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From the Principal...

Dear All

Four new entrant children joined us on Monday; so it's a big welcome to Hannah Kemp, Zane Haddon, Trahern Beauchamp-Hughes and Quinn Marshall-McCasky. Their big buddies are Molly McDougall, Peter Juriss, Edward White-Yule and Baxter Robb.

Congratulations:

Marion Hair, Associate Principal Y5-8 has been invited to join a think tank group preparing a bid for the ANZ Square Kilometre Array Education Project. Australia and NZ have been shortlisted by the international science community as one of two locations for the Square Kilometre Array radio telescope, described as one of the largest and most ambitious international science projects ever devised. This telescope will be vastly more sensitive than the world's existing radio telescopes.

The group's role is to consider the significant opportunity to develop educational resources and experiences and explore ideas of what might be undertaken/achieved in NZ that aligns with the NZ curricula, the government position around the project and the initiatives being undertaken in Australia.

Personnel:

Aimee Elliot, currently on maternity leave, has resigned from her teaching position at our school. She has decided to remain in the Manawatu where she has been living since going on leave. Victoria Martin, has agreed to continue to teach in R 16 for the remainder of the year. This is fantastic news, as it will ensure no disruption for the children or school.

Property:

All of the relocatable buildings are on site and the basic work such as securing them to the piles and connecting all the services is almost complete. The next stage is to bring the buildings up to standard internally and externally. A decision is yet to be made as to when children will be moved to the classes to enable the remedial work to commence.

Vandalism & appropriate use of the school grounds:

The skateboard ramp that local boarders leave on the footpath/road near the school was heavily covered in obscene graffiti at the end of last term. It was inappropriate to leave this around and it is currently being stored in the garages. Unless we hear from the 'owners' of the ramp within the next week it will be destroyed. Should they want it back, it will be on the provision that they remove all the obscenities.

I am aware that last week a major party was held on the beach and that it spilled over onto the grounds in some form - bottles, used condoms etc were found on our field. My understanding is that the party was advertised on face book and by mobile phone and attracted young people, both local and from further afield, and a police presence. Hopefully this will be an isolated incident.

NZEI Paid Union Meeting (PUM):

This is another reminder that there is a PUM next Wednesday 28 April. Accordingly the majority of the school's teaching staff will be unavailable after 2.10pm on that date. Please complete and return the separate notice provided to all children by Monday 26 April.

Wellington Children's Literacy Quiz:

This year Ann Vandendungen has opted to hold the quiz in our school hall. Next Friday 38 teams of 4 students representing 26 schools will be competing for the honour of representing Wellington at the national competition. Very best wishes to Carrick Nisbet, Ellie Davies, Sabrina Kao, Marran Young, Lily Dalton, Shenna Dunn, Barnaby Roche, Kellie Humphries, Saama Dias and Anton Jenkins who make up our two teams. Thanks to Laurina for preparing the teams.

Looking Forward:

Mon 26/4	All PUM notices to be returned to class teachers	Mon 03/ Tues 04/5	Susan, Marion, Catherine & Jason visiting schools in Christchurch
Wed 28/4	PUM - from 2.10pm	Wed 5/5	EZ netball (pp12/5)
Fri 30/4	Organise/host Kid's Lit Quiz	Tues 11/5	School X country (pp 13/5)

Rita Rubin

From the Board...

Welcome back everyone.

The upcoming Board election is top on the list for us at present.

We have just been advised by the company contracted to be our returning officer that they made a mistake with the election nomination form. It states nominations close Friday 23 April, it should read Tuesday 27 April.

The very good news is that we have 6 confirmed candidates. In addition, we are aware that at least 2 other parents are considering standing. There is a requirement to have 5 parent/community Board representatives, so there will be an election.

Election Timeframe

- Tuesday 27 April, 12 noon – Nominations close
- Tuesday 27 April, 12 noon— Candidate statements must be received by returning officer
- Sunday 02 May—Voting papers with candidate statements posted
- Tuesday 04 May, 7.30 pm Meet the candidate evening, held at school (more details later)
- Tuesday 11 May, noon—voting closes
- Monday 17 May—votes counted, school informed of result
- Tuesday 18 May—results published
- Tuesday 18 May—Annual Meeting and new Board takes office.

Please note: We have pushed the date of our Annual meeting out from Thursday 13 May to Tuesday 18 May to better accommodate the Board handover.

Regards

Letizea, Sandy, Simon, Suzie, Catherine, Helen, Pete and Jason

SEATOUN HOME & GARDEN CLUB

Our friendly club welcomes new members and visitors from the Miramar Peninsula and beyond. Catch up on the latest in home and garden trends from our monthly speakers over a glass of wine and supper. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, St Christopher's Church Hall, Forrest St, Seatoun. Members \$2.00, Guests \$7.00. Come along to our next meeting or call Stella on 3882 142 to find out more.

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Seatoun School Junior Associates, 2010



Alice Linton, Ruby Doyle, Marran Young, Rose Burge, Sabrina Kao,
Lucy Robertson, Eva Malthus, Samantha Hill
Absent: Francesca Tate, Ellie Davies

Junior Associates are selected from Year 8 to work with students and teachers in the Junior School. Students applied for the job at the beginning of the year and two associates were allocated to each junior class. They attend their class for 10 minutes in the morning and after lunch each day. This enables teachers to focus on individual students' social needs, especially at transition times, and supports junior students to feel a sense of belonging and safety in the school. It also fosters opportunities for leadership and learning for the Year 8 students and fosters links between the senior and junior school.

Samantha: I am a Year 8. My hobbies are netball, yoga and dancing. I like being a Junior Associate because I like looking after little kids and having fun with them.

Ruby: I love art and dancing. I'm happy I'm a Junior Associate because I love to spend time helping and playing with the Juniors and I can't wait till I'm old enough to be a babysitter.

Marran: I have been going to Seatoun School since I was 5, and I am now a Year 8. I love to play netball and basketball.

Rose: My hobbies are dancing and sport. I enjoy being a Junior Associate because I like being around little kids and I think that they are fun to play with.

Lucy: I am 12 years old and I am a Year 8. My favourite things to do are art, swimming, dancing, netball, and lots more! I enjoy being a Junior Associate because we get to look after them and teach them new things.

Eva: I am 13. I love being a Junior Associate. I get to look after the Juniors, have fun with them and teach them as well.

Sabrina: I'm a Year 8. I like playing the piano. I enjoy being a Junior Associate, because the younger kids like sitting down and listening to me read to them.

Alice: I have been at Seatoun School for 8 years. I really enjoy playing soccer out of school. I enjoy being a Junior Associate because we get to work with younger children and it's really fun.

HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! PLEASE!

My family and I attended the Seatoun Fair this year and my husband tells me that a photo was taken of my two year old daughter by the school for the newsletter. I look through the archives I can not see it and would really, really love to have a copy of the photo. She had a butterfly painted on her face, is two (but does look a little older), she had her hair tied up into a pony tail and was wearing a white t-shirt and pink skirt with stripes.

If anyone can help locating the photo could you please contact the office and we will pass it on. Many thanks, Steeple Rock Editor.

2	26	Mon	Gardasil Immunisation Y8 girls
	28	Wed	NZEI Paid Union Meeting—2.30pm
	30	Fri	Kids Literacy Quiz PTA Lunch
3	May 5	Wed	Eastern Zone Netball
	06	Thu	Steeple Rock
	07	Fri	Hui Y3/4
4	11	Tues	School Cross Country
	12	Wed	Eastern Zone Netball pp
	13	Thu	School Cross Country pp
5	18	Tue	BOT Annual Meeting
	20	Thu	Steeple Rock
	21	Fri	Hui Y5/6
6	25	Tue	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Computer Skills
	26	Wed	Eastern Zone Cross Country
	27	Thu	House Captain's Annual Appeal
	28	Fri	Y5-8 Enrichment Open Day. Y5/6 11am - 12.30pm at school. Y7/8 10.15am - 12.15pm at Rongatai College. 1.30pm - 2.50pm at school. PTA Lunch
7	Jun 02	Wed	Eastern Zone Cross Country pp
	03	Thu	Steeple Rock
	04	Fri	Hui Y1/2
8	07	Mon	Queen's Birthday
	09	Wed	Y7/8 Science Fair
	09	Wed	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Science. Bookings open for Progress Conferences.
9	14	Mon	Conference Agendas Home
	15	Tue	Wellington Cross Country
	17	Thu	Wellington Cross Country pp Steeple Rock
	18	Fri	Hui Y7/8 Conference Agendas Returned to School
10	22	Tue	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Spelling, Writing.
	23	Wed	Online Conference bookings close
	25	Fri	PTA Lunch
11	29	Tue	Progress Conferences. School closed for instruction.

11	Jul 01	Thu	Regional X Country Steeple Rock
	02	Fri	Last day of term

Term 3, 19 July - 24 September

1			Y5/6 Swimming Programme begins. Day to be confirmed.
	July 22	Thu	Steeple Rock
2	26	Mon	Gardasil Immunisation Y8 Girls
3	Aug 03	Tue	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. English.
	05	Thu	Additional Mathematics Competition
	11	Wed	Eastern Zone Swimming
5	17	Tue	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Mathematics.
6	25	Wed	Eastern Zone Soccer
7	Sept 01	Wed	Eastern Zone Soccer pp
8	8	Wed	Wellington Swimming
10	23	Thu	Wellington Cross Country
	24	Fri	Last day of Term 3

Term 4, 11 October - 17 December

1	Oct 11	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	14	Thu	Steeple Rock
2	19	Tue	School Photos
2	20	Wed	Eastern Zone Hockey
	23	Sat	Planning Day (Staff)
3	25	Mon	Labour Day Holiday
8	29 Nov - 03 Dec		Y5/6 EOTC Education Outside the Classroom
9	6 - 10		Y7/8 EOTC
10	Dec 16	Thu	Prizegiving
	17	Fri	Farewell Hui Last Day of Term 4, 1pm finish

Newsletter

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

Contributions for next issue by Monday 3rd May by 2pm.

LOST

A skateboard with green and purple wheels. Underneath the board there is a blue hand sticking out from the ground. Please call Joanna Simpson 3806 499 or 027 3662792