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**NEWSLETTER
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Diary Dates

Term 1	
Fri 12th Feb	Summer Sport commenced for grades 5&6
Mon 22 Feb	Japanese homestay University students arrive
Tuesday 23rd Feb 9.30am	Parent reading information session—staffroom
Wed March 2	Japanese Cultural Day
Monday 29th February	School council meeting 7.00pm
Thurs March 3rd	5/6 Chinese Museum Incur- sion
Wed 10th March	2015 Grade 6's return to talk to 5/6's
Friday 11th March	P,1,2 IncurSION 'Amy's Amazing Adventure'
Fri 18 March	Family picnic night with live music
Mon 21st March	School Photos
Thursday 24th March	Grade 3-6 Roald Dahl play. Last day of term 2.30 dis- missal—Easter Raffle drawn

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



2016

Term 1: 27 January (school teachers start) to 24 March (as 25 March is public holiday) *

Term 2: 11 April to 24 June

Term 3: 11 July to 16 September

Term 4: 3 October to 20 December

Principal's Message

YARD SUPERVISION

Please make sure children do not arrive too early at school or remain late in the afternoon. The yard will be supervised each day from 8:45 - 9am and 3:30 - 3:45pm. Parents are reminded that they are responsible for their child outside of these times and that before and after-school care is available from 6.45 - 8.45am and 3:30 - 6pm Monday to Friday.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Thank you to all who came along to our Parent Information Sessions. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. As mentioned at the sessions, please make an appointment with your child's teacher if you have individual information to share or any issues to discuss.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The school council meets eight times a year to discuss the school policies, support community involvement and raise funds for special projects which support the school's four-year strategic plan. Council meets on Monday nights from 7.00 pm until no later than 9.30pm.

At the beginning of each year the school council election is held. This year there are four parent vacancies. Interested parents are reminded to collect a nomination form from the office. Nominations must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Tuesday 16/2/2016. If we receive more than 4 nominations we will proceed to an election.

THANK YOU

Over the summer holidays, several families gave up their time to water the school's gardens and help maintain our grounds. Thank you to Glenn, Natalie and Ed who took the time to do this. We have all enjoyed returning to our wonderfully green surrounds.

PARENT HELPERS

Many of our parents work in classrooms to support teachers and help students with learning. Next Tuesday morning, 23rd February, after assembly we will be running a reading session for parent helpers and other interested parents.

PARKING

Parking in and around schools seems to be a problem in almost every school, including Seaholme Primary. At present we have additional cars and trucks accessing the grounds due to building works. Parents and carers, please ensure that you do the right thing and abide by the local rules and laws. Parking in 10 minute zones means that you are only permitted in this zone for 10 minutes maximum at the one time.

No parking in the school ground to pick up or drop off children - except when arriving early in the morning or after 4.30pm for OSHC pick ups and drop offs or when accessing the disabled park. These rules are in place to ensure that it is fair for all parents and safe for all children.

Have a great week, Merridy Patterson

CSEF – Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund 2016

Last year the Victorian Government introduced the CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) to assist eligible families with the cost of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. The annual CSEF amount per eligible student will be \$125 for primary and \$225 for secondary students. To be eligible you must hold a valid means tested concession card on the first day of term 1 (January 27th 2016) or term 2 (April 11th 2016). Application forms are available from the office. Eligible parents are encouraged to lodge the application form with the school office by February 29th 2016.

QKR NEWS!! Thank you to all those parents who made use of the QKR! app over the holidays to pay for OSHC and fees. This certainly made the lives of the office ladies a lot easier. Our new prep parents can now register on QKR! in addition to our current parents who have not as yet checked out the phone app. If you did register last year, you may need to re-register your children as the app has been updated with the 2016 homegroups. We have added Interschool Sports (5/6 students only) and 3 / 4 camp to the app.

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.

New Toilet

Our new disabled toilet, near the entry to the hall has been completed and is open.

This toilet is also available for use by parents and small children before and after school.



TUCK SHOP NEWS!

Dear Parents, we are looking for more volunteers to help out with the Tuck Shop during 2016. If you have a spare half hour for recess or an hour for lunch it would be much appreciated. Please leave your name on the roster on the office window! Thank you.

Student Awards

Prep !A	James R, Ava B
Prep/1 B	Savannah D, Cooper S, Harrison F
Prep/1F	Nawa H,
Prep/1M	JackS, Eamon K
2C	Natalee S, Scout H
2W	Billy W
3/4B	Jackson K, Erin P, Isabella S, Amos S
3/4C	Megan S,
3/4L	Morris D
5/6W	Mouneeb A, Lockie O,
5/6S	Marcus D

GARDEN WATERING HELPERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!

Since our garden is looking so lovely, we need to maintain its beauty! So if you have a spare hour please put your name down on our watering roster. Please see the office. Thank you



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