



## *From the Principal...*

Dear All

Another six days and it's the end of another school year. These last couple of weeks have been full on with the Y3-8 children fully involved in their various EOTC programmes. The weather was especially kind for the Y3-6 teams, providing the icing-on the cake.

**Welcome** to Nicolas Servos who started today. His big buddy is Vitaly Dryburgh.

### Congratulations:

#### 1. Principal Awards

The following children were awarded Principal Certificates at our last hui.

Rm	Yr		Rm	Yr	
1	7 & 8	Jake Paul: Excellent work in maths.	10	3 & 4	Issac Fitisemanu: Showing great self confidence.
2	7 & 8	Courtney Judd: Willingness to have a go.	11	3 & 4	Lucy Sladden: Enthusiastic approach to learning.
3	7 & 8	River Rakena: Mature attitude, wonderful manners, super role-model.	12	3 & 4	Joshua Bates: Exceptional success in sport.
4	2	Grace Hall: Being positive, kind & helpful.	13	3 & 4	Josh Haddon: Perseverance in reaching maths, spelling & TRUMP goals.
5	2	Daniel Moskovitz: Challenging himself to be the best he can be.	14	5 & 6	Lauren O'Hara: Outstanding publishing of her book.
6	1	Pippa Nicol: Being a kind, helpful class member.	15	5 & 6	Ella Newell: Big effort in all areas of learning.
7	0	Isabella Hills: Bright, sunny "can do" attitude.	16	5 & 6	Beau Chung: Positive attitude.
8	1	Megan McKenzie: Fantastic reading.	17	5 & 6	Fiona Roper-Caldbeck: Positive, cheerful attitude.
9	1	Lachlan Stefanidis: Working towards his goals in story writing.			

**2. School Band:** Our school band performed at the 'Rock Fest' a couple of weekends ago. According to reports there was heaps of Seatoun School pupils (past and present) involved in other bands too. It's fantastic to see these young people so passionate and involving themselves in music.

**3. Ballroom Dancing:** Last weekend our Y8 children successfully competed in an annual competition, retaining the 'Ballroom Blitz' trophy. Special congratulations to Billie Hammett who was named best girl and Korero Williams best boy individual dancers. Well done everyone.

**4. Regional Athletics:** Unfortunately, Sport Wellington's last minute decision to hold a Regional Meeting clashed with our Y7&8 EOTC week, meaning a number of our senior students were unable to compete. With Sam Broadmore away there was also a bit of a muck up with organisation — apologies! As I have been involved in the Y7 EOTC programme all week, and am writing this in the evening without seeing any of the children that did compete, sI have no idea how our students performed. I would, however, like to heartily congratulate all children selected, whether they competed or not.

**FINAL PRIZE GIVING HUI:** Another reminder that the venue for this year's final hui is **Rongotai College** next **Thursday 16 December. Start Time: 4.30pm**

**ALL** children are expected to attend. If they have one, it is appropriate for children to wear their school polo shirt. It is always a full programme so please ensure that you are seated prior to 4.30pm.

**Personnel, & 2011 School Organisation:** For those of you that may not have heard, Jason Cowan will be leaving us at the end of this year. Jason joined us in February 2004 and has made a huge contribution to our school over the last seven years. As a consequence of Jason leaving we have taken the opportunity to make some changes to over-all school organisation. Catherine Miller will take over the leadership of the Y3&4 Team and Sam Broadmore has been appointed to the Y7&8 Team Leader position. Tim Kong will be moving back into the Y7&8 Team and we are currently seeking a teacher for the vacant Y5&6 teacher position. Including me, we will have a total staff of 34.

**Junior School YO-4**

**Leadership: Susan Kliffen, Associate Principal. Catherine Miller, Team Leader Y3&4**

Room	Yr level	Teacher	Notes
7	0	Susan Kliffen	Class starts at the beginning of Term 3. Terms 1&2 working across Y1&2 team.
9	1 & 0	Rebecca Power & Louise Noble. Job share.	Class starts end of Feb. early March. Possibly a few YO children, depending upon numbers at end of Term 2. Working across Y1&2 team for approximately first month.
8	1	Ann Vandendungen	
6	1 & 2	Teresa Keeley	As was the case a couple of years ago we have a large cohort of Year 2 children that requires us to create this composite class.
5	2	Michele Pontifex	
4	2	Miriam Gaynor	
16	3&4	Tina Schmid	
15	3&4	Chloe Marshall	
17	3&4	Catherine Miller	
14	3&4	Sue Luxford	
Dolphin		Sandra Petrove	0.5 Reading Recovery & 0.2 Literacy Support

**Year 5-8**

**Leadership: Marion Hair, Associate Principal. Sam Broadmore, Team Leader Y7&8**

1	7&8	Tim Kong	
2	7&8	Sam Broadmore	
3	7&8	Anna Martin	
18 prefab	5&6	Teacher to be appointed	
19 prefab	5&6	Ansa Kennedy	
20 prefab	5&6	Victoria Martin	
21 prefab	5&6	Marion Hair	
		Wendy Griffiths	Friday Enrichment. Y5&6 am; Y7&8 pm

**Support Team**

Gill Billingsley	Support Teachers
Deb McNaught	
Wendy Griffiths	
Justine Bonner	
Gerard Murphy	Librarian

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Karen Millar	Teacher-Aides
Sona Preiszlerova	
Tracey Coupe	
Persephone Georgiakakis	
Helen Tume	
Katerina Juriss	
Anne McLellan	Administration Manager
Damayanti Patel	Administration Assistant
Karen Millar	Receptionist
Persephone Georgiakakis	Receptionist
Win Issarawichitchaikun	Cleaner
Gwynne Lewis	(Seyclean Cleaning Company) Caretaking & Cleaning

**2011 Class List:** These will be coming home tomorrow.

**End-of Year Reports:** Children will be bringing their reports home next Monday. Enclosed with each report is a brief survey which we are asking parents to complete and return to school immediately. Partly in response to National Standards and the 'Plain Language Reporting' requirements, we want feedback (accolades or suggested improvements) on the clarity and effectiveness of the reports we provide. We are asking parents to name their feedback forms as it makes the information you provide so much more valuable to us. Thank you in advance, we really would appreciate your feedback.

#### Important Dates

Date	Item/Happening	Parent Action Required
Fri. 10	Class lists home	
Mon. 13	Reports home	Celebrate the progress all children have made R.S.V.P. Parent Help Morning Tea. Contact office or email <a href="mailto:damayanti.patel@seatoun.school.nz">damayanti.patel@seatoun.school.nz</a>
Tue. 14	Lost Property Display Parent & community helper morning tea with staff	Check out the mountains of items on display. If you have helped out in any way over the year join the staff for morning tea at 10.20am in the hall.
Wed 15	Children visit their 2011 classes  Y8 Formal	Be positive and reinforce the many new opportunities 2011 may bring. Parents of Y8 students are very welcome to attend. No siblings please.
Thur 16	Prize-giving Hui, Rongotai College Hall 4.30pm <b>SHARP</b>	Ensure children are neatly and appropriately dressed and seated no later than <b>4.25pm</b> .
Fri 17	Last day	Ensure children are picked up from their classroom at <b>1.00pm</b> .
Fri 28 Jan	Deadline to make appointment 2011 'Meet the Teacher'	Booking information in envelope with class lists.
Thu 03 Feb	Meet the Teacher -10 minute meetings	Please be punctual as these meetings are of 10 minute duration only.
Fri 04 Feb	First day 2011 school year	Children to be at school by 8.50am. Weather permitting, House Sports will be held in the afternoon. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.

**Seatoun School values open, effective and regular communication**

**Last Day of School Programme:** We will once again follow our established programme -

- Normal start 8.50am
- "Munch" 10.30-11.00am
- Final Assembly then children dismissed from their classrooms at **1.00pm**. The bus company has been informed. We aim for a "no hiccup" day and a quick clearing of the school, so that the staff can make their way to Christmas dinner! Please ensure children are clear about any after school arrangements for this day.

On behalf of the staff, thank you for your support over the year. We wish you a safe and happy festive season.

*Pete Rubin*



## *From the Board...*

### **Staff Changes**

Jason Cowan leaves the School at the end of the year. He has made an enormous contribution to the School in his various roles (teacher, curriculum leader, year 3 & 4 team leader, ICT advisor, Board member) and will be sorely missed. We wish him very well with the next chapter of his life. We also say goodbye to Meg Broadhurst who is moving to Ohope. Meg is a fantastic teacher who is highly respected and well loved. We are all very sad to see her leave but she goes with our very best wishes. The Board also wishes to acknowledge the contribution made by Fi Hill and Kristy Lemmon who leave their teacher aide posts at the end of the year. They are both great advocates of the school and their input and enthusiasm will be missed.

### **Donations**

The Board of Trustees wish to thank all those parents that have paid the suggested donation, the activity fee and the Enrichment fee.

Because Seatoun School is a decile 10 school it receives less funding from the Ministry of Education than schools with a lower decile rating. Seatoun School must therefore obtain funding from the only other source available to it: the school community, and, although the donations are voluntary, this income makes up around 35% of the School's operational budget and so it is vital.

The donations you have paid fund a very range of activities within the School, most importantly our full time librarian and almost all of the teacher-aide support. Many of the programmes, activities and initiatives that make this School unique, and a place where our children want to learn, are funded by the parents of the School through donations.

Again, thank-you. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

### **Garages**

Progress has been made with the refit of the School's garages. The job was much bigger than first thought and our thanks to Mark Bates for all of the work he has put into this project.

### **Christmas**

This is the Board's last contribution of the year. We wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

### **Last word**

Thank-you to Pete, the teachers and other staff for all their work during 2010. It has been a very busy and successful year. Many of you have given your time to the School during the year. The Board and the teachers are very grateful for all your support.

Have a very happy and safe Christmas and a fantastic holiday.

**Richard, Sarah, Mark, Suzie, Justine and Jason.**

**Seatoun School values a positive partnership with the community**

## Parent Helper Morning Tea

Tuesday 15 December

In acknowledgement of your support, staff warmly invites all parents, grandparents and other family members, who have helped with classroom programmes and activities over the year, to join them for morning tea at 10.20am next Tuesday morning.

Please don't be offended by this generic invitation, it's just that there is so many of you!

To assist us with catering it would be appreciated if you would RSVP by next Monday 14 December.

[damayanti.patel@seatoun.school.nz](mailto:damayanti.patel@seatoun.school.nz)

We hope to see as many of you as possible.

### Seatoun Stingrays 2010

This term the Stingrays have been focusing on understanding the fundamentals of flippaball and applying those skills to their games. Most games were played against Year 5 & 6 teams and at times the score wasn't a true reflection of how much the team had actually improved. Great overall effort girls!

Amazing commitment, dedication and passion to the game of flippaball! Connie Newtown-Rencen, Christina Manolakakis, Paris Lokotui, Sophia Tweddle, Sarah Cook, Sydney Rakena, Emma Hull, Ella Glynn.



## *From the PTA...*

WATCH OUT FOR  
SUSHI LUNCHES  
STARTING NEXT TERM  
ON FRIDAYS.  
MORE INFORMATION COMING  
TO YOU SOON.



### **Community Notices** (printed as space permits)

My name is Jonathane. I am a 29 year old Swiss professional. I am currently studying English in Wellington, am keen to house sit (and look after your animals, garden) in Seatoun during the Christmas period. If interested, contact me 04 976 3666.

#### **WYNRS - Football Academy Training Clinic**

Monday 17-Thursday 20 January 2011. 9.00am to 3.00pm  
For 14 years and under.

Further information visit [www.wynrs.co.nz](http://www.wynrs.co.nz)

#### **HOUSE AVAILABLE TO RENT IN SEATOUN**

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Term 4 11 October - 17 December 2010			
9	6 - 10		Y7/8 EOTC Week
	10	Fri	Y1 and 2 Athletics Day pp Hui Class Lists Home
10	13	Mon	Reports Home
	14	Tues	Parent Helper Morning Tea
	15	Wed	Y8 Formal
	16 Dec	Thur	Prize giving, Rongotai College, to be seated by 4.25pm.
	17	Fri	Farewell Hui. Last Day of Term 4, 1pm finish.

Term 1 2011 : Friday 4 Feb - Friday 15 April			
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1	Feb 3	Thur	Meet the Teacher
	4	Fri	School Starts. Welcome Back Hui House Sports (pm)
2	10	Thur	Y1/2 Swimming commences BOT Meeting
	11	Fri	Y3/4 Swimming commences
3	16	Wed	Eastern Zone Cricket
	17	Thur	Steeple Rock BOT Meeting
	18	Fri	Hui
4	22	Tue	Eastern Zone Miniball
	23	Wed	Eastern Zone Cricket pp
5	Mar. 3	Thur	Steeple Rock
	4	Fri	Hui
7	17	Thur	Steeple Rock
	18	Fri	Hui
11	Apr 15	Fri	Last day of Term 1

Newsletter	
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Newsletter contributions and feedback to Anne McLellan at [admin@seatoun.school.nz](mailto:admin@seatoun.school.nz).

Contributions for next issue by **Monday 14 February 2011, 2pm.**

Term 2, 2011 Monday 2 May - Friday 15 July			
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1	May 2	Mon	Term 2 starts
	4	Wed	Y7 Boostrix Immunisation Y8 Girls Gardasil
3	18	Wed	Eastern Zone Netball
4	May 24	Tue	ICAS Computer Skills
	25	Wed	Eastern Zone Netball pp
6	June 6	Mon	Queen's Birthday
	8	Wed	ICAS Science Eastern Zone Cross Country
	10	Fri	Eastern Zone Cross Country pp
8	21	Tue	ICAS Spelling and Writing
11	July 13	Wed	Y3-8 Swimming
	14	Thur	Y8 Girl's Gardasil
	15	Fri	Last day of term 2

Term 3 2011 : Monday 1 August - Friday 7 October	
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Term 4 2011 : Tuesday 25 October - Tuesday 20 December	
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# Photo Gallery



**Y3-6 Love Our coastline—Beach Clean -up**



**Year 5/6 E.O.T.C.**





**Year 3/4 EOTC**



**Y7 EOTC-  
Amazing Race**

