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**Principal's Message**

Welcome, students, staff and parents to the 2015 academic year. I trust you have enjoyed a restful summer break and are eagerly anticipating the excitement that lies ahead for Term One.

This year we welcome 65 preps and their families to the school. Our school enrolment has climbed to 327 and increased the number of classes to 14. We warmly welcome Alex Baldie as our new Grade P/1 teacher.

Term 1 is shaping up to be very busy with the Japanese Nagoya University Student Homestay Program, Family Picnic & Movie Night, Summer Sport competition for the grade 5/6’s and interschool Swimming Carnival for some students in grades three to six.

As you may already know, our school will be receiving a maintenance upgrade this year. Several Architectural Companies have visited in preparation for preparing for tender. One high priority for us is to have the student toilets refurbished.

This term the bakery across the road from the school will be preparing our lunch orders on Mondays and Wednesdays. Orders will need to be placed the day before, as we did last year. This arrangement will commence on Wednesday 11th February - next week. Attached to the newsletter is the new lunch order list. We will also be opening the canteen on these days to sell snacks at recess and lunchtime. We require parent volunteers to make this a success. If you are able to assist, please fill in the attached slip and return it to the school office. We will arrange a roster and get back to you with dates and times.

Have a good week,  Merridy Patterson

**REMINDER**  Term one is a compulsory hat term. All students are to have their Seaholme hat during lunches, recesses and any outdoor activities.

**2015 TERM DATES**

Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start) to 27 March

Term 2: 13 April to 26 June

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September

Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

**OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE**

Please making your booking on 0407 351 811

Please note………School Council has made the decision to increase the cost of After School Care by $2 to $15 per night. The price increase is needed to ensure the costs of providing the program are met. This is still a low cost for OSHC and we do not aim to make a profit from this program. Before School Care costs remain at $10. The school has received approval to increase our enrolment from 45 to 60 students as demand for places has increased. Additional staff will be employed for some sessions.
Japanese Student Teacher Visit
This year, once again, we will be conducting the Homestay Program for student teachers from Nagoya University in Japan. Six student teachers will be placed at Seaholme from Monday 23rd February to Friday 6th March. They will spend time in the classrooms teaching our students basic words and phrases and sharing cultural information about Japan. In addition to this, the student teachers will also participate in English language lessons. We thank the host families for making the commitment to share their home with the student teachers. We are sure that this exchange program will be fantastic for our school community as we share Japanese and Australian cultures.

Fun 'n Funds
An invitation is extended to any 'old' or 'new' parents/grandparents or friends to join the Fun 'n Funds team in the Parents/Staff Room next Tuesday Feb 10th after assembly. Our Fun 'n Funds team do a great job organizing activities during the year to help raise funds that go towards making a difference within our school. Eg. Mothers/Fathers Day stalls, raffles etc. If you are interested, please come along and introduce yourself, have a chat and a cuppa. Toddlers are welcome.

## Prep children will only attend school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until the end of February.##

Many thanks to Matthew Slocum for placing signage and numbers on our wheelie bins.

Seaholme Primary Family Picnic & Movie Night
The school will be holding our annual outdoor movie night and we hope you can all come and join in the fun!

DATE: Friday 13th February
TIME: Family picnic beginning 7:00pm
       Movie to commence at dusk, approx 8:15pm
SCREENING: The Lego Movie (PG 100 mins)
VENUE: School oval (if inclement weather, then school hall)
COST: FREE
WHAT TO BRING: Blankets or beanbags to sit on, food/drink (picnic hamper/fish 'n chips etc). Low chairs are best to avoid blocking others' vision. There will be popcorn, drinks and ice-creams available for purchase on the night.

Canteen
Name:.................................................................
I am available to volunteer in the canteen on:
Monday ……………………(date) at recess □ lunch □
Wednesday……………….. (date) at recess □ lunch □
Please tick the boxes. Return the slip to the school office.
Altona Magic Soccer Club is seeking soccer players to join our "Miniroos" this coming season 2015, we have positions available for the following age groups.
- Under 7’s (5 to 7 yrs)
- Under 8’s, 9’s, 10’s, 11’s.
Training is on Tuesday and Thursday nights 6pm to 7pm.
Venue: Paisley Park Soccer Complex, Cnr Mills street and Ross road, Altona North.
For further inquiries please visit www.altonamagic.com.au or contact us at altonamagic@hotmail.com or 0411 023 661

Seaholme Lunchtime Activities - 1:45 to 2:15pm everyday
This year we will be having special activities during lunchtime every day of the week. So Boys and Girls, if you’d like a change from playing outside check these out. Mums and Dads please have a look at what’s on offer and encourage your child to participate.

Mondays
Library Lunchtime with Miss Watt.
Go to the library at lunchtime and read a book, do some drawing or talk to your friends.

Tuesdays
Drawing Club in the Art Room with Mrs Wraight
Go to the art room. Mrs Wraight will have paper and drawing equipment ready for you to do free drawing.

Wednesdays
Sport with Mr Romeyn
Mr Romeyn will organise and umpire a variety of sports. Listen out for the announcement and Mr Romeyn will tell you where to meet him.

Thursdays
Games Club with Ms D Brown in Performing Arts Room
The computers and games trolley will be ready for you to use. Come and build a tower or play a board game.

Fridays
Movie Club with Mr Grech in the Performing Arts Room
Mr Grech will screen a variety of G rated movies. What a great way to wind down from a busy week!