



Principal's Message

Hello to our wonderful Seaham community and welcome to week six. We hope you have had a great week. We had a wonderful opening to our school Parliament last Friday. Thankyou so much to those community members who were able to attend and a huge thankyou to Ms Kate Washington, state member for Port Stephens who always supports our school, we really appreciate it.

Whole School assembly - Today we had our first whole school assembly. Well done to 3/4B for providing the item. We also acknowledge other student leaders, including house captains, Junior AECG representatives and bus monitors. Well done to all and the best of luck as you start your leadership journey. We always remind our students that even if you don't have a leadership badge, your positive actions can still have a great influence on others.

NAPLAN - a reminder that NAPLAN is coming up. The NAPLAN assessments will occur on the following days. Writing on Wednesday March 12, reading on Thursday March 13, language on Monday March 17 and numeracy on Wednesday March 19. We will have catch up days on Thurs 20, Fri 21 and Mon 24th.

Attendance - A huge congratulations to our whole school community for your support of positive attendance at Seaham PS. I check daily attendance each day and recently we have been over 94%. To put this in context the highest performing school similar to us is Marrar PS near Wagga with an attendance rate of 94.1%. We are not far away, currently our average is around 91%. Let's work together to become the highest performing similar school.

Start of School - Just a reminder that students are supervised from 8:30am in the morning. There is no formal supervision of students before this time. Our main priority is student safety. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates For Diaries

Wednesday Mar 12 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 commences
Tuesday Mar 18 School Photos
Thursday Mar 20 Harmony Day
Friday Apr 11 Easter Hat Parade Last day of Term 1
Wednesday Apr 30 Students return for Term 2
Thursday May 1 ANZAC Day Assembly
Monday May 12 Mothers Day Breakfast
Tuesday May 13 Athletics Carnival
Thursday May 15 Assembly KR
Thursday June 12 Assembly 3/4M
Tues July 1 - Fri July 4 Stage 3 Camp Last Day for Term 2
Tues July 22 Students return for Term 3



Opening of Parliament for 2025

Last Friday we had our opening of parliament for 2025. The Honourable Kate Washington came and gave our Ministers, Hansard and Speaker of the House their badges. The member for Butler raised the motion to get a storage shed for bikes, scooters and fishing gear, the motion was denied, I look forward to being your Speaker of the House for 2025.

Indiana Bostock.



Attendance Monitoring at Seaham Public School

At Seaham Public School we monitor attendance in 3-week blocks. If a student's attendance is below 85% (3 or more days) you may receive an 'Attendance Check-in call'. The purpose of this call is to 'check in' and ask if there are any problems at school that we can help resolve that may be impacting attendance. Often these absences have not been explained, and this is an opportunity to let your child's class teacher know the reason for their absence. We would like to work together with students and families to ensure all our students are regularly attending school.

The **Education Act 1990** requires you to ensure your child attends school each day that instruction is provided unless they are prevented from doing so by sickness or other acceptable reason and for you to provide an explanation for any absence. The Act requires parents and carers to explain your child's absences within seven days of their occurrence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded. Please notify the school office of your child's absence via **SENTRAL** Parent Portal, phone, email or note.

NSW Department of Education



Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life**.



Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

-  Learning
-  Strengthening friendships
-  Build skills through fun

Gymnastics



Cattle Judging

Last week at the Newcastle Show Sophie, Ivy and Mabel competed in the cattle junior judging and parading. All 3 girls had a wonderful time and did very well.

Paraders:

The parader is judged on their own presentation, confidence and skills in handling and parading their animal, and they are judged on how clean and well presented their animal is. Sophie came 1st in her class, Ivy 2nd in her class and Mabel 4th in her class.

Junior judging:

Individuals are presented with various cattle and they have to judge them and place them on the order they believe is correct from 1— 4th place, They then answer additional questions provided by the main judge. If they are in the top group they then move onto the next stage which is an oral presentation supporting why they order the cattle the way they did. Sophie came 1st in her class, Ivy 2nd in her class and Mabel 3rd in her class.

With all their scores combined they won the primary schools section. Well done girls!



Drum Corp

Drum Corp - Drum Corp is back Term 1 only. Starting week 7 with a whole new 4 week program. This is a chance for the students to jump into high-energy rhythm sessions, mixing beats, tricks, games, and juggling to music.

Short, Sharp and packed with fun.

- 4 weeks of action
- \$60 per student (split payment + Creative kids vouchers accepted)
- Spots Limited—Term 1 exclusive!

Lock in your spot here - <https://drumcorpkids.com/registration-4weeks>

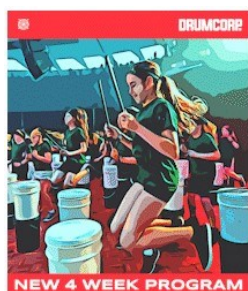


Photo Day Coming

Tuesday 18th March

PhotoworX Photo Day Is Coming Soon...

 **John Smith**
Class 6P
Photo Day Tuesday 14th March

REGISTER ONLINE NOW to be notified when images are ready to view.

Just follow these easy steps...
(FOR ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN)

- 1 Go to: orders.photoworxonline.com.au or scan the QR code below
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- 3 Fill in YOUR mobile number & email address

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***STEP 2 Enter image code**

***STEP 3 Enter your details**

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When photos are ready you will be contacted via SMS and Email with a link to view and purchase your childs photos

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Stewart House Fundraiser

Stewart House is the NSW Department of Education's Charity of Choice. For nearly a century, since 1931, Stewart House has been a beacon of hope and healing for public school children in need across NSW and the ACT. Each year, 1,600 children facing difficult times stay at this beachside haven for a 12-day program focused on health, wellbeing, and fun—all at no cost to their families. Funded entirely by donations and school fundraising, the program provides everything from dental and vision checks to confidence-building activities, ensuring children receive the care and support they need to reset and thrive. Stewart House's vision is to inspire children to see beyond their present circumstances and embrace real hope and aspirations for a brighter future.

Show your support for children in need and enter for a chance to win a \$4,000 travel voucher! The draw will take place in Term 2 on Friday, 23 May 2025. Online payments are encouraged, and families can scan the QR code on the envelope to pay, record the receipt number, and return the envelope to the school office to enter the draw!



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SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

Orders Close

Friday March 21

CANTEEN

CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

LUNCH ORDERS - 11:30am - 12:30 pm

SNACKS - 1:30 - 2PM (OPTIONAL)

MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY

SNACKS ONLY - 1:30 - 2PM

Due to enrolled children's life threatening Anaphylactic Allergic reactions to all nuts and peanut products, we would like to encourage families not to send these products to school. with their children. These include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars or any products containing any type of nuts. We appreciate your support in this matter.

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