**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**THANKYOU! THANKYOU! THANKYOU!**

You may have noticed over the last weeks we have had volunteers helping with our students. Darcy Cahill and Stacey Said have been working wonders with our students and I want to wish Darcy all the very best with her studies as she commences university. I do hope to see her back when she is completing the practical side of her teaching degree.

I also want to thank Stacey who has been helping out while she recovers from a broken wrist. She has been an awesome support and we will miss her.

I want to also formerly thank Mrs Janeece Condon who has completed her prac placement recently. It was wonderful to work with Janeece and I am very impressed with her organisational skills and classroom management.

Kym Neven is also joining us this year to complete her practicum hours as part of her Cert 3 in Educational Support and it is lovely to have Leanne Reid rejoin us to complete her Certificate in Education Support.

Mrs Gail Davey will be joining our team to offer support in our library and we wish her a warm welcome to Seaforth State School.

**COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM THE CLASSROOMS**

If you are picking up your child/ren from the classrooms of years 1-6 please wait on the grassed areas out from the buildings. Prep parents are to pick up from the classroom. Thankyou in advance for your cooperation.

**CONSENT FORMS**

Recent changes to the State Schools Media Consent Form require all families to complete the form attached to this newsletter and return to Mrs Frost in the office. We are required to have on file the most up to date version. Thankyou for your assistance with this.

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**NAME**  |  **CLASS**  |  **AWARDED FOR**
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Zane Casey  |  Prep  |  For always being a keen and interested learner!
Corey McKenzie  |  1/2  |  For always being on task!
Mason Reid  |  2/3  |  For being a keen positive learner!
Ashlinn Fleming  |  3/4  |  For always being Safe, Responsible & Respectful!
Charlie White  |  4/5/6  |  For outstanding results in Maths!
Lamee Francis  |  4/5/6  |  For amazing Maths results!

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**PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE**

**MAKES THE WORLD A NICE PLACE**

**BY JAZ NEWTON**

Well done to Elijah and Ashlinn for completing their math booklets and receiving an awesome award for their continual hard work in the Year 3/4 classroom.
The Awesome Preps

Just an update on life in Prep. This week we wished Mrs Francis a safe and happy, big holiday adventure with her family, but something new and exciting is ALWAYS happening in the Prep classroom.

There is so much to learn – from writing our name, to doing homework for the first time, to knowing all sorts of rules and routines, but we have been up for the challenge and have made our families and teachers proud already.

Maths has been largely about knowing the numbers 0-10 inside out and thanks to our Jolly Phonics and THRASS practising, we already know 11 letters and sounds! Learning sight words and how to read can be tricky, but we practise daily and are even preparing to present a talk about our favourite book as part of our English unit.

Naturally, we enjoy all our special lessons like H.P.E. with Mrs Neilsen and History with Mrs Denman and we absolutely love Music with Mrs Stablum.

Our Science unit about the living world has involved us doing many hands on activities as we explore our use of the five senses to observe living things and what they need to survive. Just look at the photos of our investigations.

Soon we will be making our Easter hats for our “eggciting” special parade. Then we can look for the photos of our investigations.

In addition there are also procedures for students who travel to/from school with regards to Seaforth Creek – a safe and happy, big holiday adventure with her family, but something new and exciting is ALWAYS happening in the Prep classroom.

First Year Pictorial Feature – Preps of 2016

Our Seaforth State School Prep class photo will be published in the Daily Mercury on Wednesday 23rd March, 2016 as part of their annual “First Year Pictorial Feature”. Make sure you buy a copy of the Daily Mercury on this day so you can see your big Preppie shine!

ANNUAL EASTER HAT PARADE

All parents, family members and friends of students in Playgroup, Prep, Year ½ and Year 2/3 are invited to our Seaforth Easter Hat Parade! Students will be making their hats in class so you just get to come along and enjoy the fun. Each class will be putting on a short performance, showing off their wonderful Easter hat creations and then we’ll be getting a surprise visitor with some chocolate treats so bring your cameras!

When: Wednesday, 23rd March.
Time: 9.00 am
Where: Seaforth School Library
SEE YOU THERE EVERYONE!!!

PARKING FOR DAYCARE VAN

Could parents please refrain from parking in the staff disabled carpark each afternoon so that Daycare Emma can park her van there. This ensures safety at all times when picking up ‘After School Care Children’. She will only be parked there between 2.30pm -2.45pm. Thanks for your cooperation!

LIFE ED VAN VISIT

Life Ed to visit Wednesday 9th March & Thursday 10th March. Cost: $6 per child

DO THE WRITE THING

Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival

WEDNESDAY 13 JULY • SATURDAY 16 JULY 2016

Be inspired by two exciting days of informative and entertaining author talks and artist performances in July! Seaforth will be engaging in this event this year.

CYCLONE PREPARATIONS

Each year we remind families about the procedures to follow when there is a concern about the weather. If you are at home and wondering if school will be on due to the weather or a forecast of heavy rain and a cyclone in our vicinity, please listen to ABC Tropical North (101.10) for the latest in school closures. We are unable to close a school unless there is an immediate threat or danger from the weather making it unsafe to return to work. However, everything is done in our power to ensure that schools are open for business to enable parents to return to work or deal with their own clean up.

SPORTS GALA DAY

Northern Suburbs and Calen Sub-District + Victoria Park State School & Alligator Creek State School are conducting a combined schools sports Gala Day on 18th March at various venues around Mackay. The aim for this day is to give all students in years 4 - 6 an opportunity to participate in organised sport (not just skills and drills).

I feel this will be a great experience for Seaforth State School students to participate in this event. Students will have the opportunity to meet other students from various schools and become part of a team showcasing skills and developing social interactions.

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Mrs Chappell, Miss Sue and Miss Justine will travel with the students to be apart of this great event. Mrs Kay Rye

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

Student Council will meet Thursday 10th at 1:05pm in Mrs Rye’s office