School News
Term 2, Week 7
June 4, 2026

Principal's Message

Hello to our wonderful Seaham community and welcome to week seven. We hope you have had a wonderful week. We continue to have positive attendance at Seaham Public School. Yesterday we reached 95% attendance which was fantastic. I can't wait to see the results of the Port Stephens schools challenge. Maybe 95% gets the gold. Fingers crossed.

New Timetable Trial - Check out the information in this week's newsletter about some adjustments to our morning times. We have changed up our times to try and create the best learning environment for our students. Hopefully a shorter morning session and adjustments to our lunch break will have a positive impact on learning. The main change includes eating lunch at the end of play. Canteen won't be open before lunch eating time so hopefully all students go home with an empty lunchbox.

Still Street Work - I had an exciting meeting with Port Stephens Council this morning regarding an upgrade to Still Street. I am excited to report that the work includes kerb and guttering on the school side of Still Street as well as a wide footpath which will make pick up and drop off so much easier and safer. Drainage will also be drastically improved with run off now directed to the end of Still Street towards East Seaham Road instead of into the gully adjacent to the school and towards our neighbours across the road. Obviously the negative with this project is the disruption whilst it is being done. I will keep community informed as soon as I know a start date for this work.

Community PBL - Well done to Clare Walker who is our Community PBL award recipient this week. We are very lucky to have Clare at Seaham Public School.

Clare is a wonderful student who has thrived in her first year of school at Seaham Public School. Clare greets everyone with a smile and brightens the room wherever she goes. Clare recently supported another new student in kindergarten who was anxious about entering the classroom. Thank you Clare for being so caring.

Dates for Diaries

Monday June 8 Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday June 11 Assembly 2/3B
Monday June 15 Book Club Orders Due
Tuesday June 16 1/2K Transport Excursion
Wednesday June 17 Parliament 2pm
Friday July 3 Last day of Term 3
Tuesday July 21 First day Term 3 for Students

Borrowed Jumpers

We are currently washing a large number of borrowed jumpers each week, as students are borrowing jumpers in the morning and leaving them around the school.

To improve accountability, when a student borrows a jumper, their name will now be written on it and they will be responsible for its care. If your child brings home an extra jumper, please send in a gold coin donation to purchase the second-hand jumper.

We have over 70 second-hand jumpers available for purchase.

Day in the life of 3/4B

Ever wondered what a typical day looks like in 3/4B? Come along and spend the day with us!
Our day began with our morning routine. We have been learning all about the Great Barrier Reef, so we spent time building our knowledge and gathering facts to support our persuasive writing. We discovered fascinating information about the reef's wildlife, cultural significance and the challenges it faces.
Next, it was time for writing. We focused on crafting fantastic conclusions for our persuasive texts. We worked hard to restate our arguments, create powerful "if, if... then..." statements and encourage our readers to take action.
From word sorts to spelling challenges, we completed our weekly spelling activities and practised using our words in different ways.
Before tackling Maths, we needed to refresh our minds with a quick game of whole-class Pictionary. There were some impressive drawings... and some that required a little imagination!

In Maths, we explored duration and investigated exactly how long a minute really is. Some of us were surprisingly accurate, while others discovered that sixty seconds can feel a lot longer than expected!
We also practised estimating the length of a minute. Some students were incredibly accurate, while others revealed their secret strategy. Let's just say Jake and Luke's watches gave them a slight competitive edge!
After a busy morning of learning, it was time to enjoy lunch and play with our friends. We worked hard, so we played hard!

During our middle session, we continued our research into famous ancient structures from around the world. We explored incredible places such as Chichen Itza and Machu Picchu, learning about their history, purpose and unique features.
Inspired by our research, we began designing and constructing our own ancient structures. The catch? They had to be dedicated to ourselves! From giant monuments to elaborate temples, our creativity was on full display as we planned structures that future generations might one day discover.

From exploring the Great Barrier Reef to travelling back in time to ancient civilisations, 3/4B packed a lot of learning into one day. We can't wait to see what tomorrow brings!
To top off a fantastic day of learning, Mia was our Daily Draw winner! She proudly took home a special prize, ending the day with a big smile on her face. Congratulations, Mia!

Public Speaking Final

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Hodgson from Bobs Farm Public School for adjudicating our whole school public speaking final. Her efforts in selecting two finalists from each stage are greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to all our speakers! Each participant delivered their speeches to a remarkably high standard, showcasing their hard work and dedication.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and community members in attendance, supporting our students and celebrating their achievements.

We are excited to announce the finalists for this year, who will represent our school at the Zone Public Speaking Competition next term:

Early Stage One	Stage One
Elsie Tilse	Mitch South
Seth Cunningham	Addi MacDonnell

Stage 2	Stage 3
Elon Thomson	Amber Parrish
Eric Cunningham	Hudson Rumph

Best of luck to our finalists!

Hunter Super Nova Camp

The organisers from the Hunter Region High Potential and Gifted Camp were incredibly impressed by the quality and depth of applications received this year. The level of talent and enthusiasm for learning shown by students across the region was outstanding, and as a result, they received an overwhelming number of applications, leading to a substantial waitlist.

Our successful students this year - Xavier Ingall (Mathematics), Audrey Botha (History), Ewan Tsang (Technology) and Deanna Solomons (Visual Arts).

We also have students on the waitlist - Harvey Ingall (Technology), Alana Solomons (Mathematics), Lachlan MacDonell (Mathematics), Sam Gretton (Mathematics) and Zarley Ott (Visual Arts).

Congratulations! Our school may be small, but we truly step up and shine. Well done to everyone!

SEAHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEW TIMETABLE TRIAL

From Tuesday, June 9

We will be trialling a slight change to our timetable for the remainder of term two. This will include:

Session 1 9am - 11:15am
Lunch Break 11:15am - 11:45am
(Canteen closed)
Lunch eating in the classroom 11:45am - 12pm
(Canteen delivering lunch orders)
Session 2 12pm - 1:30pm
Recess Break 1:30pm - 2pm
(Canteen open)
Session 3 2pm - 3pm

Reasons for change

- Shorter session 1 to help cognitive load.
- Eating after break to support eating supervision and a more settled start to session 2.
- Canteen open recess only to ensure students don't snack before lunch eating time.

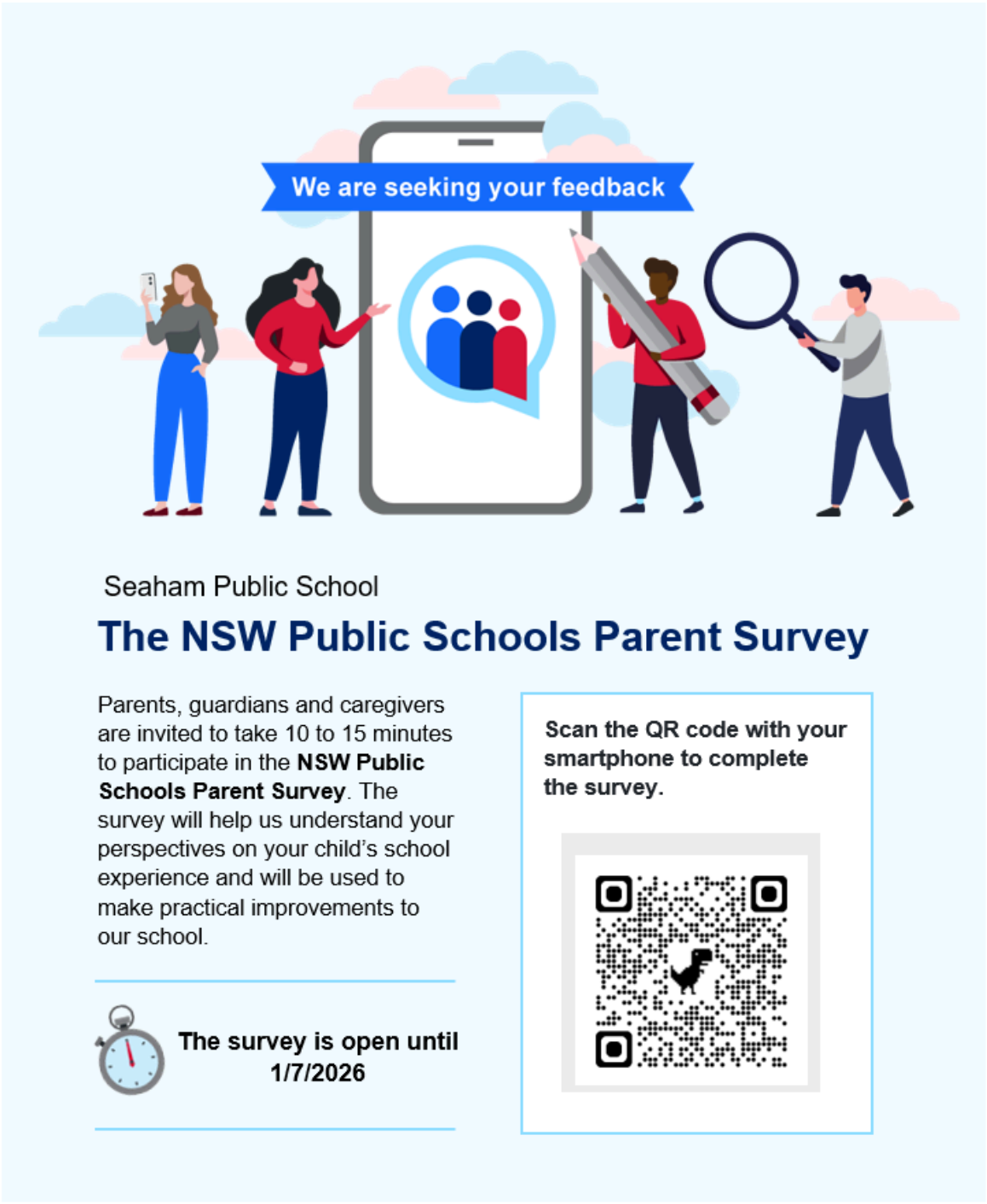
NSW Public School Parent Survey

In Term 2, we are inviting parents and carers to participate in the NSW Public Schools Parent survey. The survey gives you the opportunity to share your experience at our school, including communication, inclusion, wellbeing and how your child's learning is supported.

Hearing directly from our parents and carers will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made. Participation in the survey is optional, your responses are anonymous, and it takes around 10 minutes to complete.

You can access the survey via the QR code or link below
https://surveyme.education.nsw.gov.au/sc/WgdPKkGdoERpZn_DjlPEnA2

The class who gets the biggest percentage of parents completing the Parent Survey will win a special pizza lunch! Please let the office know your child's class if you choose to complete the survey.



Netball

On Monday, the girls played exceptionally well in their netball match against Pacific Palms, securing a solid victory with a final score of 20-11.

Their teamwork and determination on the court were evident throughout the game, helping them advance to the next round where they will face Old Bar Public School.

Well done to the team for their fantastic effort and achievement!

Canteen

CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
LUNCH ORDERS
11.30AM - 12.30PM
SNACKS - 1.30-2PM (OPTIONAL)

TUESDAY & THURSDAY
SNACKS ONLY - 1.30-2PM
LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9AM

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.

Our canteen is always needing volunteers. If you have any spare time and would like to help, please log into **school24** and follow the prompts

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