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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Tania Hunt Issue 15, November 28 2025

Dear parents and carers,

SCHOOL CAPTAIN APPLICATION PROCESS

One of my favourite privileges as a principal is welcoming student candidates for the *School Captain* role into my office for the final round of leadership interviews. To get to this point, students have written and delivered speeches and engaged in first-round interviews with a panel consisting of Learning Specialist Mr Burns (Year 6 Team Leader), Assistant Principal Mrs Bahadur, (Head of Senior School), and two of the current School Captains.

All Year 5 candidates who joined me for an interview this week should feel incredibly proud. The quality of ideas and level of articulation were outstanding. The process for School Captains runs first, followed by opportunities to seek a student leadership role as an SWPBS Captain or House Captain.

2026 BOOK PACKS (BOOKLISTS)

The booklists recently became available via COS.

We do apologise for the short timeframe for the “early bird” free delivery window. The delays have been due to our school’s finalisation of selected texts and ensuring we have the correct details from publishers about the newest version releases. There has been thorough attention to detail for this revised approach as we increase our use of quality books and reduce technology usage for lessons. Please refer to the recent school newsletter for an overview of some changes in store for 2026.

Some early feedback from parents suggested it would be helpful if items in the COS portal were editable - able to be *unticked* or *edited* during the ordering process. COS confirmed that this change has been made.

Parents choosing to purchase an item elsewhere should ensure it is identical (brand, model, colour, etc).

Please do not send alternative products to school for use. We are tightening up instructional routines and curriculum programs. The book pack items have been carefully curated for seamless classroom use and longevity.

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

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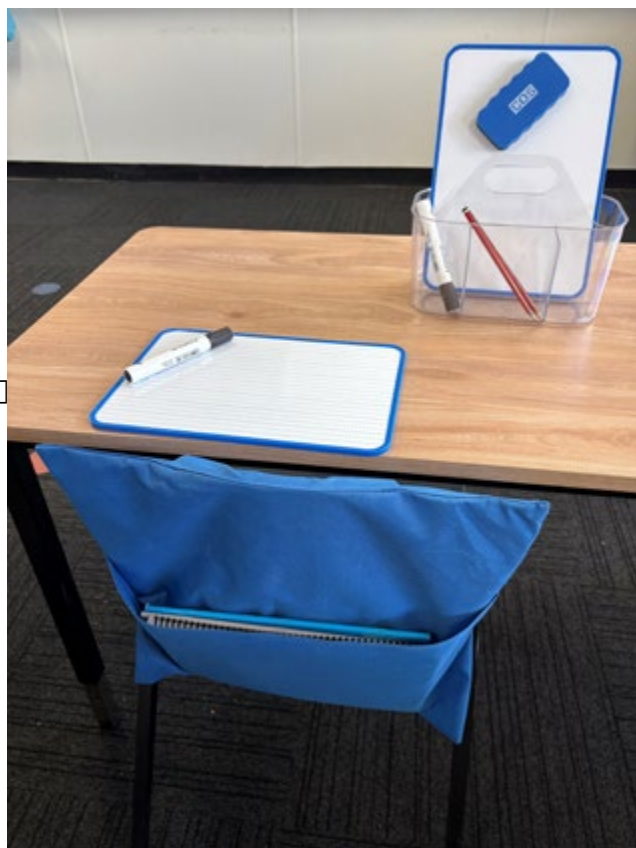
For P-3, the Explicit Mathematics Program workbooks will remain non-editable as these items will be delivered in bulk to the school and distributed to your child. The cost of individual shipping would have increased the price too significantly for parents.

As noted in the Parent Payments document sent home with the last newsletter, the school *strongly recommends* you purchase the listed items from COS Office Supplies for your child to individually own and use.

The items that do not matter if you edit are: sharpeners, glue sticks, and coloured pencils/textas.

Please note:

- The COS Mesh Pouch A5 will be used as your child's pencil case. All students will be using this same item.
- The correct writing pencils have been specified.
- All students in P-2 are expected to use an EC Chair Bag (blue). The below photo is of a junior setup showing some typical items..



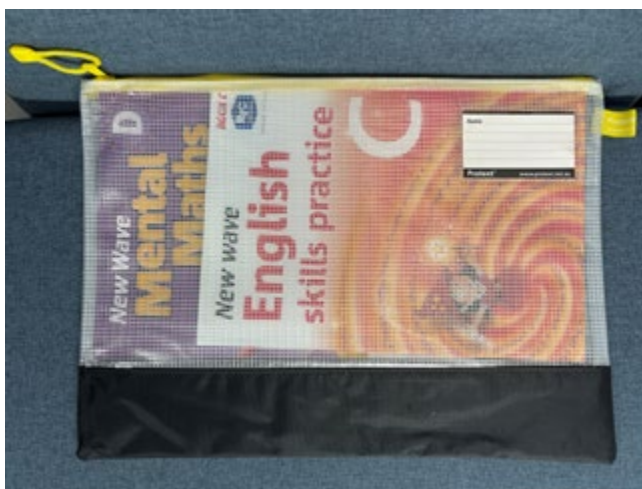
specified size) have been carefully tested for optimal use. **Please do not send alternative products/sizes to school.** *Some whiteboard products smudge easily, or take more time to wipe clean, or need to be discarded if left uncapped for a short time.*

- The Book Pack novels/books (see the attached list) can come in various versions. The correct ISBN for each book is on the booklist. Please **only** send the specified version to school. If students are asked to turn to a specific page number, it's important that their book matches all of the other students' books.
- For exercise books, it's important for all students to have the same books for the smooth running of the classroom, e.g., if a teacher asks students to get out their blue giraffe book, or grey rabbit book. Please do not cover/contact exercise books.
- The Year 3 list includes two *Spelling Mastery* books. This is not an error. Level C will begin in Term 1. Level D will begin from Term 4 and continue to be used into the following year.
- The New Wave books are for homework. Maths levels are Book B (Year 1) through to Book G (Year 6). English levels are Book A (Year 1) through to Book F (Year 6). All students in each year level will use the same book. The purpose of homework will be to maintain a regular routine and to engage in practice that builds fluency and automaticity. This will be quick revision for most students. Some students will benefit from homework support, and both OSHClub and school homework club (run by teachers) will be able to provide this where needed.



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- The Protext mesh pouch has been chosen as a carry case for homework books (Years 1-6). See the below picture for an example of a Year 3 setup. Various cases have been tested, and this product had a larger zip opening and reinforced base. Cheaper versions of the same size were not deemed suitable during our careful product testing.



Again, it is recommended that parents purchase the full list of items in the book packs, and only consider editing **sharpeners, glue sticks, and coloured pencils/textas.**

For families experiencing financial hardship, please contact our school office to arrange a meeting with a wellbeing leader to discuss the most appropriate way we may be able to provide support.

For students who are missing items when the year begins, the school will take measures to ensure that no child is disadvantaged educationally.

We ask for your support so we can have the smoothest possible start to the 2026 school year, and so all children are able to use the correct and matching items.

As mentioned in the newsletter, **Curriculum Contributions (referred to as “School fees” in the past) have decreased from \$325 per year to only \$95.** On the COS portal, these include

the “curriculum consumables”, “subscription/s” and “printing allocation”. The remaining items in the top section are “Other Contributions” and support our school if parents can assist. You are encouraged to refer to the Parent Payments information attached. We hope the significant decrease in recommended Curriculum Contributions helps to offset the increase in book pack amounts. Our school continues to offer an outstanding education for your child as a result of the outstanding parental support.

Order link: <https://parent.cos.net.au/>

Username: seabrookprimary@cos.net.au

Password: BTS2026-Parents

LEAVING SEABROOK?

If you have a child at Seabrook in P-5 who will be leaving our school at the end of the year, please let us know by one of the following methods:

- Complete the STUDENT EXIT FORM <https://forms.office.com/r/QuX1AZq1LS>
- Phone 9395 1758
- Email seabrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- Message the teacher on Seesaw, so our office can then follow up

TRANSITION DAY FOR 2026 YEARS 1-6 (current P-5 students)

Next Thursday 4th December, we look forward to a transition session for our current Prep-5 students. This involves our students spending two hours of the morning with next year's class, in next year's classroom and, where possible, with next year's teacher.

On this day, students are provided with an information slip advising of the 2026 teacher, room, grade name, and some classmates' names – together with a school map to assist with locating next year's classroom. Parents and carers can expect to receive this via the student.

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FUN DAYS

It's that time of the year when our juniors enjoy a special "Fun Day". Year 1 and Year 2 students have had theirs already, and Preps will enjoy one next week.

Our Year 6 students are looking forward to their big day out together, with a "Fun Day" scheduled during their final week of school – enjoying a range of activities in a jam-packed day that includes Bowling, Mini-Golf and the cinema.

SEESAW MESSAGING TO BE REPLACED BY COMPASS CONNECT

The use of Seesaw will be discontinued at Seabrook Primary School at the end of the current school year.

Parent-teacher messaging will shift across to Compass Connect, an instant-messaging facility within the existing Compass app/portal. This has been tested by staff and will be enabled for parent access at the start of 2026. Parents will be able to message their child's teacher, including specialist teachers.

I have asked several parents for their feedback about Seesaw, and the majority indicated that the important element was an easy communication tool. Compass Connect can provide this in one place – offering convenience for families and staff, and saving the spend on a Seesaw subscription for our school. Student work will be sent home periodically to ensure parents can still see examples of the work undertaken during school lessons. This will include loose worksheets or pieces of writing on occasion, with a collection of work saved in one of the clear document wallets in the booklist – to be sent home at the end of each semester.

Please refer to advice from Mr Hill about Seesaw – later in this newsletter.

**2026 CAMPS**

All Year 3-6 camps have been scheduled for Term 4 next year, with proposed dates as follows, pending final confirmation:

Grade 4 – Golden Valleys, Flinders

– **T4 Week 1**, Wed 7th – Fri 9th October

Grade 5 – Arrabri Lodge, Warburton

– **T4 Week 2**, Mon 12th – Wed 14th October

Grade 3 – Phillip Island Adventure Resort

– **T4 Week 5**, Wed 4th – Fri 6th November

Grade 6 – The Summit, Trafalgar East

– **T4 Week 7**, Wed 18th – Fri 20th November

Tania Hunt

Principal

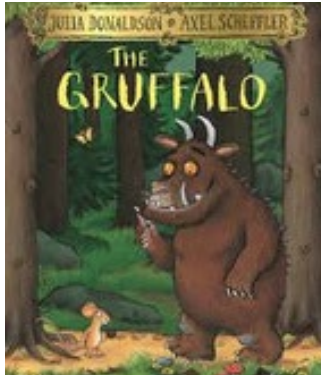




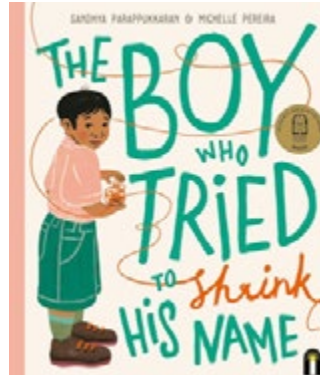
2026 BOOK PACK TEXTS

Junior School

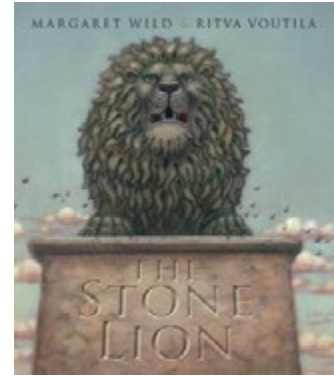
Prep



Grade 1



Grade 2



Middle School

Grade 3



Grade 4

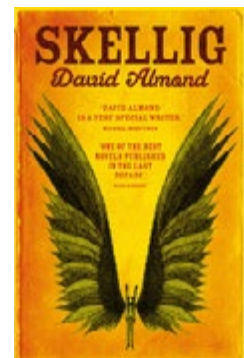


Senior School

Grade 5



Grade 6



From 10 December, you will need to be 16 or over to have an account on social media.



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PENCIL IN THIS DATE

SEABROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS...

END OF YEAR CONCERT 2025

A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS
WEDNESDAY 10TH
DECEMBER

Juniors 5.30-6.30pm
Seniors 7-8pm

food & coffee van onsite
please bring picnic rug



Giornata della Cultura Italiana

AN ITALIAN CULTURAL DAY

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2025



CELEBRATE ITALY WITH PASSION AND JOY!

DRESS UP

Wear the Italian
colours or your
favourite Italian
sports gear

PERFORMANCE BY CHE BANDA!

Taking us on an orchestrated
journey through the heart of Italy
through song and dance

As part of the celebrations, students will enjoy a special performance by Che Banda!, a vibrant Italian musical group, during scheduled sessions throughout the day.

To help mark the occasion, students are encouraged to come to school dressed in the colours of the Italian flag; green, white, and red or in their favourite Italian sportswear.

Mrs. Spiteri

A circular logo for Seabrook Primary School Parents & Friends, featuring a stylized bird and the school's name.

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**ZOOOPER
DOOPER
DAY**

**WEDNESDAY
DEC 3**

On sale in the courtyard
during lunch times

A large, festive poster for "ZOOOPER DOOPER DAY". The background is a vibrant blue with white stars and colorful streaks. A large white circle with a blue outline contains the text. The text is in various colors: "\$1" is green, "ZOOOPER DOOPER DAY" is in red, blue, and pink, and "WEDNESDAY DEC 3" is in purple and green. At the bottom, it says "On sale in the courtyard during lunch times".

END OF YEAR BAKE SALE

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10

FROM 5:00PM UNTIL SOLD OUT

Seabrook Parents and Friends Association is holding a bake sale to coincide with our annual end of year concert.

We would love it if you could assist us with making some home baked goodies for the sale.

Bake sale packs will be available from your child/ren's classroom or the front office from December 2
Individually packaged items are preferred.

We are an "ALLERGY AWARE" school.

Please ensure all ingredients are listed to assist those with allergies or food intolerances. Feel free to label your freshly baked goodies with gluten free, vegetarian or halal if appropriate.

Packs include labels and packaging.

Extra packs are available from the front office.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE REFRIGERATED

HOME BAKED AND MADE SUGGESTIONS

cakes, cupcakes, slices, breads, scones, cookies, jams, chutney, gingerbread, muffins, chocolate balls, savoury items - pizza rolls, prawn crackers, cheese and vegemite rolls, pretzels and popcorn



Teddy is growing, growing, growing!



He's now 7 months old and doing really well at puppy school, especially if there are treats involved!

Many of the puppies in his class are older, which means Teddy is often working extra hard to manage all the distractions around him. We're so proud of how far he's come and how quickly he is learning.

Teddy has also been enjoying lots of playtime and exploring new places. His favourite things at the moment are belly rubs and searching for socks around the house.

Here are some updated photos of Teddy. And yes... he's still growing, and he's not done yet!

Pamela Dalli

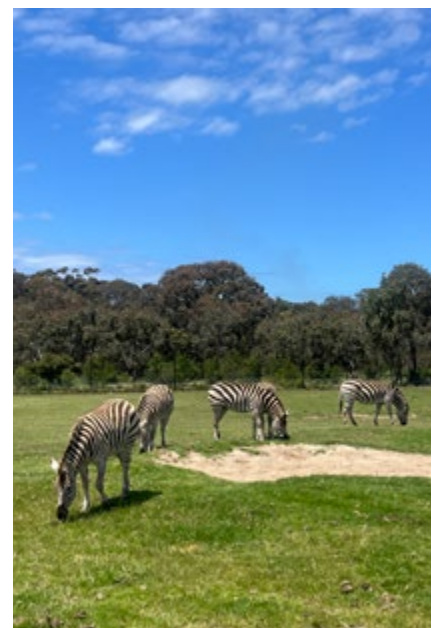


Werribee Open Range Zoo

On Friday the 21st of November, the Prep students enjoyed a lovely sunny day at the Werribee Open Range Zoo. We spent the day exploring a range of animals and their habitats. While in the Wallaby enclosure, the students became true 'Habitat Heroes'. They used wood and sticks to build shelters and examined fascinating items such as eggs, snake skins and other interesting artefacts.

The students also enjoyed a ride on the Safari Bus, where they were able to see many animals up close, including giraffes, rhinos, zebras, ostriches and more. Later, we took a leisurely walk through the new and very big elephant enclosure and spotted some beautiful elephants. We did lots of walking, had a play on the playground, enjoyed a picnic lunch, and loved watching all the animals. It was a wonderful day at the Werribee Open Range Zoo.

Prep Teachers



PREP EXCURSION





On the 7th of November, 2025 Grade Six students took a bus to one of Victoria's most popular destinations: Williamstown Beach. Two groups of classes took part in the six activities that the lifeguards had prepared for them. 6MD, 6SM and 6SB took the 9:30 am activities, going bright and early in haste for the warm beach weather. Even with the slight drizzles from the Melbourne rain, the students enjoyed themselves spectacularly and participated eagerly in the activities. 6TT and 6AL arrived at the beach at lunchtime, excited for the entertaining day ahead.

The few activities were nipper boarding, survival skills, Q&A, first aid, lifejacket and pool safety and CPR practice. Students got to try the nipper boards and learn how to balance on them. Despite the cold water, Grade 6's persevered through and enjoyed using the boards.

The lifeguards showed the kids how to use various types of floatation devices during the survival skill lesson. They also asked the kids a few questions about how to help people who are drowning, the dangers of rocks in the water and first aid.

Students practiced CPR on a mannequin while learning about why they practice this. The lifeguards showed them the correct form for how to pump the chest and how to use a defibrillator. They also demonstrated how to wrap an ankle with a bandage and learn how to tie a sling around the arm.

Learning how to keep warm during cold water was also taught by the lifeguards. The Grade 6's learnt about how to put on a lifejacket and jump into the water safely.

Overall, the Grade 6 students enjoyed their beach day and got to learn a lot of new and exciting experiences.

Jasmine 6TT





A Beach Safety Program was arranged for Seabrook Primary School's Year 3-6 students, in partnership with the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club (WSLSC). (Grade 5 students will have their opportunity during the last week of term)



Topics included:

- Get ready for the beach
- Rescues
- Nipper boards
- Life jackets
- First Aid and CPR



Funday was really fun (hence the name) so now I feel refreshed.

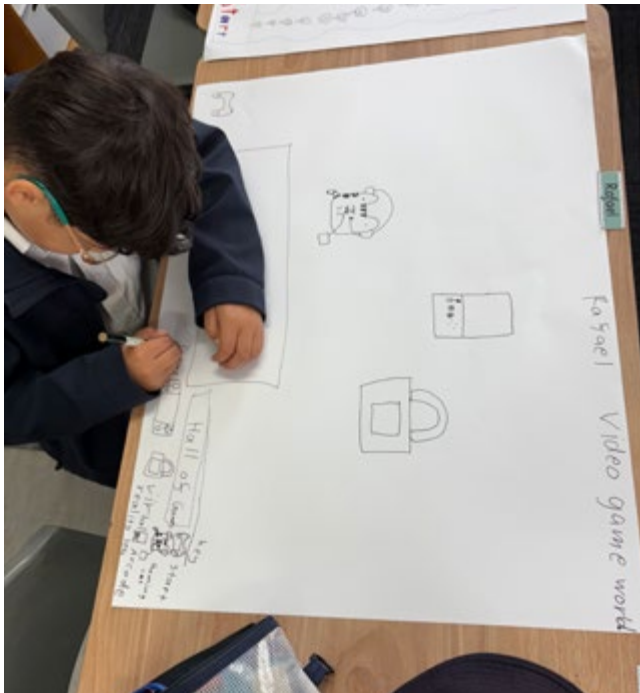
First, I watched Shaun the Sheep and I found out that Shaun is very funny and mischievous.

Next, I did arts and crafts and Beebots with Ms. Lukie. We created maps and used Bee Bots.

Last, I did coding with Mr Harkins. We used an app called Tangram where we had an arrangement of shapes and we had to build them out of the arrangement of shapes such as a cat, apple, horse, crane and a swan.

Fun day was so fun. I feel so refreshed that I was ready for Friday.

Lily, 2CS.



fun day fun day fun day fun day fun day





The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is Australia's largest and longest-running maths competition, challenging students with problem-solving tasks that build logical thinking and creativity. It featured 30 engaging problems that highlight the relevance of maths in everyday life. In August, almost 200 Seabrook students participated, highlighting the school's strong commitment to fostering a love of mathematics and encouraging students to engage with rich, challenging learning experiences.

Seabrook Primary School would like to recognise the following students for their achievements in the AMC:

High Distinction

Brayden M 3KM

Mackenzie C 3SS

Jiansh P 4IH

Andre C 6SM

We would also like to recognise Brayden M 3KM, as the recipient of the AMC Best in School.

What a fabulous achievement!



This year was the first year of running ICAS assessments at Seabrook. The ICAS English assessment is designed to provide an objective ranking of students' performance based on the English curricula for the relevant year. It tests skills such as everyday literacy, critical and creative thinking, and clear communication. These help students not just in the humanities, but every other area of their academic, social and professional life.

Seabrook Primary School would like to recognise the following students for their achievements in the ICAS English assessment:

High Distinction

Shanaaf Z 4JJ

Alexander K 5AH

Harshita K 5FW

Zackery W 5FW

A big thank you to all students who participated in both the AMC and ICAS assessments. We look forward to your participation in 2026!

Erin Cuthbertson

Learning Specialist - Student Excellence



In week four of this term the grade 2-6 students took part in a Timestables Rockstars Competition called Battle of the Bands. This was where students answered a range of multiplication questions through the Timestables Rockstars website for themselves and their grades. Students worked on this during class time and a little bit of time was allowed at home.

During this week there were nearly 700,000 multiplication questions answered which is an amazing effort by all of the students who were involved.

The three classes that finished first, second and third are as follows:

- **1st:** 6MD with 110,339 correct answers.
- **2nd:** 6TT with 85,700 correct answers.
- **3rd:** 6SM with 81,649 correct answers.

The top three students across the grade 2-6 classes were:

- **1st:** Shrenik P from 6AL with 19,558 correct answers.
- **2nd:** Stan T from 6SM with 18,848 correct answers.
- **3rd:** Emma C from 6AL with 18,765 correct answers.

Well done to all of the students who took part in this great event.

Thanks

Mr. Burns



Our SWPBS focus for Week 6 and 7 Term 4



Week 9 (DEC 1- 5 focus:
VALUE
BE RESPONSIBLE

Setting:
Learning spaces

Expected behaviour to learn:
We move around learning spaces safely

Week 10 (DEC 8 - 12) focus:
VALUE
BE RESPONSIBLE

Setting:
People & Me

Expected behaviour to learn:
We take ownership for our actions

Family Task (Optional) : Being responsible

The purpose of the fun activity below is to help children practise stopping, looking, and moving safely just like they need to do in learning spaces at school.

How to Play:

1. Choose a Space: Pick a hallway, backyard, or living room.

2. Explain the Rules: The adult or an older sibling is the "Safety Leader."
They call out:

"Green Light" → Walk safely

"Yellow Light" → Slow down, look around

"Red Light" → Stop and freeze

Make it clear that no running is allowed and only safe walking feet.

3. Add Responsibility Challenges: After a few rounds, add fun responsibility tasks:

"Safe Space Check!"- Everyone pauses to look around and make sure objects aren't in the way.

"Eyes Forward!"- Everyone practises walking while looking where they're going.

"Hands to Self!"- Walk with your hands by your sides or behind your back.

4. Talk About It: Ask your child:

When did you feel the most responsible?

Why is it important to move safely at school?

Wellbeing Team 😊





For families leaving Seabrook Primary School anytime between now and the end of the school year, please note the following important steps if your child has a school-configured BYOD 1to1 iPad or MacBook.

- Before leaving, all files and photos must be backed up to another location, and your child must be signed out of iCloud. Once everything required is safely saved off the device and iCloud is signed out (if applicable), the device needs to be returned to the school so it can be removed from our systems and portals.



- Please ensure this process is completed at least two school days before your child's final day to avoid delays.
- If you wish to on-sell your device to families currently on our waiting list for a used device, you may leave it at the front office for a valuation and condition check. Devices from 2020 or newer are the most in demand. Please include your name and contact number when leaving your device with our friendly front office staff.
- If you have any further questions, please visit the school's website (under ICT in the top right) or contact the school as soon as possible.



Starting at the beginning of next year, Seesaw will no longer be used at Seabrook Primary School or in the foreseeable future. **We strongly encourage all families to download and save a copy of their child's portfolio before the end of January 2026. This is an important step to ensure you keep a record of your child's learning.** After this date, all Seesaw content will be permanently removed and cannot be recovered, so please take action as soon as possible.

Darren Hill | ICT and Technical Manager

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](#)



OUR SCHOOL

SEABROOK SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Open every 1st & 3rd Wednesday,
of the month

2:30pm – 3:30pm

All preloved items in the shop
are kindly donated by parents.
This shop will accept clean and
washed school uniform items.

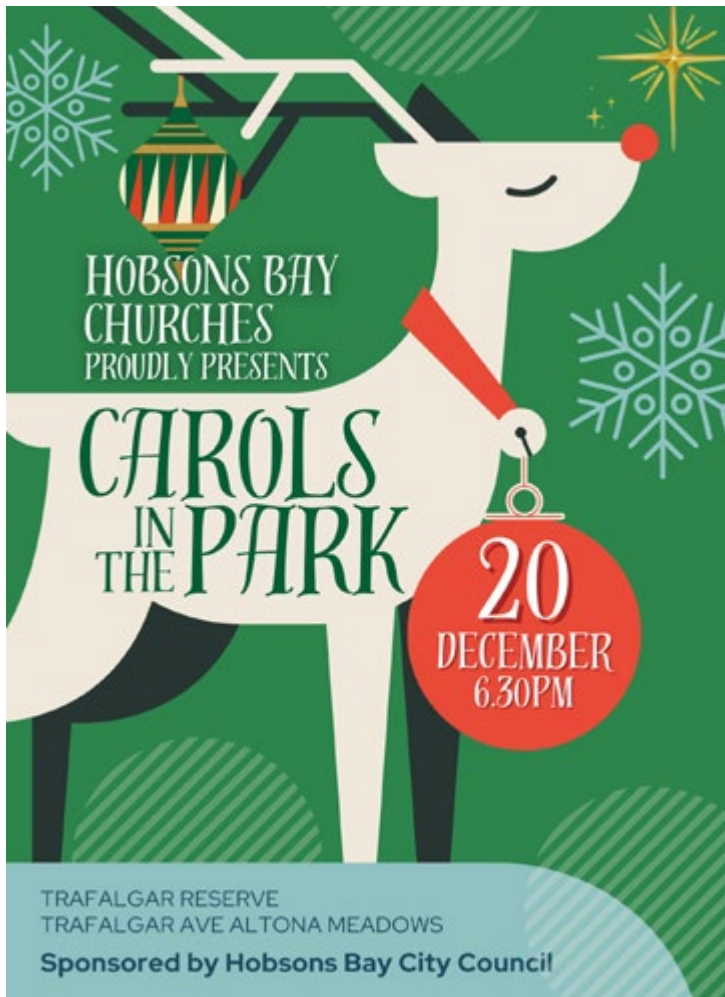
(EFTPOS ONLY)

(located in room 28, beside OSHClub)



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.



"MENTION SEABROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL TO RECEIVE THE CASH BACK OFFER"

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

Seabrook Cricket Club are located near Seabrook PS and are one of the area's top cricket clubs that run Woolworths Cricket Blast. This is a further reminder to invite you to join the club's cricket blast program and enjoy all the fun the program can provide.

For more information on programs at the club please head to [Play Cricket](#) where you can register for Cricket Blast at Seabrook CC.

Alternatively if you have another club in mind you can locate your preferred cricket club via the link [Play Cricket](#)



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Coordinators Corner!

Hello Seabrook Families!

As we continue along with the school term we got in the Christmas Spirit by getting paper chains ready to decorate the OSH room. The children have also been creating snowflakes that have been hung up on display in the OSH room too.

We also had our last Karate lesson this past week and we would like to thank Phil at GKR Karate for teaching the children the past 5 weeks.

We also have continued making our yummy treats like Mochi and Yum Yum Balls which has been a hit in the children and have asked for recipes to make them at home too.

On the 20th of November we had our Safeguarding Officer come to our service and celebrated "children safeguarding week" the children also did postcards that'll be sent to a pen pal to other OSHClubs in NZ, England and Ireland

With the year coming to a close just a reminder that you can book for the January Holidays and all of 2026 now and if you need assistance we will gladly help out with enquires.

Coming up.....

10th December:- End of year Concert

15th December:- Pupil Free Day (OSHClub open)

19th December:- Last Day of school (OSHClub will run 1.30-6.30)



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Stay and Play 2.30-6.30pm

seabrook@oshclub.com.au

OSHClub

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 [HERE](#).

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](#).

DECEMBER 2025/ JANUARY 2026 SEABROOK TIME LINE

refer to the Compass calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Decemeber 1	2	3 Prep Fun Day \$1 ZOOPER DOOPER DAY on sale during lunchtimes	4 Transition day for 2026 years 1-6 (current P-5 students)	5 Italian Cultural Day  Grade 2 Assembly 2:30pm - 3pm
8 School Council 6pm-7pm	9 K> Prep Transition Day 9:15am - 12:15pm	10  Christmas Concert & Bake Sale 5:30pm - 8pm Juniors 5:30pm - 6:30pm Seniors 7pm - 8pm	11 GRADE 1 Fun Day	12 Grade 1 Assembly 2:30pm - 3pm
15 CURRICULUM DAY NO SCHOOL	16 Grade 5 Beach Program Williamstown Beach	17 Grade 6 Graduation at the Encore Events Centre in Hoppers Crossing 5pm - 7pm <i>This is a ticketed event</i> 	18	19 End of term Assembly 1pm <i>all welcome</i> Dismissal from the classroom at 1:30pm  HAPPY HOLIDAYS
January 26 Australian Day Public Holiday	27	28 All students commence Term 1 including prep Classroom doors open at 8:40am for the commencement of learning at 8:50am	29	30

PARENT PAYMENTS 2026

Seabrook Primary School



Dear Seabrook Primary School families,

Our school is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Seabrook Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. We want to thank you for your support through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, this support has allowed us to provide the highest quality resources; maintenance for our school grounds; and more regular servicing of our student amenities. While parents continue supporting the school, Seabrook Primary School can offer the best possible resources and services.

For further information, please refer to the Department's Parent Payments Policy ONE PAGE OVERVIEW.

Financial Support for families

Seabrook Primary School understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- **Camps, Sports & Excursions fund (CSEF)** may be available to assist with costs associated with Camps and excursions for families who hold a valid, means-tested concession card. The CSEF is increasing to \$400 for primary school children in 2026.
- **Uniform support**, including second-hand uniform and supplier vouchers.
- **Unused SSB funds** assigned to your child/ren as part of the *one-off 2025 School Saving Bonus*.
- **Payment plans** for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the office on Ph: 03 9395 1758 | Email: seabrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

At the start of 2026, parents will be able to make payments using Compass.

- COMPASS PARENT PORTAL (VISA/MasterCard debit or credit card)
- EFTPOS at front office

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Seabrook Primary School offers a range of opportunities that enhance the experience of students. The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year as events are finalised. We will be preferencing excursions over incursions, for students to have the opportunity to explore locations beyond the school. Additionally, for Grade 3-6 students, there is typically an Athletics Day (approx. \$10pp), a camp (typically \$360-\$480pp), and other special opportunities such as academic competitions and competitive sports – individually priced.

- **Prep – 2 students:** An estimated guide is \$50-\$100 per year.
- **Grade 3 – 5 students:** We try to ensure the total sum for does not extend much past \$400.
- **Grade 6 students:** Available experiences can reach around \$600 across a year due to interschool sports, a suitable camp, and graduation.

LEARNING WITH CONFIDENCE

Educational items for students to own

The school *strongly recommends* you purchase selected stationery/book items from **COS Office Supplies** for your child to individually own and use.

Parents choosing to purchase any item elsewhere should ensure it is identical (brand, model, colour, etc). Some items are COS-branded. Please do not send alternatives to school for use. The book pack items have been carefully curated for seamless classroom use and longevity.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Our approach towards curriculum contributions and booklists is changing in 2026.*

Curriculum Contributions are significantly **decreasing** from \$325pp (previous years) → \$95pp (2026).

Book packs (booklists) are significantly **increasing** due to the inclusion of new literature and textbooks, and higher quality stationery to optimise instruction time - such as higher quality whiteboard markers that last longer, do not smudge, and can be left uncapped for a time without needing to be discarded.

Device expectations are significantly **decreasing**. We are making changes to technology usage from 2026.

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General classroom: English, Mathematics, Humanities, Health \$30.00 Italian – classroom consumables and materials \$3.00 Physical Education – sport equipment \$3.00 Performing Arts – resource materials and music equipment \$3.00 Visual Arts – paint, paper, art/craft materials \$5.00 STEM – consumables, resources, equipment (radio, robotics, etc.) \$12.00 Science (new specialist subject in 2026) – materials, science equipment \$7.70 	\$63.70
Student Online Subscription/s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) & Numbots \$1.30 	\$1.30
Student Printing Allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printing – individual student allocation through print management system (PaperCut). This does not include photocopied class materials. \$30.00 	\$30.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$95.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
First aid equipment	\$8
Daily mid-schoolday servicing of student amenities (additional school-based spend on top of Department after-hours cleaning contract)	\$25
Compass Portal	\$12
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$40
Total Other Contributions	\$85.00

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$95.00
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	\$85.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (user-pays, optional events)	\$TBA per event
Educational items for students to own (COS booklists)	\$TBA per year level
(Payable in Compass from the start of 2026) TOTAL	\$180.00

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.