

Newsletter Term 4

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In case you missed it...

Earlier this week it was announced that **Sue Matene** is stepping into the Principal position at Seacliff Primary School for Terms 1 & 2, 2022. I'm sure you will enjoy working with Sue and her wider team during this important year. Sue brings with her a wealth of knowledge to drive strong teaching and learning programs and school improvement work through her leadership across a number of sites in the Marion Coast portfolio. During Term 1, 2022 our Education Director, Heather Makris will be conducting a recruitment process for the tenured Principal position.



Thank you and farewell



I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of our school community for your support and friendship over my four years with Seacliff Primary. Indeed, it has been wonderful to see the great sense of community and the generous volunteering of time and expertise by so many families. This provides a wonderful example to the children at our school. On that note, I pay special tribute to our Governing Council and subcommittee members, sports coaches, canteen & library volunteers and many more, past and present, for all that you have done in support of the Seacliff students.

Thank you to my colleagues for your hard work over the years and for your care of students and sense of professionalism in the face of changing expectations of your work and workload.

Thank you to all the students for your friendly greetings, sense of kindness to others and willingness to really get involved in such a wide range of learning activities offered throughout the school. You have (almost) always been a credit to your teachers, your families and to yourselves, whenever and wherever you have represented the school.

Throughout my career, I have worked across a range of school types, in government, independent and international schools. I have always found a way to be working in some capacity with Year 7 students. The Year 6 and Year 7 Graduation Ceremonies next week will mark the move of our Year 7 to High School in 2022. It seems fitting that **finally**, I will also graduate from school life after 41 years, to see what other adventures and challenges are waiting for me.

Graduations 2021

Details about the Year 7 Graduation (Tuesday 7 December) and the Year 6 Graduation (Wednesday 8 December) have been sent home to families via class teachers through their usual communication channels. Please observe the Covid-19 requirements, and if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.



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Year 7 to high school parent update

The latest parent update [parent update \(PDF 766KB\)](#) is now available to help schools keep families informed about the year 7 to high school move. This edition provides practical tips on what students and parents can do now and over the holidays to prepare for high school. The second is a special edition written by SAPOL, providing road safety information ahead of the double cohort move. [SAPOL special edition parent update \(PDF 895KB\)](#)

Redeveloping the 'Butterfly Walk'



Throughout the last term at Seacliff Primary, in my role as Environmental Intern, I've had the pleasure of working with a number of students from across the year levels on redeveloping the 'Butterfly Walk' on the eastern side of the school. Unfortunately, necessary tree removals and time had left the area looking rather run down. To learn more visit: [Redeveloping-the-butterfly-walk](#)

Room 16 - Shapes, Shapes, Shapes!



During these past few weeks of term, Room 16 have been investigating shapes. We began with identifying and recognising 2D shapes. We know 2D shapes are flat and have edges and corners. As an activity, we used pop-sticks or matchsticks to create the shapes we knew. We then labelled them with the shape name, number of sides and corners. To see a lot more of our wonderful shape work visit: [Room 16 - shapes-shapes-shapes](#)

Fantastic Fun Run



What a fabulous day we had for the Fun Run on 26 November. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee, staff and volunteers who helped on the day to make this an enjoyable and safe event. There were some very impressive distances run! Everyone entered into it in good spirit and hopefully slept well that night! The final total of the sponsorship money collected is **\$9318.60!**

A fantastic effort from Room 5 who won the Pizza party to be held sometime before the end of term. Thank you Seacliff Community!





Governing Council

Keen to have a say and play an active part in the school? Wanting to help make our school as good as it can be? Want to flex your awesome financial/comms/fundraising/management/organisational/strategic/other skills outside of the 9-5? Sounds like a spot on the Seacliff Governing Council could be for you!

Come and join a diverse group of parents and staff that are working together to look for improvements and make decisions around the school, canteen and OSHC.

Governing Council meets two evenings a term, plus the opportunity of also being involved in one of the subcommittees and there are several positions opening up next year. If you have any questions or want to find out more, feel free to have a chat to me in the yard, or give me a call.

Luke Sandery
Governing Council Chair
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Parent volunteers sharing COVID vaccination status



From 10 December, the last school day of the year, parent volunteers in schools will need to show their Covid vaccination status. When parent volunteers come in, they need to sign in through the front office. Showing your vaccination certificate (or digital photo of it) or sharing your vaccination status in your digital wallet, will be the way to go. I understand that the DfE are looking at a way of having parental Covid Vaccination status recorded in a more permanent way in the EDSAS system. This may well be part of the data collection process for families in 2022. We'll have to wait and see!

OSHC collecting for Hutt Street Centre



Once again OSHC is collecting non-perishable foods for the Hutt Street Centre in town. They are a fabulous organisation that supports the homeless, by providing meals from their kitchen, social work and support services for people experiencing homelessness, transitioning to homes and much more. OSHC will be collecting non-perishable foods and dropping them off before Christmas. You can also donate sunscreen, hand sanitiser and first aid kits. For the full list of donatable goods, please visit their [site](#). In previous years we were able to collect over \$500 worth of food. Let's try and beat that record this year!

Vacation Care Priority Access cut-off date was this Friday. BUT, if you want to access vacation care, places are still available! Booking forms must be filled in and sent to OSHC asap.



SAPSASA 2021

Throughout the year, we have had several students represent our school and the South-West area for a range of SAPSASA sports. We are extremely proud of these students for achieving a high standard in these sports. Well done to the following students who participated in SAPSASA and represented South-West!

CRICKET – Jacob T

TENNIS – Georgie H

AFL – Jonah R

NETBALL – Scarlett G and Tilly P

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING – Sophie P, Emily C and Immy K

ATHLETICS – Eddie K, Zoe K, Skye D, Emily C and Alex S

GOLF - Ted N

SOCCER – Emily C, Billy C, Harry WJ, Billy CS, Stella H and Bella M

HOCKEY – Liam G, Rafe R and Caleb H

Here are two reviews from students who participated in these sports:

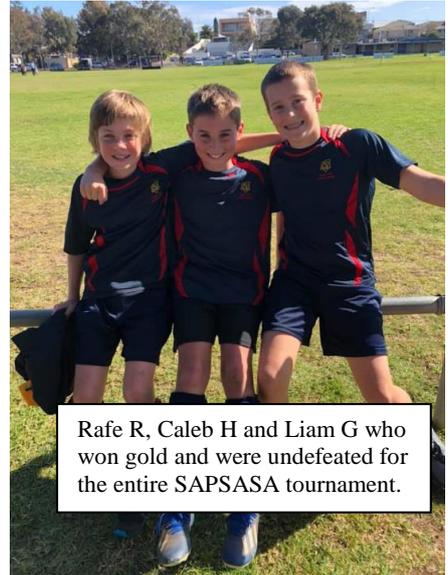
“Hi I’m Georgie and I was chosen to represent the South-West district in SAPSASA Tennis division 1 from the 8th to the 11th of November. I played at Dover parks Tennis club and started from 8:20 to around 2:45-3:00. Overall, I played 16 games which is 4 games a day and 4 fast doubles on Thursday but it started to rain so we only played 2 doubles. A fast for double is a mixed doubles game that only goes up to 4 sets.

Throughout the week South West won against 3 teams and lost against 4. I won 8 and lost 8 games and won both fast 4 doubles. In the team we were numbered on in the team for who we play against, it was 1-6 I was player number 4. In the end we came 6th out of 8 teams.

I had loads of great times there in the week and especially when I got my SAPSASA jumper. Also, we were given a South-West team uniform. It was a very fun place and I’m happy that I was able to be there. I learnt so much and loved playing!”

“Hi I’m Immy, this year I was one of the students who represented South-West District for Cross Country running. I ran 3-kilometers! In the morning of my race, I had to meet more runners at the ‘ACH Group Stadium’ carpark in Glenelg at 7:30am. The bus ride took around 2.5 hours, I was sitting next to my friend Emily. My race was around the 4-5th race in the day. Before my race I had a 30-minute warm up to get ready to race. My run took me around 30-35 minutes, I ended up placing around 105th out of 330.

When I was at Oakbank it was freezing (it was in autumn I think). I had a lot of fun participating in SAPSASA Cross Country Running and I would love the opportunity to participate again.”



Rafe R, Caleb H and Liam G who won gold and were undefeated for the entire SAPSASA tournament.

