

Newsletter Term 1

7 March, 2024



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From the Principal

Important Diary Dates:

Pupil Free Days 2024

Term 1 – Friday 15 March

Term 2 – Friday 17 May

Term 3 – Monday 22 July

Term 4 – Tuesday 26 November

School Closure Day – Monday 25 November

Whole School Photos Day - Wednesday 20 March

Catch Up School Photos Day – Monday 25 March

Road safety around our school

Today, after another near miss I am calling your attention to the importance of road safety around our school. Drop off and pick up are very busy times, and our aim continues to be ensuring the safety of all students, community members and other motorists. It has been fantastic to see increasing numbers of students and families walking, riding or scooting to and from school. Please remember to model and teach your children to use the available crossings and ensure they are wearing helmets. Student traffic monitors on Pine Avenue take their role very seriously and enjoy saying hello to everyone as they cross. In 2023 our traffic monitors worked with SAPOL to create a safety video about children's school crossings. You can view it [here](#).

I ask all members of our community to observe parking restrictions around the school. This includes not performing U-turns in the drop of zone on Pine Avenue or parking in the adjacent Chemist carpark, thank you.

Three-way interviews – Upcoming in week 9 and week 10

Notes (hard copies) will be sent home with students tomorrow. Please complete and return these as soon as possible to your **YOUNGEST child's CLASSROOM TEACHER**. Confirmation of appointments will be sent home as soon as they are finalised (via hard copy and Seesaw message).

Growing with Gratitude (GWG)

Growing With Gratitude is a resilience program that builds and protects young people's mental wellbeing. We do this by teaching skills based on gratitude, kindness, positive reflection, empathy, mindfulness and serving others, resulting in greater resilience and happiness. Furthermore, it is teaching young people skills to overcome adversity and challenges, as well as teaching them to be good citizens.

This year, Seacliff Primary School is excited to be starting our Growing with Gratitude journey. Last week half of our classes participated in workshops facilitated by GWG founder Ash Manuel. Remaining classes will work with Ash this week to ensure all students have the same introduction to this resilience program. Ash will then deliver a half day professional learning session for all school staff on our Pupil Free Day – Friday 15 March. We look forward to sharing more with you as we begin this whole school program.



Welcome back to Sam McIver



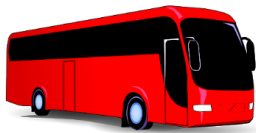
Last week we were pleased to welcome Sam back to our school in his capacity as Pastoral Care Worker. Sam worked at Seacliff Primary School in 2023 and many students and families benefited from his assistance during this time.

This year, Sam will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays. Sam will be reaching out to the families of students he engaged with in 2023 to determine if his support is still needed - no new consent form is required.

If your child has not previously accessed support with Sam, a consent/permission form (available from the Front Office) must be completed and returned.

Excursion/incursion/camp payment and permission process

All excursions, incursions, camps and sporting events (including After School Sports) are communicated to families via QKR. Permission is required to attend and/or participate in any events along with payment (if there is a cost) prior to events occurring.



Information provided on QKR will clearly show final dates for payment and permission along with details of the planned event.

If permission and payment is not provided by the due dates, your child/ren may not be able to attend or participate. Please contact the school prior to due dates if you are currently experiencing financial difficulties to discuss payment options available.

Dental for Schools

The deadline to return consent forms for Dental for Schools is Thursday March 14th. All students were given a consent form earlier in the term but if you didn't receive one and wish to have the Dental team check your child, you can collect a new form at the Front Office. Please return completed forms to your child's class teacher.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school. Year 3 and 5 students have been preparing for NAPLAN testing which commences next Wednesday March 13th. Students will participate in 4 tests during 13th to 25th March.



- Writing
- Reading
- Conventions of Language
- Numeracy

Apart from Year 3 Reading, all tests are completed online and results will be provided to the school and families later in the year.

You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN testing please contact Deputy Principal, Scott Francis.

2024 Materials and Services charge rebate

A \$100 rebate (discount) is available for parents, carers and independent students who are required to pay the 2024 materials and services charge.

Invoices, M & S Govt. rebate credit notes and statements will be posted to families this week. Please note all credits will be applied to family accounts, credits show in brackets (\$\$). **Only the outstanding total on the statement is payable.**

Students approved for School Card assistance are not eligible to receive the discount as they are already exempt from paying the materials and services charge.

All payments and permissions are to be made using the QKR! App

All payments and permissions for M&S Fees, Excursions, Sports, etc are to be made using the QKR App. No paper notes will be sent home, instead class teachers will notify parents of excursions via their communication tool for parents/carers, eg. Seesaw or email. (If you are unable to access the QKR! App please collect a paper copy from the Front Office.)



Details of the QKR! App are available on our website along with instructions on how to make your payments. [Link to payments page on our website](#)

Please also note, due to mandated Department for Education policy, we are unable to accept payments with credit card details written down. We are only able to accept credit card payments if you come into the office to use the eftpos machine, or call the Finance Officer, Lynda, and make your payment over the phone.

School Card 2024 online applications



All types of School Card applications are now online.

For families experiencing financial difficulty, school card can assist with payment of the Materials and Services levy that schools rely on to provide much needed resources for the learning program. Online application forms for 2024 School Card are now available at sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard.

Contact: [School Card Team](#), School and Preschool Financial Services, phone 1800 672 758

SeaWeek 2024 – Beach Investigations and Training run by Green Adelaide

Students, parents and teachers from Rooms 1, 16 and 17 recently collaborated with Green Adelaide on a short beach sustainability project.

On Wednesday, February 21st, Jeremy Gramp from Green Adelaide, walked a group of twenty parent volunteers and their children through investigations that we were soon to carry out at Kingston Park Beach. These included testing soil for alkalinity and acidity, testing for soil types, (e.g. silt, loam, sand, etc.), studying zonation, (the zones on the beach where different creatures and plants survive) and surveying about microplastics in the beach sand.

On Wednesday February 28th, the trained Student Leaders and their parents then led the above-mentioned investigations at the beach for the rest of their classes.

We were pleased to be able to facilitate the linking of our community with organizations supporting the care of our local natural environment.



Thanks so much to all of the parents and guardians who devoted their time and energy to these events and helped them to become a success. We have plans to team with a different environmental-care group, Action4Ocean, early next term.

SeaWeek 2024 officially runs from the 2nd to the 10th of March. Search online for local and national events and activities.



Room 18 and 19 Start of Year Wellbeing Focus

To start our year we have had a focus on wellbeing and getting to know each other. This has helped to build our positive classroom culture and foster a sense of belonging. Some of the activities we have done include:

Camera Roll:

In this activity, students decorated a camera using their favourite colours and then shared what they had done in the school holidays. They drew small pictures on the filmstrip coming from the camera.



Autobiography Map:

Students answered a questionnaire, then designed an island to share all the things that were important to them. There were some very creative designs like a spaghetti and meatball forest, Messi oval and a friendly bridge to connect people together.

Valentine's Day Hearts:

To celebrate Valentines Day, we passed around hearts with students' names in the centre. Each student wrote a word that described that person. It was lovely for students and teachers to receive a heart with all of the kind words that other people thought about them. It is something students will continue to look at to brighten their day.



2025 APPLICATIONS
IN & OUT OF ZONE

SPECIAL INTEREST
DANCE
AUDITIONS




**MONDAY
25 MARCH
2024**

**3:45 -
5:15pm**

Seaview High School

Applications must be submitted prior to audition

LIMITED POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Scan the QR code for more
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SEAVIEW *Dance*





**Seaview High School
OPEN NIGHT**

20 MARCH 2024, 5-7PM

**PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS
5.30PM & 6.15PM**



Hear from the Principal
Explore the grounds
Visit faculties
Meet curriculum leaders