**Diary Dates**

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**Principal’s Message**

Welcome, students, staff and parents to the 2017 academic year. I trust you have enjoyed a restful summer break and are eagerly anticipating the excitement that lies ahead for Term One. Our school enrolment is 318 this year and we again have 14 classes.

A big welcome to our new Foundation (Prep) students and their families. For the four Wednesdays in February, Foundation students are not required at school but are scheduled individually with their classroom teacher to participate in an introductory interview.

We also warmly welcome new staff members: James Barger, Samantha Skarecky, Sandra Kelly and Summer Chen.

Term One is shaping up to be very busy with the Japanese Nagoya University Student Homestay Program, Cyber Safety Information Night, Summer Sport competition for the grade 5/6s and Interschool Swimming Carnival for some students in grades three to six. Assembly has returned to the usual Tuesday time of 9am.

This term lunch orders are available on Mondays and Fridays, provided by Bezirk Cafe. Orders need to be placed in the class basket at the beginning of the day and are taken to Bezirks by 9.30am. The Tuck Shop will also be open on these days. We require parent volunteers for the Tuck Shop. If you are able to assist, please fill in the roster at the school office.

Yesterday our school was visited by 26 students and 4 teachers from the Beijing First Experiment Primary School. The students toured the school and spent some time in classrooms. Thanks to Mr B’s class who were the highlight of the visit for the students.

Have a lovely week, Merridy Patterson

**2017 Term Dates**

Term 1: 30 January (teachers start) to 31 March
Term 2: 18 April (Tuesday) to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 September
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

**REMINDER**
Term one is a compulsory hat term. All students are to have their Seaholme hat during lunches, recesses and any outdoor activities.
Reporting Student Absence
Seaholme Primary School’s telephone system has an auto-attend function, which allows parents to report a student absence at any time. When reporting an absence via this system, parents need to clearly state their child’s first name, surname name, grade and reason for the absence. The other method of reporting a student absence is via the school website. Either of these functions is acceptable.

Tuck Shop Helpers Wanted
If you can spare some time, please add your name to the list at the office.

CSEF Term One
The camps, sports and excursion fund (CSEF) is back again in 2017 for eligible families. Parents can apply now and following a successful application, won’t need to apply again unless their child changes schools. Parents will receive $125 per child, per year. Families are strongly encouraged to apply by downloading an application form. For more information, ask at the office.

After School Chinese Program
Provided by: Sino Bridge Education - XinJinShan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc.
Learn Mandarin Chinese while having fun!
Chinese Painting, Crafts, Cooking, Games...
Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing basic Chinese.
The After School Chinese program is $100 for one term or $180 for two terms. 3.45—5.30 pm Tuesdays
This program will run provided there are sufficient numbers.
Please return the attached slip to the office by Monday 13th February.

Comments from our new Preps in response to “Tell me about school….”
Thomas “It’s awesome, it’s the best thing”
Charlotte “I like reading and playing outside”
Lexus “I love coming to school”
Malak “I like doing Art and stuff”
Maya “School is good. The best thing is reading”
Ayah “I like playing with my sister”
Olivia “School is nice”
Ella “I like playing the unicorn game, it is so good”

I would like my child/children ……………………………………… to participate in the after school Chinese Language classes.
Signed ……………………………………………………. Date ……………………………………...
SUNSMART REMINDER

Seaholme Primary School is a registered SunSmart school member committed to ensuring students and staff are protected from too much UV which can cause skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Our school uniform includes covering clothing and sun protective hats and we have shady spaces for students to access. But we need your help.

SunSmart recommends SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen be applied to any skin not covered by clothing. Our school will be implementing strategies to help remind students to apply sunscreen before school.

Please help support this initiative by:

Applying SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen to your child's exposed skin prior to school.

Japanese Homestay 2017

Japanese University Students will be visiting our school from Sunday 19 Feb to Tuesday 7 March

The annual Japanese Cultural Day will be held on Tuesday 28th February

Welcome to our new Seahorses. Thanks to everyone who contributed to our seahorse fund last year. Their names will be announced soon.
To the Amazing Students at Seaholme Primary School

On behalf of the animals in our care at the moment - we would like to thank you for your outstanding effort in raising $300 through your Out of School Uniform Day.

At the moment your money helps us save the lives of our animals. We are expecting over 5000 animals to come into our shelter, so we appreciate all of the support that we receive over the Christmas Period.

Once again, thank you!

Licks and sniffs

RSPCA Victoria.

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Fun & Funds
Seaholme Primary School Fundraising

On Tuesday 14th February after Assembly we will be having our first Fundraising meeting for 2017.

Please come to the Staff Tea room for a cuppa & chat about possible Fundraising ideas for this year. We would love to see some new volunteers and some fresh fundraising ideas.

Come along and meet a few new faces and give your input – great or small.

We look forward to seeing you there

Kerri, Karen, Simone, Sue & Team

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Book Club

The first issue of the Scholastic Book Club is out now. Orders are due by Thursday 16th Feb. Please ensure all orders are placed via the Scholastic website (www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Thank you

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Seaholme Primary School Walkers Group

The Seaholme Primary Walkers Group leaves at 9.15am each Friday morning from the staff carpark entrance on Civic Parade. We walk for approximately 1 hour and then stop for a well earned coffee and chat. Any members of the Seaholme Primary community are welcome to join in. Its a great way to improve your fitness and meet new friends.