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CORE VALUES

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Achievement

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See page 2 for important school dates

Principal's Column

Welcome to the 2015 school year which is again off to a well organised, settled and focussed start. Students have been in classes working with their teachers from the very start of the term! A particular welcome to all new students and their families, including 160 starting Year 8. Total student numbers are over 800 with a significant waiting list. This reflects strong demand for places at the school both from within and outside of our zone.

This year we welcome the following staff:

Ongoing:

- Tim Cooke – English, History, Japanese
- Raiph McPherson – Physics, Maths

2015

- Mel Briggs – English, HASS
- Jennifer Neff – English, HASS (on exchange from Canada)
- Gaynor Gray – Maths, Science
- Sandor Unger – English, HASS

Leadership changes

- Trish Curtis – Coordinator, Maths
- Libby Branford – Coordinator, Counselling
- Paul Skehan – Coordinator, Cultural Inclusion

2014 Results

The 2014 Year 12 cohort of Seaton High School achieved some very pleasing results. Impressively this included a SACE completion rate of 100% - a very rare achievement! Such outcomes are only possible through the hard work of the students themselves and the wonderful support provided by the dedicated staff of Seaton High School. It is important to note that these are not the product of one year – success in Year 12 begins in Year 8!

I would also like to stress the contribution of parents/caregivers to this team approach. This can take a range of forms but one in particular is the importance of maximising attendance. It is an obvious but sometimes overlooked fact that the most fundamental factor in achieving success is being present at school and engaged in learning. This includes Homegroup sessions, subject lessons and special programs. Parents/caregivers play a vital role in reinforcing this and ensuring that students are absent only when absolutely necessary. This support is critical to success and very highly valued by our staff. Such a team approach is a feature of our Culture of Achievement and is reflected in the Seaton High School Graduate Qualities.

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2014 Result summary

- Seaton High School had a 100% SACE Completion rate for 2014!
- 97.8% of Year 12 results were passing grades!
- 8 A+ results were achieved including 7 merits in: Visual Art – Art (2), Biology (1), Information Processing and Publishing (2) and Research Project (2)
- The highest ATAR was 99.35
- 9 students achieved an ATAR in the 90s (13%)
 - 11 students achieved an ATAR in the 80s (16%)
This means that of students at Seaton High School who achieved an ATAR, 13% were in the top 10% of the State, 29% in the top 20%, 47% in the top 30% and 64% in the top 40%.
- At the time of writing, 93% students who applied have received offers for University or TAFE – these offers are ongoing

Richard Abell
Principal

Daymap SMS System

Seaton High School uses an SMS system to inform parents that their child is not at school.

Mobile Phone Numbers

If you have changed your mobile number, please ensure you contact the school so we can update your contact details.

What to do if you get an SMS:

If your child is absent, please reply to the SMS to explain why your child is away and/or put a note in their diary for their home group teacher, so that the absence database can be updated.

If your child is **not** absent, please ring the school to let them know. This can occur if a student is late to school and misses home group and does not sign in. With your cooperation we can all help to ensure the students at Seaton High School are safe and at school.

Have you changed your contact details?

If you have changed your contact numbers, address or email, please do not forget to let us know. You can call the school direct, via skoolbag or email.

dl.0941.info@schools.sa.edu.au



Important Dates Term 1

Monday 9th March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Friday 20th March

Staff Training & Development
Student Free Day

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 6th April

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Friday 10th April

Last day of Term
Dismissal 2pm

*The full Term 1 calendar is
available on our school website*

Seaton High
School

OPEN
DAY

Sunday 22nd
March, 2015

1-3pm

Tour the school, see
working classrooms,
meet the Principal
and teachers

Senior School Laptop Program



During the first week of school all of the senior school students attended an induction meeting on using laptops successfully at school.

The intention of this was so they were better equipped to use the laptop as a learning tool and that they stored their important assignments and tasks in their school supplied backup server space.

Topics included:

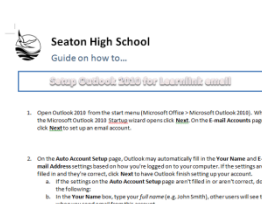
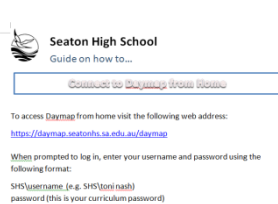
Looking after your laptop: transporting it safely to and from school to minimise the risk of damage.

Skoolbag: Parents and students installing this App to keep up to date with what is happening at Seaton High School.

Daymap Portal: Using Daymap our Learning Management System to access details such as attendance, lesson notes and assignments both at school and from home.

SyncToy back up: Students backing up all of their important school assignments and documents so there are copies on their laptop and on the school servers. This ensures that their work cannot be lost.

Outlook emails/calendars: Setting these will allow the students to keep in contact with their teachers and to be better organised with their due dates for assignments and other assessment tasks.



The senior school laptop program is still open to any students who wishes to join with forms and information packs available from the Senior School front office

If you required further information please do not hesitate to contact the school



Skoolbag is here

Skoolbag is a Mobile App for our school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smartphones and smart devices (such as ipads and Android tablets). Once you have Skoolbag installed. You will be able to:

- Receive alerts about important school events
- Add school events to your personal calendar
- Keep up to date with school news via our news updates
- Read school documents – such as uniform policy
- Receive school Newsletters
- Easily contact the school through direct email via your device

Full download instructions are located at the end of this newsletter.

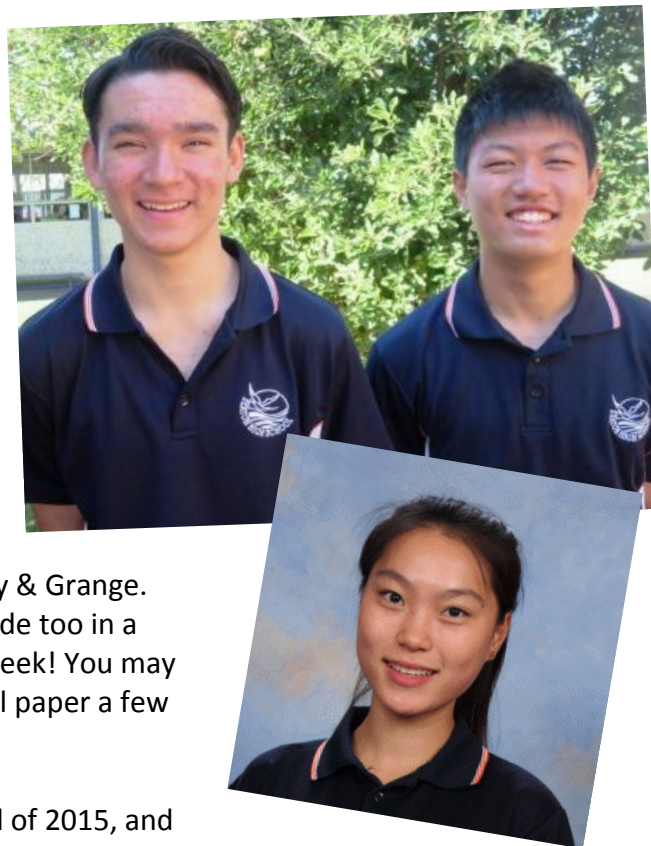
International

Here at Seaton High, we currently have three International students studying for different periods of time:

Xin SHEN (from China) in year 12 doing her second year of SACE and currently studying Maths; E.S.L.; Workplace Practices; Chinese Mandarin (at the SA School of Languages) and doing her Research Project.

Tomohiro SASSA (from Kyoto, Japan) in year 11, a very keen baseball player who commenced here at Seaton in term 4 2014, and has managed to significantly raise the hopes of further success for the Seaton Sharks AND his local Baseball club at Henley & Grange. Tomohiro plays Under 17, Under 19, B grade and A grade too in a variety of positions. Yes, baseball games 4-5 times a week! You may have seen a smiling Tomohiro's photograph in the local paper a few weeks ago.

Maxime HOTTA (from Tokyo, Japan) who is here for all of 2015, and in year 11. Maxime is one of seventy four scholarship students selected by the Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education for the Study Abroad Program, and is also a very enthusiastic baseball player, much to Mr. Gee's delight. Another highly talented international into the Henley & Grange baseball 'stable' via Seaton High, playing Under 17, Under 19 and B grade too, but 'sights set' firmly on the A grade team. These seventy four students are being hosted in metropolitan and regional high schools throughout SA.



Farewells

To the gentleman pictured to the right, ENOMOTO Taro sensei (先生) captured on NHK, the national Japanese Television broadcaster cheering on along with members of his family the successful Japanese tennis star NISHIKORI Kei at the 2015 Australian Open. Wife Emi, and sons Shota (pictured) and Yuta (busily off searching for a Nishikori autograph), thank you for everything, and more!



ENOMOTO sensei and his family contributed greatly to Seaton High and West Lakes Shore Primary, helping to enrich our understanding of many things Japanese, and making many, many friends along the way. They too, now have more than 'a little bit of the Aussie' and love of this country in them.

International

Shota ENOMOTO (809): Shota, sadly for us at SHS, is returning to Himeji in Japan with his family in mid-March 2015. Already a 'stand-out' student in the 'beep-run' aerobic test for fitness (first in his class with an 11.4), classmates carried out a brief 'on the run' interview with this multi-talented and friendly 'mate':

What do you like about Australia?

Australia is far less crowded than にほん (Nihon) / Japan, and here there are really nice beaches!

How are Australian schools different to Japanese schools?

In Japan, we have no canteen, and no recess food. We eat in class at lunchtime with the rest of our class and teacher.

What do you miss most about Japan?

That's easy, Japanese FOOD! Sushi, sushi, and maybe more SUSHI.

What is your favourite food in Australia?

That's easy too. I love steak!

What's your favourite pastime?

I like to play tennis. In Japan, I play a lot of 'Soft Tennis', but I love all kinds of tennis. My family have gone to the last two Australian Open Tennis events in Melbourne, and we love to see NISHIKORI Kei do well.

Do you plan to return to Australia?

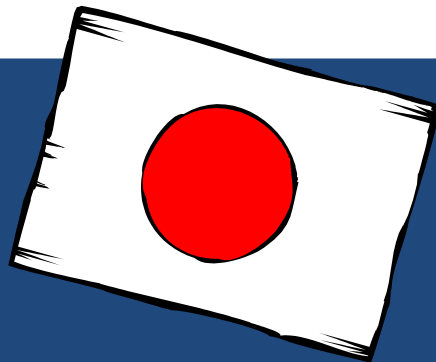
Yes, we would love to, but for now it is important that we return to Japan. We have made many friends in Adelaide, and appreciate the lifestyle here.

Thank you Shota

That's OK. Thanks for asking me

Koishikawa 2015 Homestay

Expressions of Interest



In term 3 weeks 3 and 4, we are hosting students from Koishikawa Secondary School (Tokyo, Japan) from August 3rd through to August 14th when they depart. The program has continued to be highly successful and beneficial for both Koishikawa and Seaton High schools, but can only remain successful with the on-going support from YOU, the parents and families in the Seaton High School community.

We are always looking for families to billet the approximately twenty students for the twelve days, (but only one per family!!), and if interested, PLEASE let us know. A full police screening is required (which we pay for), and there is also financial remuneration to help support the costs. The screenings take time, so please apply early. Any queries can be forwarded to me here at school, or the front office. Thanks, **Paul Skehan Cultural Inclusion Coordinator**

Important Dates – February & March - For all Australians



February 13th: National Apology Day.

February 19th: Anniversary of the “Letters Patent of 1836” issued by King William IV as the founding document establishing South Australia and Aboriginal rights by reserving for always, to all descendants, their rights to occupy and enjoy their lands.

March 21st: Constitutional recognition of South Australia’s Aboriginal people was passed by the State Parliament.

March 24th: National Close the Gap.

March 26th: Anniversary of *Pitjantjatjara Land Rights Act 1981*- statutory land rights assured the *Yankunytjatjara* and

Pitjantjatjara peoples inalienable rights to their traditional lands.

AFL Diversity Championships

Attention ANY student from either a Multicultural or Indigenous Background born between 2000 and 2002:

We are currently looking for students of either a multicultural or Indigenous background **born between 2000-2002** to represent SA in the U15 AFL diversity championships in Cairns (Queensland) in April. Flight and accommodation costs are paid for.

Please contact Mr Tassell (Coordinator HPE) if you are interested.

Training times are: **Wednesday nights 4:45 – 6:30pm** and **Saturday mornings 8:45 – 10:30am** at **Barratt Reserve, West Beach**

SPLASH! Year 8/9 Swimming Carnival

Our annual Middle School Splash carnival was held at the Marion Swimming Pool on Friday 30th January in almost perfect conditions.

This year saw some slight changes to the program with the emphasis being on team participation and home group activities. Students were encouraged to wear home group colours and participate in as many events as possible. Some of these events included the “spaghetti relay”, “titanic relay”, “tube relay” and “kick board relay” (your children might like to explain these relays!!) .

The day was a huge success and all students displayed great sportsmanship, participation and were great representatives of our school.

The day ended with some free time on the “inflatable” and the waterslide which was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the students for their cooperation and to all the home group teachers for their support and organisation on the day.

Congratulations to Ms Bell’s 808 home group who ran out winners in the year 8 competition and Ms Widera’s 904 home group who were victors in the year 9 category.



PREMIER'S READING Challenge

In 2014, 232 Seaton High School students from year 8 to 12 completed the PRC. Seaton has one of the highest rates of completion for secondary schools in the state. We are committed to the challenge because it supports the important school priority of Literacy.

The South Australian Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) runs from the beginning of the school year to September every year. It aims to improve literacy skills, develop a love of wide reading as a leisure time activity and to foster essential

learning habits: being organised, meeting deadlines, being accountable and taking responsibility for reading.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September. English teachers will keep reading records, but students can keep their own record in their school diary.

All Year 8 and 9 students at Seaton are registered for the Challenge and time is committed during English lessons for silent reading. All students who complete the Challenge receive either a certificate or a medal. Early finishers in year 8 and 9 go to the cinema at West Lakes at the beginning of term 4 as part of the school's Positive Rewards Program.

Students and families can access the guidelines and reading record sheets from the links below. Please encourage your students to complete the challenge as a shared priority of home and school.

http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/files/pages/2015/PRC_Guidelines_GENERIC_v2.pdf

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/books/readingrecordsstudents/>

Mary Davidson and Jenny Burford

School Librarian and English Coordinator

Seaton Park RSL – Dawn Service 2015

As you may be aware, this is a special year for the RSL being the 100 Year Anniversary of Australia's first involvement in the First World War. The landing at Gallipoli marked the day and since then Australians have remembered the 25th of April with a "Dawn Service". Being the 100 year anniversary, the Committee and Members of the Seaton Park RSL wish to invite Students/Parents and Caregivers of the Seaton High School Community to the Dawn Service.



The service is held at the rear of the Seaton RSL 297, Tapleys Hill Road Seaton. Afterwards a breakfast is available in the Memorial Hall. For catering purposes, should you wish to attend **and** stay for breakfast after, please advise Dani Burbrook via email dani.burbrook804@schools.sa.edu.au If you are just planning on coming along to the Dawn Service, no RSVP is required.

For any further information about the Service, please contact the Seaton Park RSL direct on telephone 8243 0535.

Be Brave & Shave!

Marco Monti, Middle School Science and Maths teacher is going to “Be Brave and Shave”.

Marco said *“I have been growing my hair for about 4 or 5 years and it is time to see it gone. Any amount of money will get me to shave, the beard however is another matter altogether, that has been growing now for almost a quarter of a century so to see that go, I will want to raise \$500 or more...”*



Leukaemia Foundation
**WORLD'S
GREATEST
SHAVE™**

Collection tins will be placed in both front offices (east & west), so get in there and support a great cause – and a very Brave teacher!

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Science and Engineering Parent Information Evening Wednesday 11 March, 2015

The Parent Information Evening is designed to provide parents and families with helpful, practical tips on supporting students in Years 11 and 12, with a particular focus on providing support across the areas of science and maths. Speakers will cover topics including careers in science and engineering; managing stress and supporting someone who is stressed; and tips for effective study. Places for this free evening are strictly limited and bookings are essential. To reserve your place, please visit our website:

www.flinders.edu.au/science_engineering/events/parent-information-evenings.cfm

Are you the parent or carer of a 10 – 15 year old? Are you worried about their online safety?

Come and hear internet safety experts and a child and adolescent psychologist talk about:

- > how teens connect online
- > how to talk with them about safety
- > making agreements and setting limits
- > dealing with cyberbullying.

Register to attend in person:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au/>
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au

Or

Register for webcast:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au/>
When you register you will receive login details

Tuesday 17 March

When: 7.00–9.00pm

Where: Panorama Room
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace
Adelaide

This seminar is designed for parents.
Presented by Parenting SA.
For more information about raising children and teenagers go to www.parenting.sa.gov.au and www.cyh.com.



Government of
South Australia



No more than one passenger aged 16-20

PASSENGER RESTRICTION

Applies to P1 Licence holders under the age of 25 from 28 July 2014. This rule does NOT apply to P2 drivers.

Who are immediate family members? Your brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, step-parent, guardian, step-grandparent, spouse, domestic partner, child or a person related to you according to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander kinship rules.

Can I drive my friends to school? Yes, but only one friend aged between 16 and 20. In addition, you could take your brother and/or sister because immediate family members are exempt.

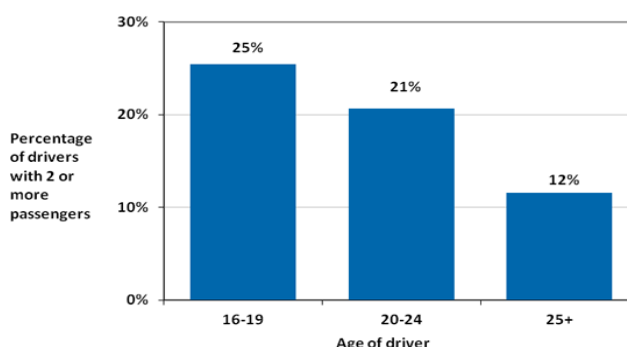
Who is a qualified supervising driver? They could be your Mum or Dad or someone else that has held a full driver's licence for at least two years without disqualification. They must sit in the front passenger seat and meet drug and alcohol laws as if they are driving. Eg: no drugs and no BAC of 0.05 or more.

THE REASON

Young drivers are four to five times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash when they have two or more peer-aged passengers. Carrying peer-aged passengers can distract a driver and also encourage a young driver to take greater risks.

The figure below shows the drivers involved in fatal crashes with 2 or more passengers in the vehicle as a percentage of all drivers involved in fatal crashes in each age group.

Drivers involved in fatal crashes with 2 or more passengers as a percentage of all drivers, South Australia, 2009 - 2013



Of the 16-19 year old drivers involved in fatal crashes, 25% were carrying two or more passengers at the time of the crash. This compares to 12% of drivers involved in fatal crashes aged 25 or over.

THE RULE

No more than one passenger aged 16-20 at any time of the day or night (immediate family members exempt), unless a qualified supervising driver is seated next to you or you meet the exemption criteria.

EXEMPTION CRITERIA

Requirement to carry passengers in the course of employment. **NOTE: Passenger restriction exemptions are Not available for any other activities, including education/training, volunteering, sports, artistic, charitable, religious or scientific activities.** Police and emergency service members are exempt from both night driving and passenger restrictions while on duty.

You do not need to apply for an exemption but you must be able to satisfy police that you meet the exemption criteria. [Read more about exemptions.](#)

THE PENALTIES

OFFENCE	Expiation Fee	Demerit points
Driving between midnight and 5am	\$327	3
Driving with more than one passenger (16-20)	\$327	3
Driving with no visible P-Plates	\$327	2

You must not gain 4 or more demerit points during the provisional licence period. \$60 Victims of Crime Levy also applies.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 131084

http://mylicence.sa.gov.au/gls/the_new_rules#no-more-than-one-passenger-aged-16-20

SA Dental Service

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au



City of Charles Sturt – Immunisation Program

The SA School Based immunisation Program will be offered over three separate visits at Seaton High School by the City of Charles Sturt.

Immunisation consent cards have been sent home with students. It is important you read the information provided with the consent card before you provide consent, so that you understand the facts about the vaccines that will be offered and the diseases that these vaccines protect against. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the Immunisation Section, SA Health on 1300 232272 or the City of Charles Sturt on 84081111.

If you are the parent /Legal Guardian of a Year 8 child and have not received an immunisation Consent Card, please contact our Student Services Area. Parent/Legal guardians should complete, sign and return the Consent Cards, even if your child will not be vaccinated at school.

REMEMBER – Keep School Immunisation Program records in a safe place as they may be required for future employment, study or travel.

Safe Schools Coalition Australia

Seaton High School is proud to announce our membership with Safe Schools Coalition Australia. By joining the coalition, we have made a commitment to build a school that is free from homophobic and transphobic bullying – a school that is safe and inclusive for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students and staff.

This national program was initiated with Commonwealth funding to deliver on the aims of the National Safe Schools Framework - to build safe school communities where diversity is valued, the risk from all types of harm is minimised and all members of the community feel respected, included and supported.

Australian research shows that experiencing homophobic and transphobic harassment can result in low self-esteem, poor academic achievement, absenteeism, poor mental health and higher rates of suicide. This program will help us in our ongoing commitment to support all students to thrive at Seaton High School

Our LGBTIQ students have created a Rainbow Alliance and meet weekly to discuss the issues they are having and foster friendships. This group is for all students. Recently Seaton staff have been trained in understanding gender diversity and inclusive thinking. This training supports our culture of achievement as it drives respectful thinking in all our classrooms and our responsibility to care for all members of our school community.

If you would like to access resources around gender diversity, the following online resource, '[Families Like Mine](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)', that offers practical advice to families of gender diverse and same-sex attracted young people, can be accessed from www.beyondblue.org.au



**SEATON RAMBLERS
FOOTBALL CLUB**

Players Wanted U14's, U16,s & U18's

Want to play footy in Season 2015?

CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday, 8 February 2015

11am-1pm

Pedlar Reserve, Seaton

2015 FEES	U/14's - \$110	U/16's - \$120	U/18's - \$200 Includes Club Polo Shirt
TRAINING	Wed & Fri 5pm-6.30pm Commencing 11 th Feb 2015	Wed & Fri 5pm-6.30pm Commencing 28 th Jan 2015	Wed & Fri 5pm-6.30pm Commencing 28 th Jan 2015

\$40 deposit is required upon registration

New players to the club in 2015 will be issued Green (home) playing shorts and a pair of socks upon full payment of fees

CONTACT US

Football Development Manager & U16's Coach - **DAVE MAZEY** Mobile: 0407 793 165

U14's Coach – **KYM GAYLARD** Mobile: 0433 255 359

U18's Coach – **STEVE GIGNEY** Mobile 0414 591 182

U16' Player Representative – **SAV TRIMBOLI** Mobile 0449 091 941



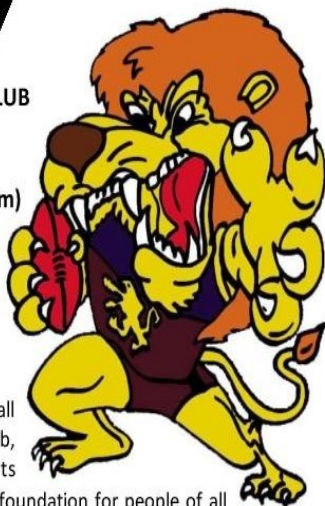
SMOSH

SMOSH WEST LAKES JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

OPEN NIGHT

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY FROM 6pm (U14+ 7pm)

- Registration & Information
- Sausage Sizzle
- Meet the Coaches
- Fees include Team Photo and presentations



Our aim is that the SMOSH West Lakes Football Club be regarded as a highly successful club, based on its on field performances and its contribution to the community. We provide a foundation for people of all ages to grow, evolve, learn and mature in a family and team oriented atmosphere.

ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT LISA RUSSELL 0405 125 457
registrar@smoshfc.com.au

**MATHS/SCIENCE
TUTOR**

Second year science university student available to tutor students years 8-10 in all areas, and years 11 and 12 specialising in

Maths | Chemistry | Physics

Call for more Details: **Olivia 0458414427**

East 55 Productions presents...

ADELAIDE FRINGE 13 FEB - 15 MAR 2015

SWEEP UNDER RUG

WHEN INJUSTICE
BECOMES LAW
RESISTANCE
BECOMES DUTY

3 SHOWS ONLY

Thursday March 5th
Friday March 6th

7:30pm
11:00am & 7:30pm

Star Theatre - Theatre 2
145 Sir Donald Bradman Drive

ADELAIDEFRINGE.COM.AU

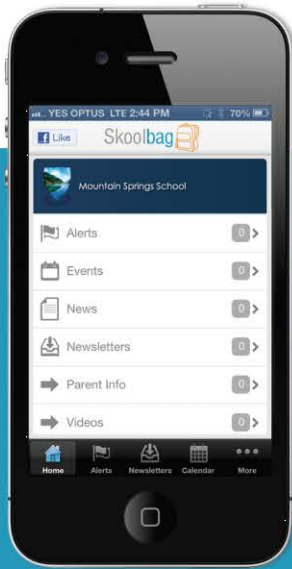
Written by Lyndsay Price

Produced by special arrangement with Theatrefolk (www.theatrefolk.com)

Come and support East 55 –

Seaton High's newly created Production Group. They will be performing as part of the Adelaide Fringe - the first performance of 'East 55 Productions' The play was originally performed last year as part of Year 10 Drama and we have kept up rehearsals since then. The students have also been fund raising.

The students involved are Caitlin(as Miranda), Tilly (as Ariel), Rachel (as Counsellor Kelly), Genevieve (as Bobby Sue), Pantelis (as Conrad), Jake (Stage Manager) and Miah (Hair and Makeup).



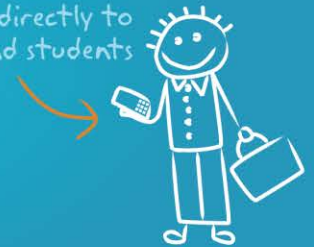
Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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