

# **Seabrook Primary School**

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# NEWSLETTER

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Tania Hunt Issue 12 September 19, 2025

Dear parents and carers,

## **SEABROOK EXPO WEEK**

Our students and staff are so proud of the successful Seabrook Expo Week last week! This was a chance to showcase the outstanding teaching and learning at our school.

Thank you to parents and other family members who came along to this event. For some parents, this meant coming on multiple days for activities such as:

- learning about the continents of the world
- working under pressure to solve maths problems (pressure from their own children!)
- demonstrating an understanding of subordinating conjunctions
- perusing science fair projects and learning from the students' deep scientific knowledge
- exploring the Year 6 Exhibition, where students demonstrated their understandings about chosen projects and the learning process followed. The project books, artefacts and oral presentations were outstanding.

Well done to everyone involved in this special showcase and celebration of the teaching and learning at Seabrook Primary School.

### **ROBOCUP**



CONGRATULATIONS to our talented students for making the quarter finals at last Saturday's Robocup Junior State-level Competition!

A huge thank you to our STEM Specialist, Mrs Le. Read more about this later in this newsletter.

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SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY TIME

See you all on Monday October the 6th for the start of Term 4



Seabrook Primary School has a zero tolerance for any form of child abuse.



**EDUCATE: THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK** 

# **continued report from Tania Hunt**

## HATS REQUIRED OUTSIDE

We remind our students and their parents that our SunSmart policy requires hats to be worn outside from September through to April, which includes Term 1 and Term 4.

Students who do not have a hat need to sit in the shade of the gazebo. Teachers on yard duty need to send students to the gazebo if they are not protected by a sunhat.

#### **CHILD SAFE STANDARDS**

Seabrook Primary School is committed to protecting children and supports Child Safe Standards.

Victorian government schools are child safe environments. Our school actively promotes the safety and wellbeing of all students, and all school staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm in the school environment in accordance with their legal obligations, including the Child Safe Standards.

More information is available at: <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/protect">https://www.vic.gov.au/protect</a>

#### **SCHOOL TOILETS**

It's not uncommon for student toilets to be something school parents worry about.

Our school is determined that children should have clean, safe and optimal amenities available to them.

Some improvements over the past year have included:

- A stronger explicit focus on teaching expected toilet behaviours, with posters in all student toilets installed as an ongoing reminder of the "basics".
- Improved toilet paper dispensers to promote easy and appropriate use.
- The addition of a daytime school cleaner to our staff – the lovely Helen! Helen is now a proud and friendly part of Team

Seabrook – an additional school-based service on top of the Department's centralised contracted company, Serco. Helen services our amenities during the middle of every day, ensuring our school community enjoys clean and well-stocked facilities.

 New automatic soap dispensers. These have just been installed by Joe. Ask your child about them!

We'd love to hear your feedback about the improvements, and any suggestions for further actions we could take. Have your children noticed a difference? Is there anything we could do better? Email <a href="mailto:seabrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au">seabrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a> with the subject line "Toilet feedback".



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# SUCCESSFUL TRIAL - COMBINED JUNIOR/ SENIOR PLAYTIME (repeat of News Feed item sent on 17/9)

On Wednesday morning (17<sup>th</sup> September), our junior students enjoyed a "bonus" recess as part of a whole-school playtime trial. P-6 students enjoyed sharing outdoor spaces at the same time (except for Year 5 students away at camp).

P-2 children joined the senior recess time at 9:50am, in addition to their usual recess.

# The combined playtime trial was a great success!

Student behaviour was most impressive.

Our First Aid facility (sick bay) braced for an influx of students. How many students came to sick bay? **ZERO!** 

Children had fun finding cousins, neighbours or siblings they may not normally see outside at school.

- \* P-2 students were allowed to play in all areas except for the soccer pitch. A number of junior students were excited to use the back oval.
- \* 3-4 students were allowed to play anywhere except the soccer pitch and the "prep playground".
- \* 5-6 students were allowed to play anywhere except the "prep playground".

The soccer pitch followed the current senior roster. 3/4 and 5/6 students typically have access on alternate days.

The playground near Gate 8 (often called the "prep playground") was limited to P-2 students, creating a special "junior only" space if these children wished to use it. During today's trial, the playground outside OSHClub seemed popular with juniors, with a couple of siblings from Year 3 joining in.

# Students were demonstrating our values of being Respectful, Caring and Responsible.

The trial was a part of a plan to adjust our lesson timetabling in 2026. We aim to provide a structure that improves the quality of instruction time and reduces distractions while lessons are underway. There are no proposed changes to school start and finish times. We aim to combine the morning play for all P-6 students, and keep the afternoon play split between separate times for P-2 and 3-6.

Please speak to your child about their experience today. There was certainly much excitement.

Parents are encouraged to provide feedback. Please email <u>seabrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u> noting the subject line as "Playtime feedback", or speak to any staff member.

We will hold a further trial in Term 4. If your child is in Grade 3-6, please reassure them that several senior students have already spoken to me to ask if they can be the ones to have a "bonus playtime" next time. I'm sure our Year 5 campers will support this idea too. :-)

# NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - MINTARO WAY

Please remember that we are expecting a new raised pedestrian crossing to be installed on Mintaro Way ready for Term 4.

If your child arrives or departs on that side of the school, remind them this is an *unsupervised* crossing. Pedestrians need to check that traffic has safely stopped before they step out onto crossing.

Drivers need to observe the road rules with regards to pedestrian crossings.

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## QUESTIONS, FEEDBACK OR CONCERNS?

Most of the time, a parent's main point of contact at Seabrook PS will be their child's class teacher.

If you have a question, some feedback (good, bad or otherwise), or a concern that is not specifically related to your individual child, the easiest way to connect with the right staff member or school leader is to email <a href="Seabrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au">Seabrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a>

This email inbox is monitored by selected admin staff who maintain confidentiality and are very savvy with identifying the right staff member to forward an email to for appropriate action.

## THANK YOU AGAIN TO OUR AMAZING P&F

Hot Dog days are a favourite with our students! Thank you again to our wonderful parent volunteers for ensuring our children can enjoy this Seabrook tradition.

#### **CURRICULUM DAYS IN TERM 4**

Please note the following student-free dates for Term 4. There will be no school on these dates, however OSHClub may be an available option.

- \* Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October (Curriculum Day Staff Professional Learning)
- \* Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Curriculum Day Assessment & Reporting)
- \* Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November (Melbourne Cup Day public holiday)
- \* Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December (Curriculum Day 2026 planning)

Wishing our Seabrook students a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing them at 8:40am for a great start to Term 4 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Tania Hunt

Principal



A big thank you to all of our students who wore their favourite sporting colours for Footy Day today it was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, team spirit, and respect shown for all sporting teams across the school! We also greatly appreciate the families who attended and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Mr Harkins

# **SEABROOK EXPO WEEK**



We were delighted to welcome so many families to celebrate Seabrook Expo of learning Week—a showcase that highlighted evidence-based how our teaching practices support children's growth. Each year level presented a different aspect of teaching and learning, giving parents a chance to see the Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO) model in action, which underpins the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0.

Children proudly shared their learning through presentations, songs, and work samples, while our specialist teachers contributed video recordings of their programs via Seesaw.

A highlight of the week was the **Year 6 Exhibition**, where students presented their mastery projects—demonstrating the meaningful application of knowledge and inquiry. Students showcased their learning journeys with confidence, articulating their

research and insights to parents, staff, and peers. Their thoughtful artefacts, engaging displays, and polished communication skills reflected both their hard work and the dedication of their teachers.

The school community responded with overwhelmingly positive feedback, praising the students' depth of research, creativity, confidence, and presentation skills, as well as the commitment of staff in guiding students toward excellence.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the Seabrook community for joining us during Seabrook Expo Week. Your presence and support made the celebration truly worthwhile and successful!

Mrs. Bahadur

**Assistant Principal** 

































On Thursday, September 11th, we acknowledged R U OK? Day. Our students did a wonderful job coming up with and writing down the many different ways you can ask someone, 'Are you OK?' This day is an important reminder to check in with the people around us, start meaningful conversations, and support one another's wellbeing.











# LEARNING WITH CONFIDENCE NAPLAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS









Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 being recognised for their academic performance with our new NAPLAN achievement awards:

**CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE** – awarded to students who achieved the "Exceeding" proficiency level in NAPLAN Reading, Writing, Spelling, Numeracy and/or Grammar and Punctuation.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD – awarded to students who place in the top five at Seabrook for their year level in each NAPLAN domain

Mrs. Bahadur - Assistant Principal













# **RoboCup Junior Australia State Competition**



On Saturday 13th September, 15 of our Grade 6 students proudly represented Seabrook Primary School at the RoboCup Junior Australia State Competition with 5 teams.

This year's competition was the biggest since 2019, bringing together 178 teams from 39 different schools and organisations. Despite tough competition, our Seabrook teams fought valiantly, with two teams advancing to the quarterfinals. While we didn't progress further this time, our students displayed resilience, teamwork, and determination throughout the event.

A huge thank you goes to the students for their tireless commitment during lunchtime training sessions, and to the parents who drove students to Genazzano FCJ College in Kew, cheered from the sidelines, and

even volunteered as umpires on the day. Your encouragement and support made all the difference.

The day was exciting, challenging, and filled with plenty of snacks, laughs, and hopes. Although we didn't advance beyond the quarter finals, every student should feel incredibly proud of their achievements and the way they represented Seabrook.

# Well done, Team Seabrook! We are so proud of you!

Michele Le STEM Specialist | Emerging Technologies Leading Teacher













# congratulations

Well done to our 36 students who competed at the Hobson's Bay Divisional Athletics Championships last Thursday at Newport. It was a reasonably good day weather wise and we had some excellent results again from our students. Four have qualified for the Regional Championships, to be held at Keilor after the holidays, by coming 1st or 2nd in their individual events.

We had two students win their events - Fou (4MC) in Discus with 18.88 m and Ava (6SM) in the high jump with 1.27 m. A fantastic effort! We also had Willia (6TT) come 2nd in the high jump with 1.39 m as well as Angela (6SM) in the hurdles (15.62) and Ava in the long jump (3.67). Great effort and good luck at the next level of competition.

Our other results were also very good, with quite a few **3rd placings** across the day. Livinia (4MC) - hurdles, Michael (5AH) - relay, Hamdan (4JJ) - relay, Kent (4AK) - relay, Dane (5OD) - relay, Patrick (5AH) - high jump, Imogen (6SB) - high jump, Reese (6AL) - long jump & triple jump.

Here are the rest of the results from the day: 4th place - Edmond (5AH) in hurdles & relay, Kendrick (5JB) relay, Jaxson (5FW) relay, Patrick relay, Angela 800m, Matilda (6AL) shot put, Evie (6AL) triple jump, Vaanya (4JJ) 800m, Ivy (5AH) 1500m and Livia (4AK) discus.

**5th place -** Andre (6SM) long jump, Max (6SM) hurdles, Harry (6AL) triple jump, Dane - 800m, Kent - 1500m, Nadine (6AL) shot put & discus, Iris (5AH) high jump, Anna (4JJ) high jump and Livia - shot put.

6th place - Stella (6TT) long jump & triple jump, Nina (6AL) 100m & relay, Paige (6SM) triple jump & relay, Fou - shot put, Dane - 100m, Kade (5AH) triple jump, Jaxson - long jump, Angela - relay, Matilda - relay & Edmond - 100m

7th place - Aastha (4JJ) 200m, Jasmine (6TT) relay, Ayana (6AL) relay, Charlotte (6SM) relay, Stella - relay, Paige - 1500m, Michael - hurdles, Hamdan - 200m & discus, Kendrick - triple jump, Patrick - 100m, Eli (6TT) 100m & relay, Reese, Andre & William - relay.

8th place - William - hurdles

9th place - Nirvair (4AK) high jump

Three other students were selected to compete, however were unable to attend for various reasons: Milla (6SM), Hannah (5AH) & Amy (6SB).

Well done to everyone and Ms Hallatsch & Ms Dawson for helping out on the day and making sure the students got to their events on time.

Good luck to Will, Angela, Ava & Fou at the regional championships in term 4.

Mr Ganley

# DIVISION AT































# **Grade 5 RoboCup Competition**











Our Grade 5 students have been hard at work learning the art of robot design and programming using LEGO Mindstorms EV3s. Over the course of the term, students built their very own soccer robots, developing their skills in problem-solving, coding, and teamwork.

Their learning journey culminated in an exciting series of competitions — first within classes, and then in a whole Grade 5 RoboCup Competition, held over two lunchtimes at school. All five Grade 5 classes battled it out, with robots showing clever strategies, strong designs, and creative programming.

The atmosphere in the BER building was electric, with cheers and excitement ringing out as matches were played. In the end, it was 5JB who emerged as the champions — congratulations to them, and to all students for their incredible efforts!

It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, determination, and fun throughout the competition. Perhaps some of our Grade 5 students will be the future Regional or even State RoboCup winners next year!

Michele Le STEM Specialist | Emerging Technologies Leading Teacher









Teddy is growing beautifully and has been wonderful the most addition to our Wellbeing Team. He loves being at Seabrook, curiously watching the children inside and outside of classrooms. Recently, he enjoyed visiting the Year 5 Science Fair and often spends his recess and lunch breaks observing the children play. Teddy also loves sniffing out everyone's lunches!

Thanks to everyone following our golden rule of "Teddy comes to you", he has learnt that he doesn't always need attention, making him less likely to jump up or expect a pat every time. This is a really important skill for a therapy dog to master. Teddy is also working on his play skills, he's learning to fetch and actually return the ball, and he has mastered "sit" and "drop" with just hand movements!

When he's at home, Teddy enjoys going for walks, playing hide and seek, digging holes, and hanging around the kitchen in the hope of scoring a tasty leftover. We're so proud of Teddy and how well he's developing as part of our school community.













# Our SWPBS focus for Week 1 and 2 Term 4







Week 1 (Oct 6-10) focus: VALUE BE RESPONSIBLE

Setting:
OUTDOOR SPACES

Expected behaviour to learn: We use play equipment correctly

Week 2 (Oct 13-17) focus: VALUE

BE RESPONSIBLE

**Setting:** PEOPLE AND ME

Expected behaviour to learn:

We take risks and show perseverance in our learning







# Family Task (Optional): Being Responsible with Playground Equipment

This activity is designed to help your child learn how to be responsible when using playground equipment. It focuses on using equipment safely and correctly, keeping everyone safe around shared spaces.

# Activity: Playground Equipment Expert

- 1. Talk with your child about what 'being responsible' means. For example, it can mean keeping ourselves safe, keeping others safe, and looking after the playground equipment.
- 2. Show your child pictures of playground equipment (or use toys at home) and model the correct and incorrect ways to use them. For example, going down a slide feet first or sitting properly on a swing.
- 3. Let your child be the 'Equipment Expert' who explains and shows you the safe, responsible way to use each item.
- 4. After practising, ask your child: 'How did we show responsibility?' and discuss their answers together.

#### Reflection

Together, write or draw one way your child showed responsibility during this activity. The reflection can then be shared in class.

Inclusion & Wellbeing Team

# LEAVING SEABROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE END OF THIS YEAR?

If you have a child currently in Prep or Year 1-5 who will be finishing their time at Seabrook PS this year, please complete the exit form to assist us with planning for 2026.

Link: STUDENT EXIT FORM







# SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP LOCATED IN ROOM 28

The shop is run by our dedicated Parents & Friends members. Proceeds of the sales contribute towards Parents and Friends fundraising.





# The Tech Diet for Parents

A free webinar for parents presented by the Unplugged Psychologist, Brad Marshall, author of 'The Tech Diet for your Child & Teen'.

For nearly a decade, psychologist Brad Marshall has been helping families find a balance between healthy screen time and overuse. In this online session, Brad provides parents with real strategies based on solid psychological research to help them promote the healthy use of technology at home.

#### Session overview:

- ☐ The 'psych science' that drives the addictive nature of gaming, social media and online gambling.
- ☐ When should parents panic? The warning signs your child or teenager is headed down the wrong path.
- The 7 Unplugged Steps to manage screen and gaming addiction in children and teenagers at home.

Parents will leave this session with a clear action plan and real strategies to implement.

Find out more about presenter, Brad Marshall.

Who: Parents/carers of school-aged children and teens

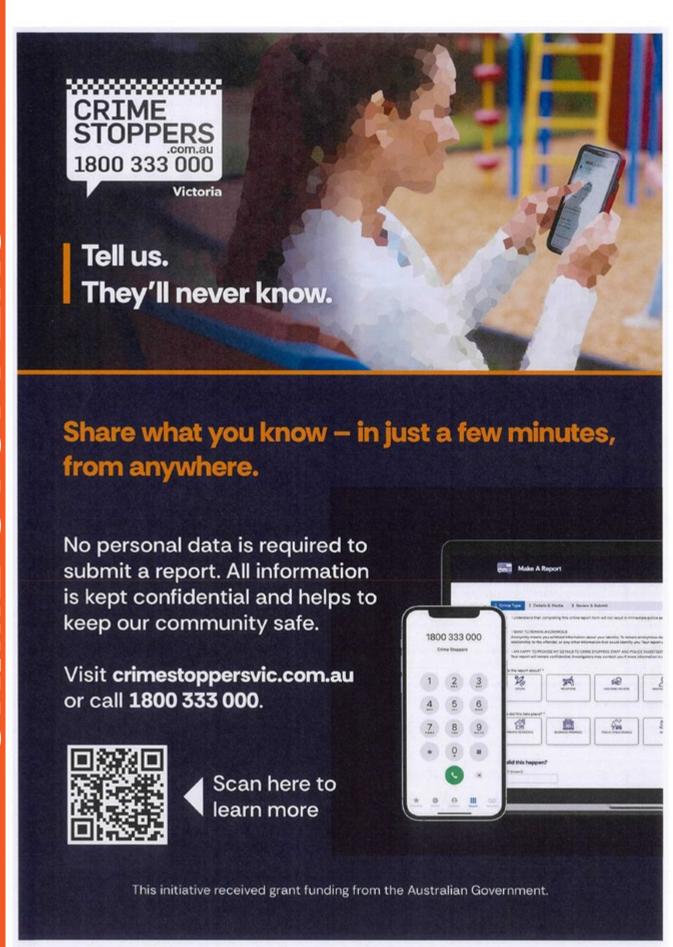
**Where**: Online (a link will be sent via email to registered attendees)

When: Thursday, 02 October 2025 | 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Register now - https://au.openforms.com/Form/4bff18dd-00cc-4fd8-921c-60b2fecd6f0f







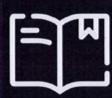


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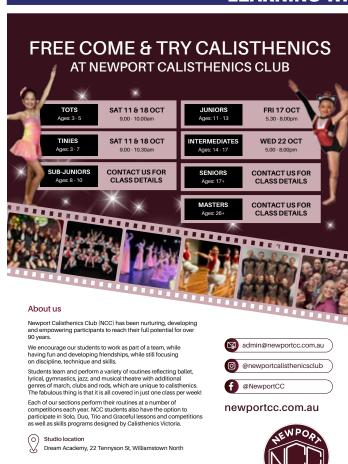


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OSHCILLE Newsletter

TERM 3 WEEK 8 - 9

# **Coordinators Corner!**

Hello OSHClub Families!

We can't believe it's now almost the end of Term 3. This fortnight has flown by so quickly we have had so much fun. We had hour final science expo finish up on the Tuesday of week 8. children made snow and created snow storms in mini jars which was so cool.

we also have been baking cakes and cupcakes in the afternoons. Our Oshclub mini chefs have out done themselves again making desserts for families and friends.

We are all excited with the last week of school also being footy week. children have been making their half time food snacks making fruit skewers. we have made a footy colour paper chain to decorate OSHC and it is massive.

We hope you have a happy and safe holidays and look forward to seeing you during the holidays if not, definitely in Term 4.



Last Day of Term 3
Holiday Program
AFL Grand Final













oshclub.com.au 1300 395 735 Monday-Friday Rise then Shine 7.00-9:00am Stay and Play 2:30-6:30pm

seabrook@oshclub.com.au







**Useful links for parents** 

We encourage parents to visit our website and discover the benefits of our programs, such as how they can support their child to be healthy, confident, and resilient. Parents can find all the information they need about outside school hours care on our website:For parents who want to enrol at your school's service, they can register online <u>HERE</u>.

For parents that are currently enrolled; they can book online, anytime HERE.

For parents who want information about our Child Care Subsidy (CCS) they can learn more HERE.

# SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 2025 SEABROOK TIME LINE

refer to the Compass calendar

| Monday  | Tuesday                                   | Wednesday   | Thursday                                       | Friday  |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| Grade 5/6 Assembly 9am - 9:30am  School Council Meeting 6pm - 7pm | 16  | Kinder >Prep Transition Activity 9:20am - 10:20am   | Grade 2 CERES Community Excursion              | 19 LAST DAY OF TERM 2:30PM DISMISSAL Hot Dog Day FOOTY DAY (any code) |
|   |   | Grade 5 Camp - /  | Arrabri, Warbuton                              | 17 - 19 Sept  |
| HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY TIME<br>TO YOU ALL                         |   |   |  |   |
| TERM 4 Commennces today at 8:40am                                 | 7   | Kinder >Prep Transition Activity 9:20am - 10:20am  Division basketball finals - Girls for selected grade 6 students | 9  | 10  |
| 13  | Grade 3<br>Cartoon<br>Worshop             | 15<br>Kinder >Prep<br>Transition Activity<br>9:20am - 10:20am   | 16   | 17  |
| 20  | Grade 3 Excursion to the Melbourne Museum | Kinder >Prep Transition Activity 9:20am - 10:20am  1JH, 1NT and 1EW Earth Crusaders Eco Incursion                   | 1KC, 1JB and 1ES Earth Crusaders Eco Incursion | NO SCHOOL<br>TODAY<br>CURRICULUM<br>DAY                               |