TERM 1 WEEK 4
FROM THE PRINCIPALS

JAKE GARRETT FOUNDATION DAY

It takes a village to raise a child and a village to support a family who has lost a child.

On Friday 27th February our school will be supporting grieving families through the Jake Garrett Foundation. This foundation has been magnificent in supporting the Staib Family who recently lost a child.

We are asking families to join us by wearing blue free dress for the day and bringing along a donation.

The Jake Garrett Foundation was established in April of 2013 by Helen Garrett after the death of her son Jake Garrett. The foundation aims to alleviate the burden of losing a child on families. We aim to create an environment of love and warmth to do whatever is needed at the very worst time in a parent’s life.

SERVICES

We provide a grief service to families who have lost a child under the age of 17yrs old or 18yrs old in full time secondary schooling.

We provide financial relief to families who have lost a child by making a direct payment to the funeral service of the families’ choice of $1000.

Provides families with grief support material for parents, siblings, grandparents and other relatives of a child who has died. Our family support pack contains books that directly relate to the death of a child and books that deal with death in general. This pack also contains books provided to us by SIDS Qld. We are currently increasing our range of books for children dealing with the death of a loved one.

Provides families who have lost a child with a 24hr phone number to provide support in the immediate days following the death and until required.

If you know someone or a family that needs support, please phone Helen Garrett 0448121040 or email: helen@jakegarrettfoundation.org.au and provide some details for her to make contact with them.

Mrs Chappell will donate a $25 EB Games voucher to the best dress ‘Blue’ student.
GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE
Last year additional funding was provided to all schools to ensure 100% of students achieved above National Minimum Standards in Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN testing. This funding will continue in 2015 and this year our school has continued to increase our Teacher Aide hours to support individual students requiring additional sight word and reading intervention. We have found in the past years that this is the most successful support in raising the literacy standards. Parents with students accessing this funding will receive a note home later this week.

YEAR 3 CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION
Next week the Year 3 children will be travelling by bus to join the other Year 3 students from the Northern Highway schools for a cyber-safety presentation. Information was sent home last week and we would like to thank the families who have promptly returned permission forms and money. We only have three families left to finalise paperwork, so please return these by Thursday.

LIFE EDUCATION
Life Education is being held on Wednesday the 18th and Thursday the 19th of February. The cost is $6/student. Please see attached sheet for information and permission slip. Sorry for the late notice.

NAPLAN INFORMATION SESSIONS
Next Monday 23rd February, I will hold a NAPLAN Parent Information Session at 9am following parade in the library. Please bring along any questions or concerns you might have regarding the national testing agenda.

If there are parents who are unable to make this time, please email me rpoll19@eq.edu.au or the.principal@seaforthss.eq.edu.au and we can make alternative arrangements for you.

Further information can be found at http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME
On Wednesday 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.

PARKING
Please note that the carparks beside the school and kindy are not for school families. These are only for kindy families, disabled parents/carers and staff. Staff parking are those parks along the left side and kindy parking are the 8 in the middle. Please don’t be upset if you are asked to relocate your vehicle or a reminder note is left on your windscreen.

Parent parking has been donated by the developer beside the houses on Seaforth Road (10 parks) and he also has continued the contract to mow his vacant land (state 6 of Avalon Estate) for parents to access this area as additional parking close to the school. Alternatively, there are limited parking spaces in front of the school. Please be mindful of the signs outlining no standing as well as maximum 5 minute parking.

ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR – Alan Whitfield
As many of you are aware, Mr John Wessell was our ARD for the past years (and Angela Collins Term 4). John retired last year and his position was not filled and Angela has been appointed to Secondary Schools. Mr Alan Whitfield will act in the position for Semester 1/2015. We would like to make Alan feel welcome at our school as he visits next Monday afternoon.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS
Last week in the P&C Meeting there was some clarification required around the Guidance Officer role.

Guidance Officers are provided to schools based on student enrolments. The majority of time is spent carrying out assessments, observations, contacting specialists and other support staff in the diagnosis, verification and profiling of students requiring additional support. This is an extremely lengthy process.

Counselling for families – this is best carried out by a councillor/social worker or psychologist as support and resources are not provided within Education Queensland. Larger schools are able to be more flexible with funding and apply to have access to the Chaplin Services, or have chosen to employ councillors or social workers.

GPs – Traditionally GPs were able to service families, however, there simply isn’t the time available anymore and the government is aware of this also and has supported GPs by providing medicare support to psychologists. All that is needed is that you make an appointment with your GP (and let the receptionist know that you want a longer consultation) and discuss options for a referral under the mental health plan. This is a plan that is made with the GPs to refer you or
a member of your family, or the whole family to cover a multitude of issues. Such as: anxiety, depression, family separation, death of a family member, relationships (parent/parent or child/parent), etc.

The referral and plan allows you to access free or reduced psychologist sessions depending on who you want to see. During the GP appointment they will refer you for a number of sessions. If additional sessions are needed, then the GP can arrange additional support.


Upcoming events

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CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Students who are keen for extra training in preparation for the upcoming cross country events and were born from 2006 onwards are welcome to remain after school on Mondays until 3:15pm to train with myself and any parents who wish to help. This is for students who are keen runners as we will be working hard! J

If you wish for your child to participate you will need to complete the attached permission form and return no later than Friday 20th February.

Roanna Capone-Watson

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.

INSERTS-
- Life Education
- Cross Country Training

P & C NOTICES

SOCIAL GET TOGETHER

The P&C would like to extend an invitation to all Families to the Seaford Beach (enclosure area) this Friday afternoon. We will be meeting after school for a simple BBQ and social afternoon. Please BYO drinks and nibbles (optional). Bring along footy/cricket bat/handball and enjoy an afternoon with Seaforth SS families. The P&C will provide steak burgers, sausage sizzle and ice blocks (ice blocks for the children). We look forward to seeing you there.

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

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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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.

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.

‘COME AND TRY DAY’
At Ball Bay campground. Saturday 21st February from 10am to 1pm
If you have ever thought about volunteering for a local community group or participating in some community or fitness activity, come along to the Ball Bay Campground on Saturday 21st February from 10am to 1pm. Here is what is on offer:

Rural Fire Services - free rides on “Little Squirt” the mini fire truck, meet “Blazer” the RFS mascot, volunteering information and fire trucks on display

Seaforth Progress & Sports Assn - information and Book Stall; you can also sign up on the day for the SPSA Fun Run which is being held on Sunday 19th April.

QCWA - Information and Activities stall—sew and your Teddy Bear, Bead a bracelet, weave a God’s Eye ornament, make recycled plastic bag flowers

St John First Aid Kits

Mackay Regional Council (Information about Coasts & Communities Project; Water conservation; Disaster & emergency management; Club Connect Program, Pest Management)

The Waste Education trailer will be on site and you can go into the draw to win a “Worm Farm” plus other free give aways. The Trailer will have a “Cartridges 4 Planet Ark” drop off box for used toner cartridges and a MobileMuster drop off box for free recycling for all types of mobile phones and phone accessorie.

Qld Ambulance Service (subject to availability).

There will be a sausage sizzle run by the Mackay & District Bowmen and the Buffstars Coffee Trailer on site.

Try Tai Chi with Carol and Ann from “Seaforth Tai Chi for Health”

If your community/fitness/sporting group would like to join in, please phone Carolyn on 0409 400 249 by 16th Feb to book a spot.

SOCCER
Anyone interested in playing Soccer Fixtures? We are looking for 2 under 5 players. We train at Hampden State School on Friday afternoons. If you are interested please phone Rex or Katrina on 0417 711 952.

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