Highlights For Term 1 2013

- Old Tailem Town Excursion for Middle Primary Students
- Easter Raffle - raised $1509.00
- Glenelg Football Club Clinics
- 80 students compete at Spikezone Beach Volleyball Carnival
- Sports Day
- Annual General Meeting
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Circus Performance and Workshops by Shannon McGurgan
- MASA extension maths challenge held at Seaciff PS
- Badminton Clinics
- Meet The School Community BBQ
- Brian Schiller winning the BHP Billiton Science Teacher Award for South Australia
- Seaciff Beach Excursions
- Performance of “Matilda” that students enjoyed

2013 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SCHOOL ETHOS

Each year Parents/carers and students are randomly selected to complete a DECD survey on the school ethos. All staff except the Principal, are also surveyed. All surveys are submitted electronically directly to DECD who compile the information. This is then sent to the school as part of their Annual General Report. The full version is included in the Annual Report which is available on our website. Just look for Annual Report 2013 on the right hand side of the home page. The following extract is from the Annual Report Brochure which is a much shorter summary of the report.

SCHOOL ETHOS

Parent, staff and student opinions of Seaciff PS are slightly higher than previous years. Analysis of the data by statements indicates that there are no areas of concern from any group surveyed. Strengths of the school can be found in the areas of support for learning and relationships.

Information gained from Parents opinion survey rated Seaciff as having a high quality teaching and learning environment and that their children report learning at Seaciff PS is interesting. Parents also reported that their children are motivated, happy and have access to quality materials and resources.

Information gained from Staff opinion surveys rates the Quality of Learning and Leadership as areas of strength. They indicate that there are positive relationships and open communication processes in the school that are effective. Staff report they feel valued, appreciated and happy to work at Seaciff.
**Quicksmart**

Following the publishing of the amazing results gained by students through this program in the last newsletter I have been asked to explain what is Quicksmart and how does it help kids learn?

Quicksmart is an educational program designed to support numeracy skill development. The program was developed by a research team at the University of New England. Quicksmart Numeracy emphasizes the role of automaticity in learning. Automaticity is the immediate recall of basic information. Quicksmart focuses on developing students' understanding and quick recall of basic academic facts. The program is called Quicksmart because it encourages students to become quick in their response speed and smart in their strategy use when learning basic academic skills. Ultimately, Quicksmart aims to free up working memory so students can engage meaningfully in demanding school activities like problem solving and multiple computations. The Quicksmart Numeracy program focuses on basic mathematics content by providing instruction that meets individual students' learning needs. The program provides students with opportunities to self-monitor and to receive and generate immediate, informative feedback. It follows a structured lesson sequence. It is an intensive program that requires students to work in pairs with an adult instructor for three thirty-minute lessons each week for about thirty weeks. Students are able to evaluate their own learning through recording or graphing information, such as how many number facts they can calculate accurately in one minute. Students are encouraged to use this information to set realistic future goals. The Quicksmart program also emphasizes the usefulness and relevance of number facts to regular classroom activities.

The criteria for selecting Quicksmart students are:

- Be in Year 4-7
- They are experiencing persistent difficulty in either literacy or numeracy or sometimes both
- Display good attitude to working in small groups
- Have average cognitive potential without major attention difficulties
- Are performing at or below national benchmarks/minimum standards
- Attend school regularly

At Seacliff PS the Quicksmart Numeracy program has been so successful that on average students have shown 2 years academic growth in 3 terms. This has prompted us to trial the Quicksmart Literacy Program this year as well as continuing with the Quicksmart Numeracy Program. If you have any questions about this program please contact Cathy Stevens who is our Quicksmart Coordinator or Greg Miller Principal.

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**CASUAL DAY CHARITY**

**Christmas Party for Special Children**

Our SRC has voted to support the Christmas Party for Special Children Charity on a casual day to be held on the last day of term one.

Can you imagine, as a child, what it would be like to be excluded from social interaction with other children just because 'you are different'? Each year Christmas Party for Special Children invite 2000 children with special needs to join them at the Adelaide Zoo. These children, who are sick, terminally ill, physically and mentally challenged or disadvantaged through circumstance, are given the opportunity to forget their troubles for a few hours. To help them see they are not alone. To help them to just be children at an exceptional time of the year!

For many children this will be the only party experience they will have this year, as they don't get invited to little Billy's birthday party or invited to have a sleepover, generally they are considered too difficult to handle and excluded from normal childhood activities.

**Huge Thank you to the Fundraising Committee**

Sports wasn't the only winner on sports day as the Fundraising committee did a fantastic job providing food and drinks for the many community members that attended. Their work is very much appreciated with special thanks to Heidi Robson and Michelle Bruijn who are the conveners.

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SEACLIFF SCHOOL

YARD STAR WINNERS:
Term 1 Week 8
Noah C S - Rm 2
Kobi M - Rm 14

IGA SUPERMARKETS
BRIGHTON ROAD, SEACLIFF
SPONSORS OF SEACLIFF SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

FOODLAND SUPERMARKET STORES
BRIGHTON ROAD, BRIGHTON
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HOLIDAY COACHING CLINICS
WHEN: Tuesday 16th April & Wednesday 17th April
TIME: 10.00am – 12.00 pm
WHERE: Football – Brighton Oval (Highett Ave)
Netball – Brighton Primary (Highett Ave)
SANFL & Level 2 AFL accredited football coaches / players
Netball coaches including a State League player
Coffee and BBQ facilities available
The Clinics are available to the following age groups.
Under 7 Under 9 Under 11
Cost is $40 per child
phone Ian Barnes 0439 0639 16
email ianbarnes@kellysports.com.au

Easter Raffle Winners
1st Kaija O’Neill
2nd Kirsty Foster
3rd Allysha Sims
4th Mia Perkins
5th Saxon Amber
6th Aly Wight
7th MJ Troy
8th Jessica Perrau
9th Mia Perkins
10th Lily Jessup

SAPSASA Swimming
Congratulations to Maisie V for her wonderful achievement in SAPSASA Swimming. Maisie was a member of the 10 year old girls freestyle relay team that won the gold medal at the State Metropolitan Championships - quite a performance! Well done Girls.

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
Brighton Secondary School on 83758215

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THE MIGHTY SOUTH AUSSIES

FOODLAND
THE MIGHTY SOUTH AUSSIES

Kelly Sports

Football
Netball
Hi everyone!

The Living Eggs Program at OSHC is underway! Over the coming days, we will eagerly follow the miracle that is life as chicken eggs incubate, hatch and give rise to baby chicks. Everyone is encouraged to visit! We will also upload photos to the Seacliff OSHC Facebook page so that everyone can be involved.

Vacation Care is less than two weeks away. A number of excursions, including swimming at Nth Adelaide are close to booking out. Please ensure that you have completed and returned a Vac Care booking sheet and a 2013 enrolment form if you haven’t already done so. At the full-fee of $45 per day, Seacliff OSHC is on average $10 p/day cheaper than other services in the area. And as there are significant subsidies for all eligible families, the most people usually pay out-of-pocket is $22.50 p/day! This includes up to 11 hours of care, excursion costs and afternoon tea. If you haven’t already done so, please call 136150 to apply for CCB and CCR.

Cheers,

Adam Panetta
OSHC Director.

OSHC Contact details: Phone 8298 3742, Mobile 0406 071 828

JUNIOR PRIMARY MUSIC CELEBRATION NIGHT

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Please pencil these nights in your diary if you wish to experience a wonderful night of music, drama, dance and/or singing on:

Tuesday, 7th May for the Year Ones and Twos in Room 1, 5 and 17 (Olga, Sonia and Brian)
Wednesday, 8th May for the Receptions and Year Ones in Rooms 2, 4 and 16 (Rayleen, Sharon and Kelly)

The concerts will commence at 6.30 p.m. and finish around 7.30 p.m.

Please come along, be seated before six thirty and enjoy this celebratory experience. More information, as the events draw nearer, will be forthcoming from class teachers.

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: “Seacliff enews direct “and “your child’s name”