Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone that came to the Annual General Meeting. There was an informative and enthusiastic discussion of our Annual Report. This is available from the front office and will be placed on our website in the near future. An election was held and we are pleased to announce that the following form our Governing Council for 2013. A big thank you was also given to retiring Governing Councilor Sarah Perrau as well as some fond and poignant memories given of Monika Zachariasz who sadly passed away last year.

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SEACLIFF students enjoyed a highly successful Sports Day in warm and sunny conditions. Our teams started the day with an energetic and fun dance style warm up led by Amanda from Footsteps Dance. They then proceeded to the tabloid events located throughout the school. Students competed in obstacle courses, beach volleyball, water relays, accuracy throw, dress up races and the more traditional sprint, long jump and high jump events. After lunch many of our students demonstrated their speed in the sprint races and then their endurance in the distance events.

At the conclusion of the day it was the GREEN team who finished on top just a few points ahead of the RED team who had led for most of the morning. The BLUE and Yellow team were also highly competitive all day. Congratulations must go to everyone who competed. The effort, sportsmanship and enjoyment shown throughout the day were obvious to all.

Our sincere thanks must go to families that made cake donations and to our wonderful fundraising committee members who again worked tirelessly, not just on Sports Day but also in the weeks leading up to the day. Your work is very highly valued at Seacliff.

Thanks also to all of the parents and grandparents who supported the students throughout the day and to those who volunteered their help at the various events. The teachers and students certainly appreciated your contribution to the day.
“A HUGE THANKYOU”
to Brighton Foodland and Seacliff IGA who donated our fruit and water for sports day.

Below are extracts from the Annual Report 2012

**Literacy**

Reading across each cohort shows strong achievement when compared to the National and Regional means. All Seacliff cohorts achieved significantly above the Region (14 points or more) and above the National Mean. When compared to like schools our reading achievement comparison is significantly above in year 3 and 5 and similar in Year 7. School growth from Year 3-5 shows 85% of students are in the Middle or Upper progress group. Likewise school growth from Year 5-7 shows 70% of students are in the Middle or Upper progress group. Overall these are very strong results in reading and continue the trend of the last few years.

The Seacliff PS Year 3 cohort achieved significantly above the Southern Adelaide Region in all aspects of literacy tested. The cohort also achieved above the national mean in reading.

The Seacliff PS Year 5 cohort achieved significantly above Southern Region in reading and grammar and above or similar levels to the Southern Adelaide Region in all other Literacy aspects tested. They also achieved significantly above the national mean in reading.

The Seacliff PS Year 7 cohort achieved above the Southern Adelaide Region in all aspects of literacy tested. They also achieved above or at the national mean in all aspects except writing which was slightly below.

The support programs in literacy have been very successful. 89% of students in our R-2 reading support program reached or exceeded our target. The 21 students in the spelling support program achieved an average improvement of almost 19 months in a one year period.
Parent/Teacher/Student Discussions

As part of our reporting procedures we are holding parent/teacher/student discussions this term. This is a very valuable opportunity to gain information about your child’s progress. During three way discussions everyone has a role to play in discussing the child’s learning. Children demonstrate what they know as they share their achievements. The parents can find out about their child’s learning, have an opportunity to ask questions, express their ideas and help make plans to support their children’s learning at home. Teachers facilitate the three way conversations. They also support the students and their parents by providing information, elaborating and responding to specific questions and concerns. It is also a time for parents and teachers to get to know each other.

Sometimes teachers, parents or carers require time to discuss particular issues without your child being present. Please send your child to the library during the appointment if this is the case.

Parent/teacher/student discussions will start during the week of Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th April. Wednesday has been set aside as an evening when we are able to coordinate families. However we anticipate that not everyone will be able to attend during this week. If this is the case please make an alternative appointment with the teacher. A flier has been sent out to the eldest child in each family. Please return these by Wednesday 27 March.

SAPSASA Swimming

Thirteen of our club and surf swimmers represented Seacliff at the South West SAPSASA swimming carnival held at Westminster School. Competitors swam 50 metres in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly. There was also a 100 metre freestyle race. The district team will be selected from the carnival results. Well done to all of our swimmers and thank you very much to all of the parents who assisted with transport and time keeping on the day.

Year 6-7 Maths Challenge

Seacliff hosted a maths challenge run by the Maths Association of South Australia. It included teams from Christies Beach, Seaford, Seaview Downs, Gawler Lutheran College and of course Seacliff. The year 6 & 7 students were required to work in teams of 4 or 5 to solve a range of challenging maths problems. Our teams can be very proud of their efforts and co-operation and they certainly demonstrated some excellent understanding of some complex maths problems.
Eddy’s Frog Pond Adventure

On 19/02/13, Mr Moyle, Michael, Alex and I were working up at the frog pond to fix a leak that was making all the water go out. To get to the leak we had to get out all the silt and frogs and tadpoles out of the frog pond so we could fix it.

Alex and I went into the frog pond and helped Michael get all the silt out - it was a horrible smelly job. We had to pick up the silt and put it in a wheelbarrow and it stank! It took us at least two hours to get it all out.

When the silt was all out, me, Alex, Mr Moyle and Michael had to get nets and go in to catch all the frogs and tadpoles. We caught heaps of baby frogs and very big frogs.

When Alex was in there he went to try and catch a baby frog when he tripped and slipped and fell into the pond!!!! He ended up very muddy.

At the end of the day, we had gotten all the water out and frogs and tadpoles. It was a hard messy day, but we managed to change the pond liner and now it looks great again.

Alex and I sure needed a shower when we got home!

Eddy Gordon

Year 6, Room 13

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**NUMERACY**

Seacliff student’s **growth rates** have been higher than both comparison groups for three consecutive years. For 2012 this growth rate for our Year 5 students is 26 points more compared to the growth gained across the southern region (14 points is considered significant). Our Year 7 growth rates have been higher than the Southern Region over the same period of time however the actual results have been significantly above. This shows that the programs we are implementing are effective.

Our **Year 3** cohorts have achieved significantly above DECD mean, Southern Adelaide and like schools for 3 of the last 4 years. In 2012 they achieved 22 points above the DECD mean.

**Year 5** cohorts have achieved significantly above DECD mean for the last 3 years (at least 20 points). In 2012 they achieved above all comparison groups.

**Year 7** students achieved significantly above all comparison groups in 2011 and 2012.

The **Quicksmart** numeracy intervention program implemented for the first time in 2012 was a stunning success! Student improvement exceeded everyone’s expectations with 2/3 years growth in 9 months. What is also heartening is the students in the Comparison Group also showed improvement in the “strong” category.
Canteen News

1. New times for sales of iceblocks
   Due to iceblocks not being finished before classes, iceblocks will only be sold at the following times:

   - **Recess** - Zings and Icy-bites ONLY for the first 10 minutes of recess
   - **Lunch** - All iceblocks for sale until 1.20pm.

2. Due to the above restrictions of times there were a number of children who were not able to buy iceblocks on Sports Day. We apologise to any children who missed out.

3. We still have a number of “vacancies” in our canteen roster. If anyone is willing to do an extra shift, or if you are not yet a volunteer and would like to help, please contact the canteen for details.

4. We still have a small number of Gluten Free Sweet and Sour Pork with Rice meals left from the special meal deal. They can be purchased for $3.70. Please let us Canteen ladies know what meals you liked in the special meal deal.

5. We are now looking for that special sponsor for Term 2 Special Meal Deal. If you are interested in become a sponsor, and would like to know more about what we can offer your business and the terms of sponsorship, please contact Lynn or Ute at the canteen.

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**Brighton Secondary School Special Interest Music Auditions for current Year 7 students**

**to commence Secondary School 2014.**

- **Friday 10th May** round 1 year 7 applications close.
- **Saturday 18th May** 9am to 1.00pm year 7 pre audition assessment.
- **Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th May** Year 7 Audition (attended by invitation only).

For all enquiries please call Pam Parsons at Brighton Secondary School on 83758215
ROLL UP, ROLL UP! CARCLEW YOUTH ARTS

Carclew Youth Arts has partnered with the City of Onkaparinga to continue offering a range of arts programs for children and young people in Adelaide’s southern suburbs. If you’d like to stay up to date with all of the creative workshops and events being offered by ExpressWay Arts and City of Onkaparinga, please contact Tyson Brown at the City of Onkaparinga on (08) 8301 7273.

WORKSHOPS:

Circus Elements—FREE weekly circus workshops
Every Thursday commencing 14th February, 2013
Arts Centre Port Noarlunga: 6-12 years 4:30–6:00pm
3-18 years 6:30–8:00pm
Participants will learn juggling, plate spinning and manipulation, diabolo, unicycling, balance sticks, stilt walking, tumbling, human pyramids, pot spinning and much, much more!
Just some of the benefits of practising circus activity include hand eye co-ordination, balance, flexibility and team work, confidence and self esteem building.

Theatre Skills—FREE theatre workshops with Edwin Kemp Attrill
Every Tuesday commencing 12th February, 2013
Art Centre Port Noarlunga: 10-18 years 5:00–6:30pm
A fun and interactive introduction into the process of creating theatre. Workshops will cover a variety of creative, political, physical games and exercises. Content will be tailored to the views and interests of participants, and may include improvisation, creating short scenes, theatre games, writing and character work.
Edwin Kemp Attrill is a theatre director/producer and has worked extensively with young people, marginalised communities and on social justice projects.

BOOK NOW: Contact Chad Haber at Art Centre Port Noarlunga on (08) 8326 5577.
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Hi everyone

We are very excited to announce that the Living Eggs Ready to Hatch program will be on between 2/4/13 until 12/4/13 at OSHC. Everyone is welcome to come along to watch the development of these baby chickens.

Vacation Care programs are out now. To book, please fill out and return the booking sheet and also make sure that you have returned a completed 2013 enrolment form.

I’ve just attended a meeting with other OSHC Directors in the area and one of the topics discussed was fees. As it turns out, Seafill OSHC is the most affordable OSHC in the area! We pride ourselves on being able to keep the costs as low as possible whilst delivering an exception program that is safe and fun. Other OSHC’s are charging $50+ per day for Vac Care, $10+ for mornings and $18+ for afternoons!

The most successful addition to the program this year has been the introduction of a daily challenge. We are finding out just how clever our children are when set quizzes, find a words, solving codes etc. It has also been a great relationship builder for staff and children and good point of conversation between parents and staff.

If you are new to OSHC, please come and speak to Adam about how the government subsidies work. Even if your combined income is in excess of $133 000, the most you will pay for an OSHC session is half!

Btw, please find us on Facebook for details of our weekly programs, as well as other fun stuff!

Cheers,
Adam Panetta
OSH C Director.
OSH C Contact details: Phone 8298 3742, Mobile 0406 071 828

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**SEACLIFF SCHOOL eNEWSLETTER - DIRECT TO HOME?**

We would like to remind that we are now able to send to you our newsletter via email. Many families have joined our eNewsletter and we are able to add your email address any time. All you need you to do is to email us at: dl.0913.info@schools.sa.edu.au add the subject: “Sealiff enews direct” and “your child’s name”