TERM 2 WEEK 1
FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Attendance
As at 31/3/2015 – 94%
Compared to end Term 1/2014 – 92.4%
End of 2015 Goal – 95%
End of 2014 – 91.5%
We currently have 9 students on attendance plans who are failing to attend school 85% of the time.
Attendance summaries are going home today as a courtesy to families, to let them know how their child is going with attendance at school.

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After teaching for 42 years, 32 of those as principal in a diverse range of locations from Brisbane to Badu Island in the Torres Strait, I thought I would retire following my 60th birthday at the end of 2012. However it seems it wasn’t meant to be and I’ve been regularly working in relieving administrator capacity since day 1, 2013.

My first acting principal role was at Longreach and since then I’ve replaced principals and deputy principals at Pinnacle, Homebush, Dundula, Walkerston, Oakenden, Bucasia, Koumala, Coningsby and now here!

Each school has been different in many ways and I’ve certainly enjoyed this diversity of environment, procedures, students, staff and parents. I’m sure I will thoroughly enjoy my time here at Seaforth, as well, based on the staff and parents I have met so far. I’m committed to making a positive contribution to the Seaforth State School community and I look forward to working collaboratively with you in this regard.

THANKS REBEKKAH
Wow! What an unexpected and swift turn of events Seaforth went through in the last fortnight of Term 1 that finds me writing this newsletter article instead of Rebekkah!

Not only did Rebekkah receive an appointment to Bucasia State School as Deputy Principal, but this appointment date was subsequently brought forward, leaving everyone, including Rebekkah herself, a little shell-shocked with the speed of her departure.

I wish to congratulate the school’s parent body and staff for going out of their way at such short notice to arrange a farewell tribute and wonderful gift for Rebekkah in recognition of the 12 years of professional, dedicated service she committed to Seaforth, ensuring the highest quality of education was provided to all students.

Rebekkah loved working at Seaforth, and we all know that when you love the job you do and who you’re working with and for, you’ll be giving 100% all the time.

Rebekkah will be missed, but until a new permanent principal is appointed to commence in Semester 2 you can be assured both Annette and I will be working flat out to maintain the positive momentum of Rebekkah’s legacy.

Please see the letter Rebekkah has forwarded, which is attached to this newsletter.

BUSY TERM
I trust you recharged the batteries during the holidays because this term begins with a flurry of activity!

A quick look at the calendar shows a busy time ahead with the Sub District Cross Country, Anzac Day, NAPLAN, Sports Days, School Photos, Parent-Teacher Interviews and Semester 1 Reports just some of the activities ear-marked.

ANZAC CENTENARY
Saturday’s Anzac Centenary celebrations will no doubt be attended by record crowds across Australia due to the significance of the Gallipoli campaign in defining our nation’s history and forging our future identity.

Seaforth students will have leading roles in the local ceremony where they will also lay a wreath. You will find details of this ceremony later in this newsletter.

During this week teachers will engage their students in activities which highlight the sacrifices our Diggers made at Gallipoli, as well as the following battles of World War 1 and the numerous wars and conflicts since.

After lunch on Friday members of the local RSL sub-branch will also speak to our students, and I’m sure this will add to the impact and importance of this time of remembrance and reflection for them all.

I always find it a privilege to attend the annual Anzac Day observances as it allows me to meet more veterans and better understand the sacrifices they made on our behalf. I’m sure you feel the same.

SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE
The school is holding their own service on Friday the 24th of April in the Library at 8:40am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lest we forget
Howard Frost
Acting Principal.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Please drop in or phone the office to make an appointment in the first or second week of Term 2 with your child’s class teacher. This is a great time to see what your child has done over the past term and plan for the coming term and their individual learning goals.

CALEN CROSS COUNTRY – SEAFORETH THIS WEDNESDAY
This Wednesday will be the Calen District Cross Country event. Students that are participating in this event would have received a note home on the day of the Seaforth State School Cross Country. Please make sure you send these to the office by Tuesday the 21/4. We will begin at 9am.

WELCOME
A warm Seaforth welcome is extended to the Fitcher family, newly arrived from Footscray Victoria. I’m sure Maggie (Yr 2), Ella (Yr 3) and Lenny (Yr 5) will be made very welcome by their class mates.

Have a great week!
Regards, Howard & Annette

SEAFORTH ANZAC DAY CEREMONY DETAILS
Assembly- 5:45am in front of the Rural Fire Brigade Building.
March Off- 6:00am sharp
Ceremony- At the Cenotaph near the Post Office shop.
Guest Speaker-Retired Colonel James Dittmar

SCHOOL PHOTO INFORMATION
Advanced Life will be taking the School Photo’s on Thursday the 30th of April. Photo envelopes were sent out the 2nd last week of school.
If you need a sibling envelope/individual envelope, please see Denyelle at the office.
UPCOMING EVENTS

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P & C NOTICES

CALEN CROSS COUNTRY
The tuckshop will be running a food stall at the Calen District Cross Country which is being held here Wednesday morning. All students can place orders. They put their name, class and order on a brown paper bag and drop it in the green box at the foot of the office stairs on Wednesday. If you wish to send it to school earlier, take the order to the office. Please let your child know that they will have to collect their own bags at break time.

Please see the menu below for ordering options.

Because we are having cross country on Wednesday we will not have Tuckshop.

Interschool Cross Country Menu

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TUCKSHOP
No Tuckshop this Friday due to Cross Country tuckshop being held on Wednesday the 22nd April.