Newsletter Term 2

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We are often linking school based articles and photos to our website. If an item captures your interest, Control & Click on the Link or URL at the end of the article descriptor.

COVID-19 Update in brief from the Department for Education

Physical distancing at school drop off and pick up

Parents should maintain the 1.5m physical distance between themselves and other adults (parents and teachers) at all times, including school drop off and pick up.

Pupil Free Day on Tuesday June 9

The PFD on June 9 will be a busy day for Seacliff staff to focus on:

- **'ONE PLAN'**, which is a recently developed Education Department system that outlines processes and procedures to provide comprehensive support for students with special needs
- The Acadience Reading Program and possibilities of this suite of reading tools to improve our whole school approach to reading
- With nearly 6 months under our belt, a School Core Values Program review
- A School Improvement Plan review with a focus on the impact of Technology in light of COVID-19
- Finally, time will be provided for teams of staff to continue their **Action Research projects** (Innovative Languages and Number Talks).

There is a lot for us to work on and Pupil Free Days are a precious opportunity for teaching and support staff to learn, collaborate and plan together.

Super STEM in Room 10

For the past few weeks, Room 10 has been looking at the behaviours of natural disasters, and how to prevent loss of life by making models of houses that can withstand them. We have been doing this to help us understand how natural disasters work in other countries. To learn more visit: <u>Super STEM in Room 10</u>

Room 6 Looks at the importance of Reconciliation Week

In Room 6, we have been focusing on Reconciliation. Students wrote a response to the question, "Why is Reconciliation Week important?" Almost all students were keen to contribute their thoughts to the school website and newsletter. To read more and to view some of their art work, click on the link: <u>Room 6 Why is reconciliation week important?</u>



Students shine in Volleyball Unit

At the start of Term 2 we were unsure if PE was going to look anything like it had before. However, with safe regulations in place and classes back to being full, we started volleyball. This unit was modified for Years 3-7 and has been a great success. To read more, click on the link: <u>Students shine in P.E.</u>

Room 2 Strikes Gold!

Last week we also discovered how helpful our learning could be! We **found** our very own *Pirate Treasure Map* and used our new skills to find the *buried treasure*! To read more, click on the link: <u>Room 2 Strikes Gold!</u>



Reminder! Pyjama Day Tomorrow!

Hey B1. Are you thinking what I'm thinking? I sure am B2. Pyjama Day is tomorrow!

Qkr Raffle ticket sales will close at 10:00am Friday 5th June. The raffle will be drawn tomorrow. We will video the draw and post it to Facebook to announce the winners. Prizes will be sent home with the winners on Friday.

Growth & Development Family Evening

Due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions, the Kidz Biz sessions have been postponed until Term 3. We will promote these family sessions well in advance next term.

School Uniform and Dress Code

As winter weather settles in it is great to see children coming to school warmly dressed. However, in recent days many students have been arriving at school in a variety of club and brand name tops. Last year our Student Representative Council had input into some changes to the school dress code and we agreed that all students should be wearing **school windcheaters** and **school tracksuit tops**. We are asking that families support us in this matter. If you'd like a reminder, please have a look at our <u>Dress Code</u> approved at Governing Council earlier in the year.

School Photo Day

Our School Photo Day has been rescheduled for 'Tuesday 23rd June'.

Please complete the envelope that was supplied last term and pay via one of the directed methods. If you returned the envelope last term, thank you, it has been stored safely and will be used on photo day. If you have misplaced the envelope there are spare photo envelopes available at the Front Office.

Assessment and reporting due at end of Term 2

Teachers are very busy at the moment writing the Mid-year student reports. We recognise how important it is that parents continue to receive feedback about their child's learning, especially during a period of change. All South Australian public schools will continue their assessment and reporting to parents about student progress at the end of Term 2, as per normal practice.

For us, this means A to E grades from Years 1 to 7. Reception students will receive a written report referenced against the Foundation achievement standard. The grade will represent the teacher's 'on-balance judgement' based on evidence of achievement against the relevant Australian Curriculum achievement standard. Teachers make holistic, on-balance judgements using a range of learning evidence, both oral and written. Due to COVID-19, evidence of learning (including student self-assessment) may be more comprehensive and balanced in some subjects/learning areas than in others.

Our **English**, **Mathematics**, **Japanese**, **Health & Physical Education** and **Performing Arts** subjects will carry comments that support the assigned A-E grades. In **HASS**, **Science** and **Technology**, we are moving towards a process of continuous assessment that provides timely feedback to students and parents that describes:

- students' engagement and achievement
- what they have learnt, what they need to learn next, and
- how the teacher, student and parent/carer can support these next steps to happen.

Our reporting and assessment processes have undergone significant change at Seacliff in the last two years and we are continuing to adapt, learn and refine how we do this as a school.

School Sport Update

We are in the final stages of forming teams for the Term 3 netball and soccer seasons.

The netball teams have been finalised and coaches appointed. Training sessions will be at 3-30pm on Monday afternoons from June 15th for the Year 6-7 team and Tuesday afternoons, starting June 16th for the Year 3-5 team. Both teams will play matches at Seacliff PS and other local schools at 4pm on Wednesday afternoons starting next term.

The organisation of the soccer teams is still in process. We have enough players and coaches for both the senior (born 2007/08) and U/11 (born 2009) teams. The U/8 team (born 2012/13) now has 10 players, which is perfect for that competition, but we still need a coach and manager. The U/9 team (born 2011) has 9 players so ideally 2 more would be great. We also need a coach and manager. The U/10 team (born 2010) only has 7 players registered so 4 or 5 more are needed. We also need a coach and manager for this team. REGISTRATIONS CLOSE AT THE END OF WEEK 7 (Friday 12th June).

If you are interested in coaching one of the following teams (U/8, U/9 & U/10), please speak to Emily or Scott at school). Coaches require a Working with Children Check so if you are keen to help out and don't have one, please speak to Elaine at the front office. Training nights will be finalised after coaches have been appointed.

Team lists from June 2nd, are on the school sport bulletin board in the courtyard area

We haven't received any information about if and when school basketball and AFL football will resume.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS

Term 2 Book Club Catalogues are now available in the Classroom NO CASH, ACCEPTED!!! ORDER BY DATE IS FRIDAY12th JUNE

All orders give our School Library 20% commission, Thank you, Robyn and Kay.

It's easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

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2021 SEACLIFF PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Could all **families enrolling a sibling next year** please collect an enrolment form from Elaine or Sue at Administration. When collecting a form, could you please bring a copy of your **child's birth certificate**. We would like to collect all enrolments before the end of Term 2 so we can advise out-of-zone families of any vacancies.

New QKR email address for parent help

Anyone having problems with the QKR App, please use the new help email. QKR AU@mastercard.com

Webinar forum for parents and carers of children with disability

Parents and carers of children with disability are invited to join a free webinar this month on 'Transition 2020 and beyond for students with disability.'

Presenters:

- Ian May, Director Disability Policy and Programs
- Jen Bratovic, Team Manager, Student Support Services
- Helen Panos, Special Educator, Student Support Services
- Anna Baulderstone, Program Manager, Year 7 to High School project
- Judith Hodson, Senior Advisor, Specialised Education Options

When: Friday 26 June 2020 Time: 10.00am to 11.00am Register <u>online</u>.

This free online event for parents is presented by the Disability Policy and Programs team and Parent Forum Reference Group.

Contact: Elizabeth Barber, Senior Advisor Parent Engagement, Disability Policy and Programs, phone 8235 2871

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