



From the Acting Principals...

Dear All

Here we are nearly half way through the term, and we have accomplished a tremendous amount. Seaton School has been alive and buzzing with all the extra activities that students and teachers have been preparing for.

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 students, who have completed their speech presentations to classmates. All the students worked hard and delivered speeches, which were well constructed and confidently presented, and we know it was a difficult job selecting the finalists. So it was a wonderful evening last week, listening to the entertaining and informative speech finalists present to a large audience of peers, past pupils, parents, grandparents and supporters. The quality of the speeches continues to be of a high standard, building on the excellent presentation skills developed in the Year 5 and 6 poetry focus. The poetry finalists did a wonderful job and provided the judges with a difficult challenge to select a winner. However, thank you to the following judges, Amanda Miller, Stephanie Pietkiewicz, Ana Matsis, Sandy Baigent and Letizea Ord, who ably made the following selections:

Year 5 & 6 Poetry Recital

1st: **Penny Linton** Falkirk.

2nd: **Carter Lemmon** Crawford.

3rd equal: **Mackay Blaikie** Dorset.

3rd equal: **Olivia Jackson** Kupe.

Other finalists: **Bronny Hallett**, Dorset, **William Bowler** - Dorset, **Meg Crowley** - Crawford, **Jessie Cartmell** - Falkirk, **Nia Emrys**, **Louis Davis** - Kupe.

Year 7 & 8 Speeches

1st: **Fraser Hallett** Dorset.

2nd: **Alice Linton** Falkirk.

3rd equal: **Shenna Dunn** Kupe.

3rd equal: **Ellie Davis** Crawford.

Other finalists: **Laura Heycoop** - Falkirk, **Francesca Tate** - Dorset, **Paris Fitisemanu** - Crawford, **Matisse Barnard** - Kupe, **Sabrina Kao** - Dorset, **Kellie Humphries** - Dorset.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following children, who were awarded Principal Certificates at our last hui.

Rm	Yr		Rm	Yr	
1	7&8	Raj Patel: outstanding effort with drafting, writing and presenting his speech	10	3&4	Heena Patel: making great progress in your spelling.
2	7&8	Kellie Humphries: working extremely hard to produce and perform a wonderful speech and for being such a positive role model.	11	3&4	Kavagn Wanoa: fantastic effort in all his work.
3	7&8	Eva Malthus: for her animated and well rehearsed delivery of a fantastic and extremely funny speech.	12	3&4	Ella Horrell: being such a positive and responsible student.
4	2	Fergus Kisby-MacLeod: being a kind and patient friend and for working hard to present his work nicely.	13	3&4	Fionn McKenna: wonderful imagination and reading with expression.

5	2	Griffin McMillan: working so hard to achieve his classroom goals.	14	5&6	Edward White-Yule: managing himself sensibly with classmates and working hard to be focused.
6	1	Jaidan Kesry: working really hard at reading.	15	5&6	Frankie Kraayvanger: working towards her goals by contributing more to class discussions.
7	0	Ruby Vincent: trying hard to write the sounds in words.	16	5&6	Teacher absent last Friday.
8	1	Daniela Aharoni: fantastic listening manners on the mat.	17	5&6	Tessa Hunt: Always being enthusiastic and for working hard.
9	1	Griffith Horrell: great work ethic and for working very well in groups.			

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded High/Distinction in Science:

Risa Takahashi	Year 8	Room 3	High Distinction
Sabrina Kao	Year 8	Room 2	Distinction
Marran Young	Year 8	Room 2	Distinction
Louis Davis	Year 5	Room 15	Distinction
Baxter Robb	Year 5	Room 14	Distinction

Artsplash

On Monday night, a group of Year 2 and 3 students put on a wonderful dance performance as part of the Art Splash Festival at the Michael Fowler Centre. These children shone with confidence as they performed. Thank you to Miriam Gaynor, who shared her enthusiasm and expertise in dance to choreograph and develop these students' skills. At the time of writing this newsletter, the Year 3 and 4's are yet to perform in the combined Artsplash student choir, and share the fantastic results of their focused practice.

It is wonderful to see and hear the enjoyment and enthusiasm that Seatoun School children have for singing. Many students thoroughly enjoyed the exciting vocals, and dance performance by the Whitireia Cultural Group last Friday.

Envirogroup

For those of you who were at our last Hui the Enviro group, under the guidance of Ansa Kennedy, put together a powerful presentation after completing a waste audit on our rubbish - (not a particularly nice job). They were amazed at the amount of plastic packaging we create in a day and presented us a challenge to reduce this amount. It is wonderful to see these initiatives being driven and managed by students. Awareness of our environment and a desire to create a sustainable environment is definitely visible around Seatoun School.

Building Work:

The extensive remedial building works are about to commence in the next couple of weeks. This work is fully funded by the Ministry of Education and is expected to take a considerable length of time, well into 2011. Students from Rooms 10, 11, 12 and 13 will be moving to Rooms 14, 15, 16 and 17, and in turn, students from those classrooms will move to the relocatables. Original class numbers will remain for 2010, to maintain efficiency of computer systems for attendance, emergency, assessment etc. Thank you to the PTA and staff for undertaking this move on Sunday 22 August. We are committed to ensuring minimal disruption to the children and to teaching and learning programmes.

Bugs and Germs

We do have a number of children away from school with a variety of ailments, and we continue to be vigilant with hygiene practises to reduce the spread of infection. Only two children have been confirmed as having swine flu. Thank you for keeping children who are sick at home. Advice from the Regional Public Health identifies that "Children can still be infectious even when they appear well and need to stay home from school until 2 days (48hrs) after all signs of flu have gone. In general a flu-like illness lasts 3-4 days but it can be up to 7 days." The brochure that is included in this newsletter provides further information on Influenza.

Welcome

A big welcome to Charlie Dundon and Amelia Ward who started school in Room 7 this week. Their big buddies are Anton Jenkins and Chili Herriot.

For the remainder of the term Zoe Studd, a teacher trainee studying through Canterbury, will be working in Room 5 alongside Michelle Pontifex.

Newsletter

Newsletter contributions and feedback to Anne McLellan at admin@seatoun.school.nz.

Contributions for next issue by **Monday 30th August, 2pm.**

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