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## DIARY DATES

**21 NOVEMBER**  
ARTS SHOWCASE

**22 NOVEMBER**  
STUDENT FREE DAY / AUTISM INCLUSION  
TRAINING

**25 NOVEMBER**  
STUDENT FREE DAY

**26 NOVEMBER – 1 DECEMBER**  
INDONESIAN STUDY TOUR

**27 NOVEMBER**  
YEAR 12 GRADUATION AND  
PRESENTATION NIGHT

**29 NOVEMBER**  
YEAR 10'S LAST DAY

**13 DECEMBER**  
LAST DAY OF TERM 4  
EARLY DISMISSAL 12.30pm



Government of South Australia

Department for Education

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### YEAR 12 GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024

Congratulations to the Year 12 class of 2024! Your journey at Seaford Secondary College has come to an end, and while it's always bittersweet to

say goodbye, we take comfort in knowing that each of you will thrive.

A vast world awaits your talents, and we look forward to celebrating your achievements during our **Year 12 Graduation and Presentation Night on Wednesday, 27 November.**

### THANKYOU

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff of Seaford Secondary College for their unwavering support and commitment to your learning over the past six years.

A special shout-out to the Year 12 teachers—thank you for your hard work and dedication to the class of 2024. Your efforts in providing holiday sessions, additional lessons, and consistent follow-ups to ensure high-quality submissions have made a significant difference.

### AUTISM INCLUSION PROGRAM IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM

As you may have seen in recent media releases, our school is one of nine in South Australia participating in the Autism Inclusion Program for secondary schools.

This program will provide our school with funding to appoint an Autism Support Leader and offer training for all staff to better support autistic students in accessing their learning. The insights gained from this pilot will benefit all students in improving their access to education.

We will be undertaking this training on Friday, 22 November.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY FOR 2025

On Monday, 25 November **Student Free Day**, we will spend the day planning for 2025.

In the morning session, we will focus on well-being for learning, pedagogy, and curriculum development to create our School Learning Plan. Literacy and numeracy will remain key areas within the plan, as they are essential foundational skills that ensure our students are successful in the workforce, community, and life.

Kind regards,

Harry Stassinopoulos, Principal

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## A STORY TO TELL!

On Thursday of Week 3, Year 10 and 11 literary enthusiasts participated in an excursion to Immanuel College's Once Upon a Festival. The festival is a unique event in South Australia and is one of the largest literary festivals for young people in Australia. Students had the opportunity to experience a stellar lineup of world-class authors and illustrators in workshops, talks, and special events (including book signings and swaps) with the aim of fostering a lifelong love of literature. Our students listened to talks from **Mike Lucas**, who discussed the craft of horror writing and how to get the fright right (fitting considering it was on Halloween!); **Michael Gerard Bauer**, who discussed his experiences writing renowned novel *Don't Call Me Ishmael*; and **Lili Wilkinson**, who discussed fantasy fiction and how

to use the familiar...but with a twist. All of the talks were engaging, providing insight into the wonderful world of writing. To conclude the day, students participated in a workshop hosted by award winning, New York Times-bestselling author (and current Flinders University lecturer) **Dr Sean Williams**. The workshop centred on fantastic fiction and provided students with avenues to generate story ideas through a 'collision of randomness'. Since returning to school, students have been tasked with developing their own piece of creative writing – a short work of fiction of precisely one hundred words in length, called a 'Drabble'. The winning entry will receive a copy of Lili Wilkinson's novel *A Hunger for Thorns*.

*Zac Day*



## YEAR 12 BAND PERFORMS AT SEAFORD ROTARY SEASIDE WALK

On Sunday, 13 October, the Seaford Secondary College Year 12 Band performed at the Seaford Rotary Seaside Walk, an event raising funds for suicide awareness and prevention programs in the community.

The band played a selection of songs for 30 minutes at Nashwauk Place, entertaining the local attendees. Thank you to **Sahara, Riley, Kirra, Brody, James, Max** and **Sam** for their efforts and contribution.

## FLEURIEU FOLK FESTIVAL - YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

On Sunday, October 27, four of our talented Music students – **Zac, Jason, Caleb** (Year 9), and **Olivia** (Year 10) – proudly participated in the Fleurieu Folk Festival Youth Mentoring Program.

We can't wait to see Zac, Jason, Caleb, and Olivia back on stage at our Arts Showcase on 21 November!

*The Arts team*

During this exciting opportunity, they joined a three-hour workshop with renowned performers **Felicity Dowd** (NSW) and **Monique Clare** (QLD), focusing on developing their compositions, duets, and solo performances. Throughout the workshop, students explored essential skills like stage presence, audience engagement, sound tech etiquette, and refined their craft as emerging musicians.

The hard work culminated in a live performance at 4:30 pm in the Village Marquee. Olivia showcased her talents on voice and piano, performing the heartfelt piece "Be Ok." Caleb and Olivia then collaborated on Coldplay's "Fix You," with Caleb on electric guitar. The 3rd song showed Jason (vocals and guitar), Zac (drums), and Caleb (bass) performing their original composition "Along the Railway Track," impressing the audience with their creativity and teamwork.

It was a fantastic experience for all, and we extend a huge thank you to the parents who supported our students throughout the day!



## ARTS SHOWCASE



**Thursday Week 6**  
**November 21<sup>st</sup> 2024**  
TIMES: 7pm ~ 9pm

**Futures Event Centre,**  
**Old Reynella**  
165 Old South Road, Old Reynella

**Booth Online**  
**Tickets at \$15 and \$10**  
Purchase on QKR or from Office

**Thursday, November 21, 2024**  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

**Futures Event Centre, 165 Old South Road, Old Reynella**

## 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.

## SPANISH FUN DAY (DÍA DE DIVERSIÓN EN ESPAÑOL)

This year, Seaford Secondary College had the privilege of hosting the highly anticipated Spanish Fun Day. In a successful collaboration between the Spanish teachers of Seaford Secondary College and Willunga High School, the Year 7 students experienced a fantastic day filled with language, culture, and community.

The day offered students a variety of engaging activities, games, and delicious Spanish-inspired food. These activities allowed students to show their Spanish speaking and listening skills while deepening their understanding of Spanish culture in a fun, hands-on way.

A highlight of the event was the guacamole-making workshop, where students worked in small groups to prepare fresh guacamole and enjoy it with nachos - a delicious taste of Latin American cuisine!

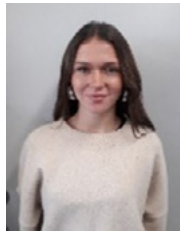
The event was also an opportunity for students to demonstrate important values, including kindness and teamwork. Spanish Fun Day was not only a celebration of language and culture but also of the positive spirit and collaboration that make our school community strong.

*Maria Valle, Spanish Teacher*



# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

## WELCOME TO OUR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM STUDENTS



This term we welcomed **Anouk** from Germany. She will be with us for the remainder of the term. Anouk enjoys playing volleyball, doing track and field, windsurfing and skiing/snowboarding. Her favourite subjects are Math and Art.

Some of our other students have been out and about embracing what Adelaide has to offer –



**Rikako** participated in the Grappling Industries Jiu Jitsu competition held in Adelaide this month. She competed in 3 tournaments and won every match. Some of her opponents were older and stronger than her. Rikako was praised by other athletes and staff at the venue on her efforts. Rikako finished with 3 gold medals.



**Lena** has become a surf lifesaver for Moana completing her Surf Rescue Certificate. She is on patrol every weekend. If you are down there make sure to say hi.



**Elias** participated in the City to Bay fun run. He finished the race with a time of 50:05 and placed 513 out of a field of 23 thousand runners & walkers.

A huge congratulations to our international students.

## JAPAN TRIP – SEPT/OCT

In week 10 term 3 and the first week of the school holidays we took 15 students to Japan for a cultural experience and to visit our sister school in Morioka. Students visited Osaka, Kyoto, Tokyo and Morioka. The first week was all about visiting shrines, temples, trying different foods and learning about the Japanese culture as well as doing shopping. In Morioka students stayed with host families and made wonderful connections. We also caught up with some past students.

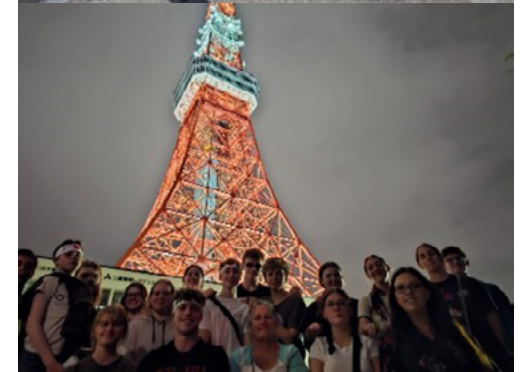
Below are a few comments from the students:

- *Japan is a great first-trip as the people there are so welcoming and nice, they are polite and have great customs, lifestyle and technology.*
- *The food in Japan was a culture shock for me. Their dinners consist of multiple dishes, and it is disrespectful to not finish them.*
- *We took a trip to Rikuzentakata, which is the city where a major earthquake and tsunami destroyed everything in 2011. We had a tour guide explain what happened and how they restored the land – this was very upsetting but interesting because our tour guide showed us where he hid during the natural disaster.*

- *Travelling to Japan has been a life-changing experience for me. Being immersed in such a unique culture has taught me how crucial it is to understand different perspectives, diversity, and the importance of cultural understanding.*
- *I learnt to navigate around language barriers, adapt to a new environment, and unfamiliar customs.*
- *Shrines in Japan have a Temizuya at the entrance where worshippers wash their hands and mouth with the water as an act of ritual purification. After we washed our hands, we prayed. To pray respectfully at a shrine, we bow twice, clapped twice and bow again. I was nervous to try this in case I did pray wrong or 'disrespectfully', this didn't stop me though, as I wanted to experience their culture.*

Students completed the trip experience by presenting to the Middle school students and to the Governing council. Well, done to you all.

If you are interested in joining the 2026 Japanese Cultural Trip, please pop into Tingara C04 office and have a chat with **Ms Wedding**.



## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM CONTINUED

### STUDY TOUR - INDONESIA

Seaford Secondary College is excited to welcome our first Indonesian study tour group later this term.

Seven students in years 8-10 will be joined by two staff members who will spend their short time here, immersed in our classrooms, experiencing schooling in Australia, and viewing our beautiful local area.

During this time, students from SSC will form lifelong friendships, as they take on a 'buddy' role and showcase what our state has to offer. We look forward to sharing our adventure later in the term!

The red outline is the logo for the Senior High School and the blue one is for the Junior High School.



If you are interested in hosting an international student or your child is interested in being a buddy in 2025, please get in touch-  
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#### 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 CULTURAL EXCHANGE

#### Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Program

[www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au)

**Jenny Hanson** on 8323 0973

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*Annette Wedding & Maddi O'Connell  
International Team*

## VOLLEYBALL STATE FINALS

The Year 8 girls volleyball team put in a tremendous effort at the state finals on Friday, 8 November, demonstrating great resilience and skill in a challenging competition.

The girls claimed a well-earned win over Concordia and ended the day with a victory against Roma Mitchell. Although narrowly missing out in a close game against Mitcham and facing a powerhouse Kildare team, they played each match with amazing effort and togetherness.

Concordia's upset win over Mitcham saw our girls finish in 4th place in the pool, despite performing as one of the top teams. The girls faced every challenge without complaint highlighting their discipline and willingness to always improve. We look forward to seeing what they accomplish next! Thank you to year 10 students **Katelyn** and **Miyu** for their leadership and support with officiating duties, **Mr Kirk** for coaching and **Ms Wedding** for driving the bus.



## 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**

## 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.

## PREMIER'S READING Challenge

The **Premier's Reading Challenge** has concluded for another year and the awards were presented in the library on Wednesday of Week 4. Congratulations to the following students who completed the challenge and received awards:

- Mars** A14 Certificate
- Klaudia** C03 Certificate
- Mathew** E01 Gold Medal
- Emi** E02 Gold Medal
- Deklan** E02 Hall of Fame Medal
- Sienna** B18 Reader for Life 8
- Kayleigh** B18 Reader for Life 8
- Elisha** D07 Reader for Life 8
- Skyla** E02 Reader for Life 8
- Alexander** E02 Reader for Life 8
- Seth** E02 Reader for Life 8
- Suf** E02 Reader for Life 8

**Zach** E02 Reader for Life 8

**Jai** E02 Reader for Life 9

**Max** E02 Reader for Life 9

**Daniel** E02 Reader for Life 9.

Once all students received their awards, a random draw took place to determine the winner of a brand new laptop. Mars was the lucky winner this year and was very happy with his new laptop.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on every year and students are required to read 12 books from January to September. It is a great opportunity for students to challenge themselves to read different books, develop their literacy and enjoy the escapism that reading provides.

For more information about the challenge, students are encouraged to visit the library and speak to a staff member.



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

## SILC NEWS

*Did you spot Seaford being represented on South Aussie with Cosi?* The program helped launch the Credit Union SA's new School Impact Program. SSC and SILC were one of the first schools to receive funding and **Caroline** and past-student **Gray** made a special appearance.

Thanks to **Credit Union SA** we have received \$5,000 from their School Impact Program to assist in our Operation Flinders participation.

### GRADUATION SEASON HAS BEGUN!

On Thursday 31/10/24 SILC said farewell to 25 final year students.

A packed PAC of family and friends gathered to wish the students on their new journey.

The SILC staff always hold a special place in their hearts for students who have left the program.

A huge thank you to **Brett Hand's** health class who baked all the catering for the event.



**SILC**

**GOOD NEWS**

We've been awarded funding thanks to Credit Union SA's School Impact Program!



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Major awards were presented to three deserving SILC students.

- Marcus** The Spirit of Mon Award
- Mickey** Pathway Award
- Brodie** Academic Award

## 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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