School News
Term 3, Week 1
July 23, 2026

Principal's Message

Hello to our wonderful Seaham community and welcome back. We are looking forward to another positive, busy and engaging term.

Staff Update - We welcome Nichola Ellis to our staff for the start of term 3. Mrs Ellis replaces Mrs Imber on Wednesday and is working Friday as well. Mrs Ellis' role will involve small group support and data collection. We are also thrilled to announce that Leah Alexander in our office has now moved from temporary employment to permanent, officially now replacing Mrs Stulz. Mrs Alexander has been doing a wonderful job in our office, particularly managing our communication through our social media channels.

Education Week - We look forward to Education Week in week 3 this term (August 3 to August 7). The theme this year is 'Inspiring Excellence'. Planning has started so keep an eye out for detail on what is happening at Seaham. The Education Week awards will take place at Irrawang High School on Tuesday, August 11. Congratulations to the following members of our school community who will receive Education week awards this year. Student Excellence awards to Phoebe Burey and Ewan Tsang. Excellence in Teaching to Mrs Granale and Mrs Kirkman. Community Member awards to Kim Penfold (P&C uniform organiser) and Sharon Taylor (Supporting Aboriginal Education) and the non-teaching staff member award goes to Mark Garnham (General School assistant). Congratulations to all.

Timetable Trial - We had a lot of positive feedback from students, teachers and community members regarding changes to our timetable trialled from week 8, term 2. See the attachment in this newsletter for more detail on the feedback. Of course not all feedback was positive so we have tried to address some of the concerns moving forward. We will continue with those times and check in again mid way through term 3.

Community PBL - Our week 2 Community PBL award recipient is Kate Wilkinson (see photo and reason). We really appreciate the mature and caring way Kate supported another student in a time of need. Well done Kate.

RAYMOND TERRACE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE STARS
EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY TIME

Kate showed care when supporting a fellow student who was having a medical episode. Kate stayed calm and reassured the student in a very mature and responsible way.

Dates for Diaries

Friday July 31 Zone Athletics Carnival
Thursday Aug 5 Parliament
Thursday Aug 20 Assembly 3/4B
Monday Aug 24 Book Week
Wednesday Aug 26 Parliament
Thursday Aug 27 Book Week Parade
Friday September 4 Fathers Day Brekky
Thursday September 10 Assembly 1/2K
Wednesday September 16 Parliament
Friday September 25 Last Day of Term 3
Tuesday October 13 First Day of Term 4

Timetable Feedback

CHANGE IN TIMETABLE FEEDBACK

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Teacher Feedback

POSITIVE

- More teaching time in the middle and shorter morning session helps students to focus.
- Students more ready to learn after eating at end of break.
- Decrease in negative break 1 behaviour.
- Timetable works better

CHALLENGES

- No break for teachers on lunch duty.
- Some students struggling to eat lunch in allocated time.

Student Feedback

POSITIVE

- 41% of students indicated eating after play helps their learning. Comments included 'more chill', 'more hungry after play', 'I'm not rushed, 'eating helps me to cool down'.
- 86% of student responses said the morning now felt the same or easier.
- 68% said the middle session was the same or easier.

CHALLENGES

- 30% of students felt the longer middle session was harder.
- Most negative comments were about having less play at lunch.

Parent/Carer Feedback

- Majority of responses supported the timetable change. Comments included 'eating time supports positive connections', empty lunchboxes at the end of the day', 'a positive move'.

The Changed timetable will continue with the following adjustments

- Adjustment to lunch duty roster to ensure teachers have a break between session 1 and 2.
- PBL lesson created supporting students with eating, snacks during play and saving main lunch for eating time.
- Department requirements for length of playtime shared with students. (Students are allowed between 60 and 75min break time each day). Our new times include 60 min play+15 min eating=75min

ICAS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Within our school community there are students who shine brightly, displaying exemplary dedication and academic talent. They deserve to be recognised and this year we are giving them the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the world-renowned ICAS competition.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in **English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.**
Students for Years 2-6 can complete all subjects except Writing for Years 3-6.

ICAS results are in-depth and meaningful, and ICAS evaluates student performance against other competition entrants across the state and nation. The data reveals student strengths and weaknesses and can help you recognise and support your child's academic journey.

Learn more about ICAS here: (icasassessments.com/products-icas/).

ICAS results and certificate

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.
Your child's ICAS certificates will show their results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin". - Use these to enter the **Results Portal** (https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent).

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please go to the Parent Portal to register for your chosen subjects.

You can do this in one of two ways:

1. **Direct login link** – faster!
Use this link to log directly into the shop and start registering:

https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/ (CTB358)

2. **Log in using the PPS code**
Visit our shop and use our PPS code to log in:

Shop link: https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps
PPS code: CTB358

Registration for all subject areas closes on **Monday 27 July at 11:59pm**.

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Subject	Sitting Date	Cost (AU$)
Digital Technologies	3-7 Aug	$21.95
Writing	3-7 Aug	$25.95
English	10-14 Aug	$21.95
Science	17-21 Aug	$21.95
Spelling Bee	17-21 Aug	$21.95
Mathematics	24-28 Aug	$21.95

Please note, we cannot facilitate refunds or make alterations as all money is paid directly to ICAS Assessments.

Read the terms and conditions here: (https://www.icasassessments.com/icasa-terms-and-conditions/#icas-parents).

Privacy collection statement

The following information is a privacy notification about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

*ICAS Assessment is owned by Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (**We, Us, Our**).*
*To deliver assessment products, Janison will require your child's School to obtain your consent to provide Janison with certain personal information of students. Janison will collect, store, use, disclose and otherwise deal with such personal information in accordance with its privacy policy (below). We are aware of our responsibility to protect personal information related to children and students from being disclosed when we deliver an ICAS Assessments product. Unless you, as the child's legal guardian consents, we **will not**:*

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- *transfer any personal information we obtain from a child in the delivery of assessments and tests to any jurisdiction outside of Australia.*
- *share any personal information relating to children with any third parties (except for those third parties necessary for us to carry out our Services or provide our Products e.g., medal engraving).*
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Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.
Kind regards,

Craig Partridge
Principal

Canteen

Term 3 Specials!!

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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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School Name registration ID:: **25376963**

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