TERM 1 WEEK 3
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2015 STAFFING & CLASSES - update
Last Thursday was officially Day 8 and we had 112 students at our school. All draft classes are now finalised.

SCHOOL WEBSITES
For new families, please visit our website www.seaforthss.eq.edu.au for copies of the newsletter, tuckshop menus and other information you might need. If you can’t find it located on the website and would like it added, please contact Denyelle or myself.

YEAR 3 CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION
Year 3 children will be travelling by bus on Monday 23rd February to join the other Year 3 students from the Northern Highway schools for a cyber-safety presentation. Sargent Nigel Dalton has organised the session and parents are most welcome to join the children on the bus. Please complete the permission note and send in the money for bus travel asap. The cost for this excursion is $15 and is payable by the 20th February.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
Most parent information sessions were held last week with the final few this week. If you were unable to make it, please ensure you make a time in coming weeks to contact your child/ren’s class teacher. Alternatively, (as a busy parent), I find emailing the teacher really helpful. Below are the class teachers work email addresses. Can I stress, if it is urgent, please phone the school. Teachers are extremely busy people, and sometimes only check their emails first thing in the morning.

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Lee Williams (Yr 2/3) – lwill145@eq.edu.au
Jenny Cork (aka Fergus) (Yr 3/4) – jferg117@eq.edu.au
Annette Chappell (Yr 5/6 & Principal) – achapp53@eq.edu.au or the.principal@seaforthss.eq.edu.au
Roanna Watson (aka Eva Capone) (Yr 5/6) – ecapo4@eq.edu.au
Rhonda Stablum (The Arts) – rstab4@eq.edu.au
Rebekkah Pollard (Principal) – rpoli19@eq.edu.au or the.principal@seaforthss.eq.edu.au

All office emails to – admin@seaforthss.eq.edu.au
STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Next week in the newsletter we will be sending home individual student payment information. The resource Scheme is voluntary and parents can choose to be part or purchase the items provided individually. The cost is $40 per year and we have offered payment per term. However, we will only be offering this as a one off payment as of 2015. This payment option is in line with what other schools offer. Costs are also kept to a minimum to ensure accessibility by all. Watch week 4 newsletter for further information.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Did you know that most cases of grooming and sexual abuse in young children happens by someone familiar to the child and not a stranger!

Below is some information that is vital in keeping your child safe. Just as we discuss with our children sun safety, fire safety, etc, it is important that we educate them how to keep themselves safe. Here are some issues to discuss and as parents be aware of and extra vigilant.


What is child sexual abuse?

Child sexual abuse is when an adult, a stranger child or a teenager involves a child in sexual activity. Sexual abuse can include:

- having any kind of sexual contact with a child
- having sexual relations with a child under 16 years old
- talking in a sexually explicit way that’s not suitable for a child’s age
- sending obscene mobile messages or emails to a child
- persistently pestering a child’s privacy
- showing pornographic material to a child or forcing them to watch a sexual act
- child prostitution.

Signs of sexual abuse

Children who have been sexually abused may show general signs of child abuse. They may also:

- know more about sexual activities than other children their age
- play in a sexual way
- have redness or pain around their mouth or private parts
- have torn, stained or bloody clothes, especially underwear
- often play games about power or control
- masturbate more than what is normal for their age

If a child shows any of these signs, you may need to act to keep them safe.

Protect a child from sexual abuse

You should always:

- know who is looking after your children
- listen to your children and believe what they say—children hardly ever make up stories about sexual abuse
- watch your child for signs of stress in a specific person’s company
- be aware of possible signs of grooming.

Recognise grooming

Grooming is the way sex offenders gain the trust of children before involving them in sexual activities.

Examples can be if someone:

- regularly offers to babysit for free or take a child on overnight outings
- separates a child from other adults or children
- buys a child very expensive or too many gifts
- insists on a physical show of affection such as kissing, hugging, wrestling or tickling even when the child clearly doesn’t want it
- is interested in the sexual development of a child
- insists on time alone with the child with no interruption
- takes lots of pictures of children
- shares alcohol or drugs with younger children or teenagers
- shows their genitals to a child.

When you’re not with your child

You have a right to know your child is safe and to ask questions about what they’ll be doing and who’ll be looking after them.

People who work with children must:

- keep them safe
- have a Blue Card.

You can teach your teenager to:

- think for themselves
- make good decisions
- be strong and confident.

Where to get help and advice

- In an emergency, phone Triple Zero (000).
- Phone your local police station about criminal matters related to child sexual abuse.
- If you have reason to suspect a child is experiencing, or is at risk of, sexual abuse refer to Reporting child abuse.
- For general advice phone Child Safety Services on:
  - 13QGOV (13 74 68)
  - (07) 3235 9999
  - 1800 177 135 (free call).
- Phone Parentline on 1300 30 1300. It’s a free, confidential phone service that offers counselling and referrals (8.00am–10.00pm, 7 days a week).

Organisations must:

- be able to show you in writing how they plan to handle claims of sexual abuse
- offer activities that suit the age of the children
- look after all the children in their care.

Teach your child

Help your child to be safe without frightening them. You could tell them:

- that the parts of their bodies covered by underwear are private
- what the right names for those body parts are
- that they should let you know if anyone tries to touch their private parts
- who they can talk to if they’re not at home.

If your child is not yet in school, you can:

- teach them about personal safety in simple language
- repeat the same rules often
- play ‘what if’ games to repeat the message.

If your child is in primary school, you can teach them:

- your family safety rules
- how to use the rules in a situation that could be dangerous.
Students in all year levels undertake personal safety discussions within their Health Curriculum, however, it is vital that you also have these conversations. Who has access to your kids? At home, at the bowls club, at the beach? Upskill your kids with protective behaviours as a starting point. Remember, offenders will tell your child to say nothing and may even bribe them.

Did you know that in the latest report on child abuse that 5421 children were sexually abused in Australia in 2012-13.

**MATHEMATICS – HOME HELP GUIDES**

Going home today are year level basic math concepts that will be covered for each year level. This is a guide to assist families and children at home. This gives you an understanding of the language, number and concepts you can talk with your children about. What basic facts, times tables, etc they should know by the end of that year level. Please display on fridge or near homework area. These will be placed on our website in coming weeks.

If students are working on an individual learning plan (special needs children), then they will have it sent home this week, their own individual learning concepts for Mathematics.

**QSCHOOLS APP**


The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from Queensland state schools.

**How do I download the QSchools app?**

To download the app visit the application store for your device:

- iPhone/iPad
- Android
- Windows phone
- Windows PC

**Features**

The app integrates with the department’s preferred school website platform, allowing users to:

- find and favourite your school by searching for the school by name, searching a map or by searching for schools near your current location
- receive real-time notifications about statewide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications and important updates through the app
- access the latest news, events and newsletters from your school
- easily access your schools tuckshop and uniform shop information
- view information about your school including class times and contact details
- view social media feeds.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.

**Push notifications**

QSchools push notifications are here!

Push notifications will allow your favourite Queensland schools to push essential information directly to your device, including notifications of upcoming events and emergency alerts and important updates.

To receive push notifications, download the QSchools mobile app or ensure the app is up to date if you already have it.

QSchools app flyer (ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER)

This week is an extremely busy week.

**Upcoming events**

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<td>11/02/2015</td>
<td>P&amp;C General Meeting</td>
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<td>Rebekkah at Learning Support and HOC Network Meeting 8:30 – 3:30</td>
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<td>12/2/2015</td>
<td>Guidance Officer @ Seaforth Rebekkah and Kathy at Budget meeting</td>
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<td>23/2/2015</td>
<td>Alison Keeble @ Seaforth Speech Language Assessments Police Safety Circus Year 3’s @ Calen</td>
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<td>26 &amp; 27/2/2015</td>
<td>Rebekkah at Principals Conference</td>
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<td>5/3/2015</td>
<td>Annette Chappell at 7 Steps to Writing Success PD</td>
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<td>18/3/2015</td>
<td>School Performance Tours @ Seaforth – A Swag of Tales 9am $6</td>
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<td>Term 2 Week 1</td>
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Have a great week!
Regards, Rebekkah & Annette

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (Week 2)

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<td>Cooper Forster</td>
<td>A sensational first week of Prep.</td>
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<td>1/2</td>
<td>Ruby Irving</td>
<td>A helpful and supportive class member.</td>
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<td>2/3</td>
<td>Renee Doumergue</td>
<td>Greta explanations of Maths thinking.</td>
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<td>3/4</td>
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<td>5/6</td>
<td>Bailey Kennedy</td>
<td>For staying focused and offering great ideas in class discussions.</td>
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<td>YCDI</td>
<td>Kira Atherton</td>
<td>demonstrating resilience, confidence, persistence, organisation and getting along skills. All in one week!</td>
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INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (Week 3)

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<td>Prep</td>
<td>Chelsea Webster</td>
<td>Super Work! And for trying her best at all times.</td>
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<td>1/2</td>
<td>Trinity Cowley</td>
<td>Her wonderful effort in writing.</td>
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<td>Lincoln Garfath</td>
<td>Impressive homework and spelling results.</td>
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<td>3/4</td>
<td>Tyler Cook</td>
<td>For an awesome start to the school year.</td>
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<td>5/6</td>
<td>Darragh Coffey</td>
<td>Exceptional story writing.</td>
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SHAVE FOR A CURE
Zooper Dooper’s (iceblocks) will be for sale every Wednesday 2nd break. The cost is 50c each. This is to support Ava Wright’s shave for a cure campaign.

P & C NOTICES
MEETING
The P&C General Meeting will be held this Wednesday 11/2 at 8:45am in the back room of the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

TUCKSHOP
We are in desperate need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out please see Carrol Harris (tuckshop convenor) or Denyelle at the office.

UNIFORM SHOP
Open Monday and Wednesday 8:00am – 9:00am

The shipment of new hats has come in. At this stage there is only sizes 55 and 57 to purchase. We need to sell the stocks of sizes 53 and 59 before the new hats are purchased in these sizes. The hats are royal blue in colour and are reversible with the other side being either red or green (house colours)

UNIFORM PRICES
Jumpers $20.00 (Sz 6-16)
Shirts - $25.00
Skorts - $14.00 (Sz 4-8)
Hats - $15.00
Homework folder - $12.00
Heavy duty chair bag - $11.00
Pencil case - $6.00

BUFFSTARS COFFEE
A mobile coffee café will be at school from 7:45am every Monday morning. Find us in the grass field behind Mrs William’s classroom.

TAI CHI
Held in the school library every Friday morning from 9am-10am. $5 for the session.

VIOLIN LESSONS
Chelsea Jansen - violinist from 3Way Crossing.
Lessons at Seaforth School Thursday afternoons after school. If you are interested, please phone Chelsea 040 223 1740 Or email Chelsea Jansen - transactbusiness@outlook.com
Blue Card holder
Fee - $40 for 60 mins or $30 for 45 mins.

PARKING
Please park in the designated parking areas for drop off and pick up of children. These are on the grassed area behind Mrs Williams classroom (2/3) or the carpark at the end of the concrete walkway, that leads to the grassed area at the side of the school. Please do not park in front of the houses beside the school as this is both dangerous and illegal. There are marked signs that convey this message. And lastly, do not park in the staff parking or kindy parking unless you are a kindy parent dropping off kindy kids.

INSERTS-
- YCDI- Confidence.
- Maths- Basic Maths Concepts
- 2015 School Calendar
- QSchools
ELECTRICIAN
SEAFORTH AREA

- ELECTRICAL REPAIRS
- MAINTENANCE
- INSTALLATIONS
- BOAT/MARINE WIRING

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