

Newsletter Term 4

14 December, 2022



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REMINDER - EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15PM - FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER

From the Principal

Well, here we are at the end of another school year, and what a year it has been! Despite a variety of changes, restrictions and unexpected events our staff and students have shown resilience, flexibility and determination to make the most of each day.

A taste of what 2022 has brought us includes: Sports Day, Swimming, SAPSASA, Choir, Festival of Music, Footsteps dance, Kaurua workshops, Book Fair, Special Food days from Team Canteen, Book Week, Japanese Culture Day, Celebration Evening, Graduation, camps, excursions and so much more.



Year 6 graduation

On Tuesday we held our Year 6 Graduation. I was so impressed with the way our students presented themselves and how the four comperes spoke so confidently and eloquently. I know that many students were feeling nervous, but they rose to the challenge and did an amazing job. I wish them all the best as they begin high school next year.

Farewell to staff

I would also like to acknowledge the staff who will be leaving us at the end of the year and wish them all the very best in their next adventures; Mikaela Kelly, Erica Flato-Beckett, Dale Colbeck, Deanne Pollitt, Alyson Trout and Leanne Lienert. We hope to have some of these people return to Seacliff in the future.

Thank you to Governing Council

I would also like to thank the Governing Council, led by Chairperson Luke Sandery, for their ongoing commitment to working with and supporting positive outcomes for the school this year.

2023 student placement

Teachers and leaders have worked extremely hard to finalise student placement into 2023 classes and to meet parent requests where possible. Students will visit with their new teacher and classmates in their 2023 classroom on Thursday. Parent notification of 2023 classes will be included with student end of year reports which will be sent home on Thursday.

Despite all the work that has gone into student class placement, these will never be perfect for everyone and the placement process often has to deal with conflicting parent requests. Please be assured that every effort has been made to place your child in the best possible class for their learning.

Sometimes students will find that they are not placed in a class with all of their friends. This provides a great opportunity for them to make new connections with other students, while it is also important to remember that they have the chance to reconnect with friends from other classes every day before school, at recess and lunch time.

2022 Celebration Night

The 2022 Seacliff Primary School celebration night was a huge success! It was amazing to see so many families from our local Seacliff community gather for a fun evening of food, drinks and wonderful performances from our students. A special thankyou to the Seacliff Primary School fundraising team, they did a great job on the night. Team Canteen also provided a fabulous range of yummy burgers, sausages and tacos. Also, thanks to the staff who worked on setting up for the evening, cooking and serving the food. Face painting offered by our wonderful OSHC team was extremely popular and they were kept busy for the entire night. Our school choir also sang beautifully.

The evening was filled with community spirit, after what has been a challenging year for many. The organising committee would like to thank everyone for coming and we look forward to conducting the event again in 2023.



Thank you to our volunteers

Thank you to all volunteers who have assisted us in so many ways this year. Last Friday we held our Volunteer Appreciation Assembly, where we acknowledged over 100 volunteers. Staff and students at Seacliff really appreciate the efforts of school volunteers. You add value to our school in many, many different ways.



Volunteers add a great deal to school life at Seacliff and if you are keen to be a volunteer in 2023 please check the school website for details or give the Front Office a call.

As we reach the end of the 2022 school year, I would like to thank all staff at our school for their outstanding efforts to ensure that Seacliff students have access to the best possible learning opportunities, and I hope you all have a well-deserved break during the summer holidays.

To the students of Seacliff, congratulations on a fantastic year of learning and extracurricular activities and I look forward to working with you again in 2023 as we strive together for continuous improvement across an amazing site.

Have a wonderful holiday break and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Monday 30 January, 2023.**

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Principal

Year 6 2022 Graduation

Tuesday evening, the 2022, year six graduation was held. The celebrations began at the Brighton Metro, where the whole grade and our teachers ate dinner. Some popular meals included pizza, lasagna, sushi, and hot chips. Some popular desserts were ice cream, doughnut balls, and jelly. It was really delicious, and very fun.

Afterwards, we were escorted back to school by our parents. Seats had been set up around the hall, positioned around the stage where the comperes would later be speaking. There were over one hundred people in the end.

Every graduate read a speech about someone else, which had been written by the person it was about. Each speech was approximately 45s, but it still took over an hour to get through all of them. Good thing the parents were patient! Mr. David Spiers also spoke.

After the speeches, Mr. Best, Mrs. Cayleigh, Neate Sensei, Lauren, and Mr. Porter announced the winners of the awards: Japanese, PE, Performing Arts, Integrity, Academic Endeavour, and finally, Academic Achievement. The winners of these awards have showed our school values very strongly throughout the year, as well as excelling in an area. The winners announced were:

Japanese: Bella Woodward

PE: Eddie Kerwin

Performing Arts: Harriet Hays

Integrity: Eden Perkins

Academic Endeavour: Archie Patterson

Academic Achievement: Madeleine Gill and Zac Hubl

The disco was next. All of the parents left, while the disco was in full swing. Everyone danced to a variety of songs, it was so much fun.

At 9 o'clock, the parents returned to watch our group dances which we had learnt during Footsteps. We performed two dances, "Head and Heart" and "Iko Iko". Next, we taught our parents a partner dance, which we then performed. It was fun, and a bit humiliating.

That concluded the night, but all of the year sixes are grateful for their special send off.

Written by Maddy Gill, year 6

Bike Education

Starting from week 2 and ending in week 7, years 5 and 6 had Bike Education. Every Tuesday the classes would go down to the asphalt at different times in the day to learn road safety on our bikes. The different things that students learnt were gears, safety and signals. After the first 3 weeks on the asphalt the classes started riding on the roads around Seacliff and Marino in groups of 6. The students got to experience many different riding surfaces such as dirt, grass and road.



Students got to pick out of bringing their own bike from home or using one of the bikes provided by Bike Ed. There were many different games and things to learn and all of the instructors were helpful and kind and everyone learnt lots in the 6 weeks they were there.



Seacliff Primary School girls year 5/6 basketball

It has been a stellar year for the Seacliff Primary School Year 5/6 Girls Basketball team. They played the whole year undefeated, finishing top of their league. The team: Anna, Maddy, Lola, Quinn, Skye, Charli, Izzy, Olivia & Isla played with heart, always encouraging each other, trained hard to improve their skills and played with tenacity.

The girls showed great teamwork, never being selfish and always played with a high level of fairness particularly against less strong teams. They are a fantastic group of young athletes carrying on a fine tradition of sporting prowess at Seacliff Primary School.

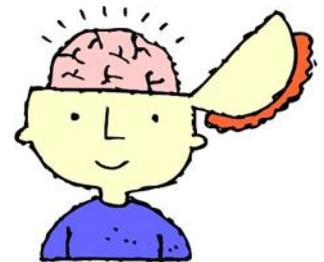
Activities for the holidays

Looking for a way to keep your brain engaged over the summer holidays? Check out the links below:

[Tasks Archive - YouCubed](#) – Mathematics tasks

[Our Learning SA – learning activities to do at home \(education.sa.gov.au\)](#) -

Learning at home resources and activities for families.



Do you want to learn an instrument in 2023?

Seacliff Primary School currently offers the following instrument tuition:

Keyboard for Reception – Year 6 students (keyboards provided)

Piano for Reception – Year 6 students

Guitar for Year 2 – Year 6 students (guitars provided)

Options available for lessons are - 1:1, 1:2 or 1:6 (small group).

The Music teacher liaises with the school to ensure music instruction lessons do not occur at the same time as Specialist PE, Japanese or Performing Arts lessons or student support times.

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