IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Monday 14th March
SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY - Wednesday 23rd March
SPORTS DAY - Friday 1st April

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The Seacliff PS Annual General Meeting was held last Tuesday 8th March. The following parents/carers were elected to the Governing Council.

Seacliff Governing Council members for 2016
Jacinta Day Tracey Abele Tim Riches
Greg Hill Lorraine Johnston Tony Riches
Natalie Spence Emma Kavenah

We still have several vacancies so if you are interested in being on Governing Council please contact Jacinta Day or Greg Miller.

Excerpt from the Annual Report

Strong NUMERACY results at Seacliff PS

Again this year the Year 5 and 7 Seacliff cohorts have achieved strong results with +20.4 and +14.2 points above the National Mean respectively. This is a consistent trend for the last 7 years. Of particular note this year is both the Year 5 and Year 7 cohorts numeracy scores were above their Reading scores! It is rare for a school to achieve parity between reading and numeracy let alone exceed its reading scores in two cohorts particularly since the Reading scores were strong also! The Year 3 cohort whilst below our expectations at 2.8 points below the National Mean still achieved +7.4 points above Similar Schools.

Year 3 cohort has achieved above Similar Schools (+7.4) and below the National Mean (-2.8).
Year 5 cohort has achieved significantly above the National Mean (+20.4) and above Similar Schools (+30.6).
Year 7 cohort has achieved significantly above the National Mean (+14.2) and above Similar Schools (+20.9).

We are really pleased with our Numeracy results and will continue to focus on improvement with our Year 2 at risk students next year.

The full Annual Report is on our website. A shortened print version is available from the front office as a brochure.
EASTER RAFFLE

3 major prizes
(the more donations received the more prizes to be won!)
All proceeds to school to go toward whole school projects including grounds
Tickets are $1 each. Please include name and contact number on ticket stubs
Winners will be notified by phone and can collect their prize from the front office
All tickets sold or unsold and money must be returned to the school front office by
Monday 21 March 2016.
Raffle will be drawn by Scott Francis and winners announced at a special assembly on
Tuesday 22 March 2016.

EASTER EGG DONATIONS – please leave your donations for our raffle in the allocated box in your children’s classroom. Thank you for supporting our school community!

The University of New South Wales ICAS Competitions
Each year our school enters students in the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) program.
Entry into the competition allows students to compare their performance and achievement with other similar aged students right across Australia. Participation in the competitions is recognised with a Certificate, while High Achievement gets special recognition.
All participants also receive a detailed analysis of their results, showing areas of success and areas for further development. Our school participates in the Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths competitions which are appropriate for students from Years 2 to 7. Year 2 students are only eligible to enter the Maths, Science and English competitions. If you would like to register your child in one, two or all of the competitions, please complete an entry form available from the office and return to school by Monday 28th March 2016.

STUDENT PERMISSION DETAILS FORMS - 2016
There are still a number of students whom have not returned their permission details forms (purple forms) which were sent out in the beginning of year pack.
These forms provide crucial information that the school requires each year regarding the safety, health and well being of your child.
Please complete these forms and return them to the front office ASAP.
Thank you
TOO Smart! Conference at Seacliff PS

On Friday 11 March we have 46 participants arriving from all over the state attending our first TOO Smart! Conference in our school library. There is a great deal of interest in this innovative approach to supporting Year 2 students as the initial results are very promising. Students participating in the program have shown an average of 3 years development.

Please be patient with parking as this will be more congested than usual. We are directing participants to use the Anzac Memorial car park off Brighton/Schofield Road.

THANKYOU JAPAN!

Over the past three weeks we have hosted 11 student teachers from Kansai Gaidai University, Japan. The student teachers observed the teaching and learning in the first two weeks and then prepared and taught a lesson in their final week. Their lessons included Japanese culture (transport, origami, chopsticks) to multi-lingual language use (self-introductions and vocabulary). This was a rewarding experience for both staff and students at Seacliff Primary School.

The group was accompanied by Ms Philippa Stones from the Intensive English Language Institute, Flinders University.

おめでとうございました (omedetou gozaimasu - Congratulations!)

Chandler Sensei, Saki, Namiki Mayu, Yutaro, Chika, Haruka Anna,
**Winter Sport Updates - Footballers Wanted**

We are in need of boys and girls from years 2 to 7 to form schools football teams in 2016. We have had a huge response for soccer with most teams having 15 or more players at this stage but our footy team numbers are low. Rules are modified for the protection of players and we have a hard working group of parents already in place to manage the teams and coach the kids. Please see Scott Francis at school for a registration form if you can help.

**SAPSASA Swimming**

Congratulations to our eleven students who competed in the SAPSASA District Swimming Trials held at the Immanuel College Swimming Centre. All of our swimmers are either surf or squad swimmers and were extremely competitive against the best swimmers in the South West District. They were wonderfully supported by parents and grandparents who we thank for their assistance with transport and time keeping. Congratulations to Angus H, Xavier L, Max B and Milly B on their selection in the district team. They will compete at the SA Leisure & Aquatics Centre in the State Championships on March 17th.

**Soccer Coaches Needed**

We have a large squad of boys and girls in the U/8 (born 2008) and U/9 teams (born 2007) but unfortunately no coaches at this stage. If you are able to help, or know someone who can, please contact Scott at school.

**Yippy's Corner**

Parenting tip this week is forgiveness

Something I learnt in a parenting course that may be helpful in your families. Saying sorry after an argument doesn’t always mend the damage done. We can go a step further to restoration between 2 siblings or even 2 spouses by asking the simple question “will you forgive me”? For instance in our family we not only ask the child to apologise we then ask them to say to their sibling “will you forgive me”? A response is then required by the one who was hurt. Depending on the offense, the offending child sometimes may offer a kind gesture to the sibling to show they are truly sorry, for example a hug, or a choice of game to play or do a job for them such as clean up 5 things from their room. This little helpful tool shows sincerity behind the apology and works towards true restoration of the relationship.

My role is to support the school community on both individual and group Basis’s. My services are available to students, parents/care givers and staff. As a parent if your child is experiencing emotional, friendship, confidence and other issues you can make an appointment with me to discuss possible solutions or program involvement.

I am available on Tuesday’s, and Friday’s. My office is next to room 5 and I can be contacted by phoning the front office on 8296 1950.

Kind Regards Chris Yip
**Year 3 - 5 Netball**

At this stage I have only received 4 nominations and cannot enter teams unless I have at least 7 but preferably 8 in each. If your child is in Year 3, 4 or 5 and is considering playing netball please ask them to collect a nomination form from the office. Hayley Jessup will coach the Year 3 team and Karen Harris the Year 4 team.

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**Zanshin Freestyle Karate**

**Kids Self Defence**

Learn to defend yourself, gain confidence and have fun.

Get Fit, friendly atmosphere, qualified instructors.

First two lessons **FREE**.

Seacliff Primary School Gym

**Wednesday Nights**

Kids 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Teens & Adults 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Phone Renshi Ant’z on 0422 331 388

www.zanshinfreestylekarate.com.au

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**PLEASE HELP!**

**UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED**

Please consider volunteering an hour of your time once a week or fortnight to assist our hardworking volunteers in the uniform shop. Just call and leave your details anytime.

**Uniform shop opening times are:**

- Mon 8:45 to 9:30
- Wed 2:45 to 3:30pm
- Fri 8:45 to 9:30am

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**SPECIALIST SPORT PROGRAM**

The Specialist Sport Program at Henley High School has been established to assist talented student athletes to further develop their level of performance and knowledge. The program includes:

- Specialised Coaches
- Coaching and officiating certificates
- Analysis of performance

Applications for the program open on Monday 1st February and close on Friday 1st April for Students commencing Year 8 in 2017. Please refer to our website below for details.

For more information please visit our website


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**2016 ADELAIDE YOUTH ORCHESTRAS**

**BRIGHTON**

*Sunday 20 March 2016 | 3.00pm*

Jeffrey Kong Auditorium

Brighton Secondary School

305 Brighton Road, North Brighton

Adelaide Youth Wind Orchestra

Al Kidney Conductor

Adelaide Youth Sinfonia

Menas Barbarian Conductor

Book with AdvO on 08 8361 8896 | adyo.com.au

Tickets $10 | Children under 12 FREE

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**YARD STAR WINNERS**

- Ella Rm 3
- Archie Rm 2
- Payton Rm 3
- Zali Rm 4
SEACLIFF SCHOOL FACEBOOK GROUP

An additional and easy way to keep in touch with school events and other members of the school community is to join the Seacliff School Facebook group.

This is a closed group used by members of our school community to share information and ideas with others.

To join simply search ‘Seacliff School Group’ on Facebook and request to join.

Remember to keep posts positive, relevant and within internet safety guidelines.

Anyone posting negative, degrading or inappropriate material will be blocked.
Aberfoyle Park
High School

OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday
22nd March

Tours will leave from the marquee every 10 minutes between 6.00pm & 7.30pm

Come and meet our great students and teachers, be inspired by our dynamic programs and state of the art technology in a school where your child is our focus.

I look forward to meeting you at Open Night.

Liz Mead vPrincipal

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Principal
Tours 2016
9.00am – 10.30am

Friday 1st April
Wednesday 6th April
Thursday 5th May
Monday 9th May
Friday 20th May
Wednesday 25th May

Bookings are essential. Please phone or email to reserve a place.

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Hi everyone,

The time has drawn near. Very soon OSHC will have their first SRC representative ever! Of the six children that have been nominated by their peers each will have the opportunity to present their two minute talks this upcoming Thursday the 17-3-2016.

As part of this significant event OSHC will be holding a party to help us celebrate our first ever SRC members.

We can't wait for this exciting night as this is a milestone for our service.
Talks will start when all of the children have arrived.

Regards,
Daniel Brooksby

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