1 week require an exemption form to be submitted. The form is available on request from student services. It should be completed 2 weeks prior to the start date of the exemption. This includes extended exemptions due to medical & other exemptions. Delays could result in an exemption NOT being approved, thus resulting in unexplained absences recorded for students.



## SCIENCE FAIR

### 2024 SCIENCE WEEK: SURVIVAL OF A SPECIES

The 2024 Science Week, themed "**Survival of a Species**", was a resounding success, engaging approximately 500 Year 3 and 4 students in a two-day exploration at Seaford Secondary College.

This immersive event offered young minds a dynamic experience, combining hands-on activities, interactive displays, and captivating demonstrations that highlighted the theme of species survival. Students were greeted with an array of interactive zones, each designed to spark curiosity and foster a deeper understanding of scientific concepts related to survival and adaptation.

One of the highlights was the "**Underwater World**" exhibit, which transported students into the vibrant and complex ecosystems of marine life. This display allowed them to explore various aquatic species, their unique adaptations, and the delicate balance required for their survival in the ocean.

The excitement continued with a spectacular Chemistry Display, featuring the popular "**Elephant's Toothpaste**" experiment. This demonstration, renowned for its dramatic visual effect, showcased a rapid chemical reaction that produces a foamy

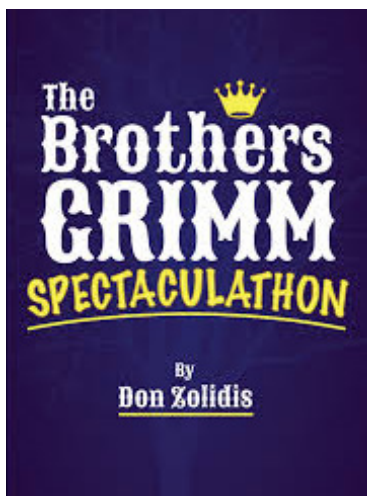
eruption. The students watched in awe as the chemical reaction unfolded, learning about the principles of catalysts and decomposition in an engaging and memorable way.

Overall, Science Week provided a rich educational experience that combined learning with fun.

The event successfully engaged students in understanding the concept of species survival through a wide variety of interactive and educational activities. By bringing science to life in such a hands-on and visual manner, Seaford Secondary College ensured that the young participants left with not only a greater appreciation for science but also a lasting excitement for future learning adventures.

The 2024 Science Week was enhanced by the support of Year 12 and Year 7 students, who volunteered their lunch breaks to create resources and assemble gift bags for the attending Year 3 and 4 students. Their contributions added a personal touch to the event and helped ensure a memorable experience for the younger students. This act of volunteerism not only supported the success of Science Week but also fostered a sense of community and collaboration among the students at Seaford Secondary College.

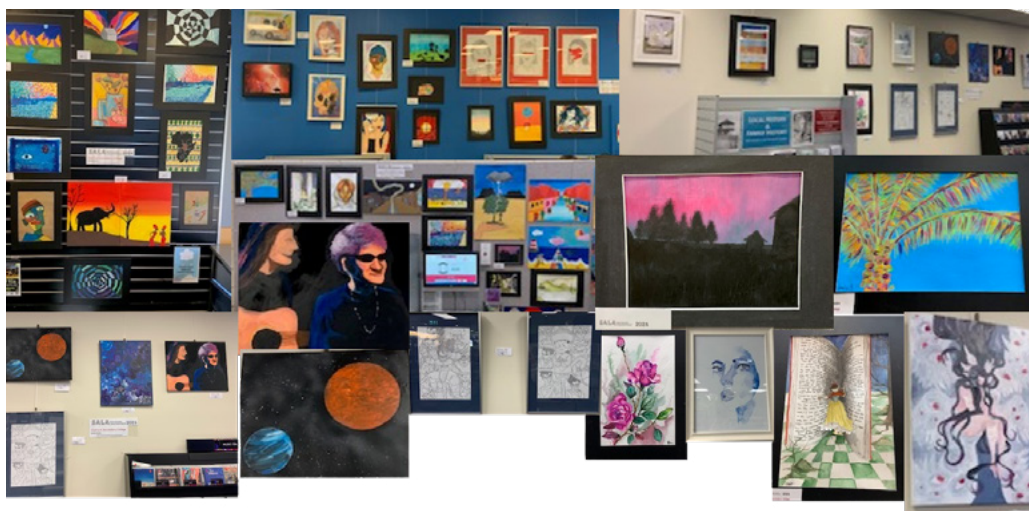




## YEAR 12 PRODUCTION: THE BROTHERS GRIMM SPECTACULATHON!

Get ready for an evening of hilarity and charm as our Year 12 students present The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon!

This fast-paced comedy will have you laughing out loud as classic fairy tales are turned upside down. Join us on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of Week 8 (10th - 12th September)** at 6.00 PM. Tickets are free and available at the door – **don't miss out on this spectacular show!**



## 2024 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LIVING ARTS (SALA) FESTIVAL

This year, Seaford Secondary College, in partnership with the Seaford Community Library, proudly presented our 2024 SALA Arts Exhibition to the public. The exhibition showcased over 50 diverse artworks created by our talented students, including paintings, sculptures, and more. Every year level was represented, and our students were thrilled to share their incredible creations with the community. Congratulations and thank you to all the students who contributed, our dedicated Visual Arts Teachers: **Mark Turville, Tim Imerson, and Amanda Davidson** and the Seaford Community Library Staff.



## RIKAKO BRINGS HOME BRONZE!!

On the 17th and 18th of August, our very talented Rikako Toh represented Australia in the 2024 Jiu Jitsu Championship. Rikako battled it out in a round robin tournament, in some cases fighting against people who were more than 10kgs heavier than her. She proudly brings home two bronzes medals that highlight her determination, grit, and love for the sport! Well done, **Rikako!** We are so proud of you!

## HUMANITIES NEWS

### STUDENTS DO WELL IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Students from Seaford Secondary College tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia, in the 2024 Australian Geography Competition back in May this year.

It was pleasing to have students from our school opt into the competition, as geography is such an important subject. It develops in students a holistic understanding of the world around them, and their place in it.

Results have recently been published with fantastic results from those who participated. Of the 10 students who participated from years 8-10, 2 received a Credit and one received a Distinction.

Over 54,000 students from 600 schools across Australia entered the competition this year.

I would like to congratulate all students for their

participation, with a special mention to year 9 student **Sonny**, and year 10 student **Denver** who both received a Credit. **William** in year 10 performed exceptionally well and received a Distinction from his efforts this year.

Students with a passion for geography now have the exciting opportunity to choose it as a subject in Semester 2 of Year 10.

This year marks the introduction of specialist Year 10 Humanities subjects, designed to foster student interest and develop expertise in specific areas. In addition to Geography, students can choose from several other Humanities subjects in Semester 2, including Introduction to Legal Studies, History Plus, Workplace Practices, and Society & Culture. These options will be available for students to select at the end of Semester 1.

*Krystle Gertig – Humanities Leader*

## LOST PROPERTY

Please check the Lost Property box (in Student Services) for missing items. Clothing that is clearly named has a chance of making it back to the owner.

Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of each term.

# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

## WELCOME TO OUR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM STUDENTS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our 11 new international students who have joined our Study Abroad Program (SAP) this term. We have students in Year 10, 11, and 12 who are staying from 4 weeks to up to 1 year. These students are from Germany, Japan, France, and Norway.



So far this term, our students have visited:

- Urimbirra Wildlife Park and walked up The Bluff at Victor Harbour.
- Adelaide City tour, taking in the sights of the Adelaide Oval, the Museum, Rundle Mall, and the Central Markets.
- The International Education Services (IES) welcome party, with around 750 participants.



## FAREWELL TO OUR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS (SAP)

Last term, we farewelled 11 students who have returned to their home countries. These students are continuing their schooling and are looking to seek employment in their chosen career pathways. Some highlights from our departing students:

- Learnt a lot about Australian cuisine.
- Enjoyed breakfast club and Tim Tam Tuesday.
- Had the opportunity to use technology.
- Participated in Sports Day.
- Met amazing people from different countries and learnt a little about their culture.
- Adapted to a different language, culture, way of life, managed money, and adjusted to being more independent and having so much freedom.
- Teachers were very kind and helpful.



## STUDY TOUR

On the 30th of July, we welcomed 13 students from the Kyoto Board of Education who were here for two weeks. These students from Kyoto attend a range of different schools within our district and experienced what school is like here in Australia. Before their departure on the 11th of August, we celebrated their success by having a shared farewell dinner with their host families and buddies.

Kyoto students performed a dance and a learned exercise routine, which students do every morning before school to end the night.

Kyoto students enjoyed participating in many activities such as putting up a tent, cooking on a BBQ, learning how to play netball and football, visiting Urimbirra Wildlife Park, climbing the Bluff at Victor Harbor, visiting Adelaide City, cooking Anzac biscuits, making Origami, and games with our special options class. They also spent an afternoon at the beach and participated in

Art, Science, Music, and Drama classes, along with many other activities.

A huge thank you to the staff who volunteered their time to deliver a high-quality program that showcases all the great things we do at Seaford.

We also wish to thank our nine host families who kindly opened their homes and showcased various activities and experiences here in Adelaide.

Additionally, we extend a huge thank you to our buddies for being a safe space and meeting during break times, helping the students practice their English, and showing them around our school. Our buddies also volunteered their time to participate in learning activities and excursions, which highlights the learning journey and extended friendships formed throughout this time.

## NOTIFYING A STUDENT'S ABSENCE

**Do you know you can text or phone straight through to Student Services for your child's absence, lateness or leaving 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**

# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

## HOSTING A STUDY TOUR STUDENT/S – SHORT TERM

### We want to hear from you!!

We are always looking to expand our homestay program. Families of all sizes and structures are eligible, and most importantly, will be supported by our international team at Seaford Secondary College. This includes financial support while the student/s are with you. If this sounds like something you or someone you know is interested in, please get in touch for more information:

**Annette Wedding** on **0418 826 133** or email [annette.wedding90@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:annette.wedding90@schools.sa.edu.au)

Hosting an international student is a wonderful and mutually rewarding experience. While developing academic skills here at Seaford, students gain an understanding of the Australian way of life. Likewise, homestays increase their appreciation of other cultures, have the satisfaction of knowing they have made a difference in a young person's life, and form lifelong friendships. It is truly a win-win for everyone!

Below is a short **YouTube clip** on the benefits of hosting a student in your home as well as some photos of our students interacting with their host families.



## JAPAN TRIP - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Later this term, 15 students and three staff members will be heading off to Japan for a 2-week cultural experience. Students will be attending our sister school in Morioka and immersing themselves in the Japanese culture by staying with a host family.

Last term, students were involved in a range of fundraising events for their trip. We would like to thank:

**Seaford Rotary Club** for donating \$1000 – thank you to **Deb Pagsanjan** and **Denise Luker** who attended our school assembly and presented the cheque to the students.

**Seaford Lions Club** for donating \$2000.

## PAST STUDENTS

Earlier this year, four of our past students spent 3 weeks visiting Ayaka, who is from Japan. Ayaka studied here at Seaford Secondary College for one year during 2022–2023. Together, these students enjoyed exploring Tokyo, visiting temples, dressing up in kimonos, and playing with miniature pigs. This highlights how relationships can develop into lifelong friendships and provide future opportunities to be immersed into another culture.



**Awesome Foundation** for donating \$1000.

**Seaford staff** who entrusted our students to wash their cars.

The money donated will go towards a traditional Japanese meal, a day trip to Kyoto for sightseeing with an English-speaking guide, Tokyo Tower viewing, Disneyland, and tops with a printed logo. Our top was designed by **Taya** – thank you!

If this trip sounds like something you are interested in, we are going again in 2026.

For more information please contact –

**Annette Wedding** – **0418 826 133** or email [annette.wedding90@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:annette.wedding90@schools.sa.edu.au).

## STUDYING ABROAD OPPORTINITIES

There are plenty of opportunities for students to travel and study overseas, with many countries to choose from.

Both organisations offer a range of programs from short-term, a semester, or a year's program. Programs are available for students aged 15 years or older.

This is a unique opportunity for students to gain maturity, confidence, resilience, and become more accepting of different views and ways of living.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:



**World Education Program**

[www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)

**Donna Lack** on 03 9598 4233  
or email, [donnalack@wep.org.au](mailto:donnalack@wep.org.au)



**SOUTHERN CROSS  
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**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Program**

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0418 826 133 or email

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*Annette Wedding & Maddi O'Connell  
International Team*

## END OF TERM 2 QUIZ

On the last day of Term 2, a group of enthusiastic students participated in the library's end of term quiz. Everyone had great fun, a lot of laughs and enjoyed spending their lunch time with friends and challenging their brains. It was a very close outcome with Team 6 Pack taking out first place, followed very closely by Freak Bob and Wolf Gang in second place and ZZE in third place! The library holds these quizzes at the end of most terms and all students are welcome to participate, so we look forward to a bigger and better quiz at the end of Term 3!

## LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK COMPETITION

During Week 2, we celebrated Australian Library and Information Week, a week that recognises the importance of libraries and library workers in ensuring customers have free access to the information they need. The Seaford Library hosted a competition for students, where they were asked what they liked about their library and how it has helped them. There was a huge number of entries, and the answers were fantastic, really highlighting the value of our library to so many students for a variety of different reasons.

The lucky winner of the competition was Eden from 1004, who took home a Samsung Galaxy Tab as her prize. As students at Seaford Secondary College, all students have access to over 3 million resources from any public library in South Australia. In addition to all of the resources, we offer a safe and comfortable space during lunch and after school, to study, hang out with friends, join in on library activities, or just relax. All students are welcome in the library - we hope to see you soon!

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge ends on Friday September 6th (Week 7). For all students participating in the challenge, please hand in your completed reading records to the library by this date. Awards will be presented and the lucky prize will be drawn in Term 4.



Call the **Seaford Library** on 8384 0044 or visit [www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries) for more information



## SILC CITY TO SUMMIT

### SUPPORTING OPERATION FLINDERS

On Friday, September 27 a team of staff from SILC will be walking from the city to Woodhouse in support of Operation Flinders. The "City to Summit" event is a major fundraiser for the foundation and draws people from a wide range of backgrounds. Operation Flinders has a special place in the hearts of SILC staff who have supported students through the life changing experience in recent years. Some of the changes noted in our young people have been outstanding!

Staff have been churning out the kilometres on the footpath and step machines in a quest to be in good shape for the challenge.

Starting in the CBD, the team will head east through suburbia. They will come across different activities along the way as they head for the hills.

An Operation Flinders Team Leader will navigate the team through the Adelaide Hills and they will be challenged up some steep climbs. Upon reaching the Mt Lofty Summit, teams will have a moment to catch their breath, and enjoy the views before descending to the Woodhouse Activity Centre. There will also be prizes up for grabs for highest individual fundraiser, highest team fundraiser and highest business fundraiser, so our team are hoping to raise as much as we can!

The team is reaching out for support and if you are able to provide a donation to this wonderful cause you can head to the link below:

Seaford Secondary College [city2summit.com.au](http://city2summit.com.au)  
Keep an eye out for some photos of our mission!



## STUDENT WELLBEING

**PARENT HELPLINE 1300 364 100**

**KIDS HELPLINE 1800 551 800 [www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)**

**LIFELINE 13 11 14 [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)**

**BEYOND BLUE 1300 224 636 [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)**

**HEADSPACE [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)**

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Emergency Contacts



Family Information