GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all our volunteer parents/carers for the support you provide, you are invaluable to us. We invite other parents/carers that have some spare time to consider volunteering in our school. Some of the areas that we are always looking for support in are reading programs, making resources for students, library—book shelving and book covering, canteen, grounds/gardening, fundraising and excursions.

‘Even the smallest act of courage or kindness contributes to the whole.’

‘Joy is not in things, it is in us.’ (Richard Wagner)

Yannoula Michael

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All Parents/Caregivers are invited to the Seaford Rise Primary School AGM
Monday 28th March 2011
In the Resource Centre
7pm
All welcome
In 2011, all staff at Seaford Rise PS will be undertaking a series of conferences focusing on the teaching of Mathematics. We will also be beginning to look at the new Australian Curriculum. As a parent you may wonder what does this mean to me and am I going to understand what my child is doing in Maths? Basic Maths concepts never change. There are still 3 sides to a triangle and the angles of a triangle still add up to 180 degrees. What is continuing to change is how we teach Maths. We are moving away from teaching a mathematical skill and then giving students 20 repetitive sums to practise this skill and toward developing deeper understandings and the ability to use the Mathematical knowledge in problem solving situations.

With any new ideas the language we use changes and, believe me, this can frustrate teachers as much as parents. Through the newsletters this year I will try to help with some of the new terms teachers will be learning about and using. In this new approach, a word that I learnt about, but had never heard of before was ‘Subitising’. What does it mean?

Subitising is the strategy of not counting how many there are but relying on your intuition to know how many objects the group contains by looking.

As a parent how can I help my child at home? Playing games that involve dice or cards are excellent activities to develop Maths. There are many, many web-sites with a Mathematical focus, but which ones are worth visiting? The ‘Natural Maths’ web-site has many excellent ideas and links that are suitable for parents to investigate. We have bought resources from Ann and Johnny Baker, the owners of the web-site, including ‘Natural Maths Strategies for Parents’. Please contact me at school if you would like to look at these resources. If you visit the web-site on the home page you will find a link to a game called ‘Traffic Lights’ which is a good fun activity suitable for most ages.


To finish I would like to introduce the idea of a Family Maths Challenge that was developed through the ‘Maths 4 Learning Inclusion Primary Years Project’. In this Newsletter you will find a Maths problem. Solve it as a family, write your eldest child’s name on the sheet and place it in the Family Maths Challenge box in the library. The first three correct answers drawn out at next week’s Friday assembly will receive a prize.

Greg Brown.
Maths/Science Facilitator.
I like seeing my Buddy.

My cousin is in the class.

It’s always fun working with our Buddies.

Mrs. Ford is funny.

They shared watermelon with us.
Community Notices

SEAFORD RISE CHILDREN CENTRE PRE-ENTRY PROGRAMME

We are now taking enrolments for children doing pre-entry in Term 2, 2011.

If your child turns 5 years old on or before the 16th July, 2012, your child is eligible to attend this programme.

We are having an enrolment meeting on Friday, 18th March, starting at 1.30pm.

Please ring the Kindergarten before this date on 83860505 to speak to a staff member for more information.

Kim Noble - Pre-school Director

COME OUT FESTIVAL 2011
BIG FAMILY OUTING

Big Family outing is two days of creativity and fun for families of all sizes including ticketed theatre performances, hand-on workshops plus FREE fun for everyone at Elder Park on 26th-27th March.

For more information contact the Come Out office on 82675766

THE CANTEEN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.
If you have any spare time and would like to help out - drop in and see Hayley in the canteen.

BEDWETTING

A new DVD based Program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr. Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children.

For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website:
www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au
Or phone 1300135796

Seaford & Southern Vales Taekwondo & Hapkido Academy

Seaford Rise Primary School Gymnasium.
Taekwondo: Mon. & Thurs 6.45 to 7.45pm
Hapkido: Tues. 7.00-8.00pm
Sat 9.00am to 10.00am
For more info: Mike Ellbourn 83862970 - 0408 435 181

COME AND ENJOY CLUB FOOTY CHRISTIES BEACH FOOTBALL CLUB.

All children of Primary School age are invited to our Mini League and Auskick Registration evening.

Mini League games (modified rules) are played on Sunday mornings during terms 2 & 3. Children will be placed in groups depending on their age in Under 8 years of age, U10, or U12.

The Auskick program is held on Sundays at 10am.

REGISTRATION NIGHT AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH 2011 4.30PM AT CHRISTIES BEACH FOOTBALL CLUB, BICE OVAL, CHRISTIE AVENUE, CHRISTIES BEACH.

More information: contact: Mick O’Neill: 0438861221 or Jeremy Paparella: 0438261622