

## From the Principal...

Dear All

We have had a fantastic start to the year. There is a lovely 'feel' to the place with a real sense of purpose and belonging in our school. The children are a real joy to be with.

To date 35 new students have started at our school this year and Georgina Moore (Y3) and Jessica Moore (Y6) have returned after a couple of years in the sunny north.

A special welcome to:

Korero Williams (Y7); Janna Saouda, Max Hurd and Erana James (Y6); Mira Karunanidhi, Brittany Phai and Claire Davis (Y5); Blue da la Mare, Anna Davis (Y3); and Lucas Redding (Y2) The new entrant and (big buddies) are: Ben Ofsoski (Sam Green), Fergus Kisby-Macleod (Nicholas Moore), Mackenzie Morgan (Brearna Sandri), Petra Tindle (Eloise Wu), Rowan Farrell (Bailey White), Madison Hanlon (Olivia Heald), Liam Erskine (Barnaby Roche), Eva Roper-Caldbeck (Ben Rowan), Ezra Zabawyn-Gilman (Courtney Judd), Macy Cook (Ben Wynne), Piper Craven (Fraser Hallett), Jack Pothan (Nicolas Dalton), Cody Croucher (Jake Paul) Cade Watson (Adam Beardsworth), Grace Hall (Jessie Cartmell), Griffin McMillan (Keeley Farrell), Amelia Ebling (Kimberly Hayward), Lily Rapson (Caitlin O'Connor), Chloe Wellington (Maia Whittaker), Toby Bates (Jack Royal), Maleah Abbot-Newland (Penny Linton). Leo and Savva Grachev (buddies to be advised). I hope I haven't missed anyone!

A huge thank you to the big buddies for being so keen and willing to help all these new children settle into school.

**Student Information Update Forms:** Sincere thanks to everyone who returned their forms. There are just one or two outstanding. If you are yet to return your child's form it would be appreciated if you would do this immediately as a temp office worker has been employed to enter all the data.

**Sunhats:** It's fantastic to see virtually all children wearing their sunhats. Thank you parents for your

support.

**Sports Shoes:** Unfortunately, this term, a number of children have cut their feet on broken glass. This is the result of vandals breaking bottles, sometimes on the field where it can be difficult to detect. With cross country training and daily fitness, all children need to wear suitable sports shoes for these activities.

**Hui Tomorrow:** Our hui tomorrow focuses on welcoming all our new students and celebrating student writing. Our House captains will be presenting all new students with a House Certificate. There will also be a sharing of writing and prizes for winners from the 'Super Summer Holiday' writing competition. We are fortunate to have author Kate de Goldi joining us as a very special guest.

**Dental Check-Ups:** On 02 March, dental nurses Billie and Sue will be transforming the hall kitchen into a temporary clinic where they will be undertaking dental checks for all Y1&2 students. Checks for Y3-8 students will commence on 23 March.

Please note that no treatment will be given at this time. Parents wishing to be present for dental checks must make an appointment for a visit to the Miramar South Dental Clinic.

**ASB School Banking:** Today all children will be bringing home an ASB banking pack. If you would like your child to start a regular banking habit through the 'old style' school banking system, please complete the documentation and return it as indicated.

From **next week** we will have a 'deposit box' on the wall just inside the main entrance door. This box will be used for **ALL MONEY** paid to the school NOT JUST school banking. This provides much greater security and eliminates the many boxes currently sitting on the office counter. For this to work, all deposits must be in a **sealed envelope**. The child's **full name, room number, amount enclosed** and **what the payment is for** must be printed **clearly** on the envelope.

**2009 Sports Booklet:** Along with this newsletter every family will receive a 2009 Sports Booklet to keep as a reference to all sport and PE in the school. Thanks Sam for getting this publication out so promptly.

*Pete Rubin*

# From the Board...

Hello All

Welcome to all the new families who have joined the Seatoun School community in 2009. We hope every one had a great break over the holidays.

The BOT had a meeting on the 4 February to get an update on the Navigator room extension project. This is the resource room down stairs at the east end of the main classroom block. We are adding on to the south side of it to create a junior classroom. The architect's plans are nearly completed and are looking fantastic. Hunt Davies Tennent Architects have made a great effort to blend the new building with the old. We are about to put in for resource consent and to call for tenders for the construction. The project is running to time and budget.

Our next board meeting is 19 March in the Orca room.

Cheers

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

# From the PTA...

Welcome back for 2009. The PTA is up and running for the year. We had our first meeting on Monday night. It was great to see some new faces and of course always good to see the old ones!! However we are needing to boost our numbers having lost a few key members back to work and study etc. So if you would like to be involved in something which is fun and social but also contributes greatly to your child's experience at Seatoun School, the PTA would be a great place for you.

Our next meeting (which is also the AGM) will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. If you would like more information on the role of the PTA and what members actually do, then feel free to ring Judy at 3889946.

Our first event for the year is the new parent morning tea. All new parents to the school are invited to come for morning tea on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March in the hall straight after Hui. It is a great chance to meet with other parents, staff and PTA members.



## Head Lice



We have recently been advised of head lice in several classrooms. Due to the highly contagious nature of headlice we ask all parents to check your child's hair and that anyone in close contact with your child is checked and treatment undertaken if the condition is evident.

A Malathion Treatment "Derback" is currently recommended. This should be left on overnight for the best results.

## LIBRARY



**Wanted:** between 3 - 5 wonderful, available parent helpers to assist in the library. If you think you have a spare hour once a week, or once a fortnight, I'd love to hear from you. Please phone Laurina at school extn: 805 or pop in and see me in the library.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES (printed as space permits)

### Wellington Football Club - Junior Rugby

*Player Registrations:* Sat 21 Feb 12-2pm or Thur 26 Feb 5.30-7.00pm. *Players Pre Season:* Fri 13, 20, & 27 March 5.30-6.30pm. *Season Starts:* Sat 4 April. *Free Holiday Programme:* Thur 16 and Fri 17 April. Contact: Wayne Brill, 972-6992 or 029 442-3215. Location: Wellington Football Club, Hataitai Park, Ruahine Street, Hataitai

### HOMES WANTED TO RENT/SWAP

Worser Bay Boating Club is hosting the Optimist National Champs in Easter 2009, with over 200 young sailors competing from around New Zealand and overseas. Many families travelling to the event are looking for accommodation near the club. If you are going to be away for the Easter/School Holiday break (or considering it) and would like to rent/swap your home to a sailing family, then please contact: Ali Middleton: phone 388 7175, email [midds.seatoun@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:midds.seatoun@vodafone.co.nz). Dates: from 8th - 15th April 2009

### MARIST ST PATS JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION

Registration Days at MSP Gym, Evans Bays: Sat 21 Feb: 12 - 2pm; Mon 23 Feb & 2 March: 5.30 - 7.30pm. Sat 28 Feb: 11.30am - 12.30pm. For more information call Ana Frka 802 5574 or email, [galm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:galm@xtra.co.nz)

**For sale - Pool fins** - used but in good condition. Size 5-7 \$20. Ring Stella on 388 2142

**Lost:** Icebreaker girl's hoody - brown with pink trim. Should have Maddie McKitterick's name in it. Lost at end of last year. Ring Stella 388 2142



Term 1 2009 02 February – 9 April			
Wk	Date	Day	
3	20	Fri	Hui
4	23	Mon	PAT Testing commences
5	Mar 02	Mon	Y1&2 Dental Checks all week Family Contact List due home
	05	Thu	Steeple Rock
	06	Fri	Hui <b>New Family Morning Tea</b>
6	09	Mon	<b>PTA AGM</b>
	11	Wed	Netball Parent Info meeting. 7.00pm
7	Mar 18	Wed	Y5-8 Arts Festival
	19	Thu	BOT Steeple Rock
	20	Fri	Hui Y1/2 Y3/4 Arts Festival
8	23	Mon	Y3&8 Dental checks commence
9	Apr 2	Thu	Steeple Rock
	3	Fri	Hui Y3/4
10	7	Tue	School X Country
	8	Wed	E Zone Swimming Literacy Quiz
	9	Thu	Hui Last day of Term
Term 2: 27 April - 3 July			
Wk	Date	Day	
1	Apr 27	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	30	Thu	Steeple Rock
3	May 14	Thu	Steeple Rock
	15	Fri	Hui
5	28	Thu	Steeple Rock
	29	Fri	Hui
6	Jun 1	Mon	Queens Birthday
7	11	Thu	Steeple Rock
	12	Fri	Hui
9	25	Thu	Steeple Rock

	26	Fri	Hui
10	Jul 3	Fri	Last Day of Term

Term 3: 20 July – 25 September			
Wk	Date	Day	
1	Jul 20	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	23	Thu	Steeple Rock
2	31	Thu	BOT Meeting
3	Aug 6	Thu	Steeple Rock
	7	Fri	Hui
5	20	Thu	Steeple Rock
7	4	Fri	Hui
10	25	Fri	Last day of term

Term 4: 12 October - 18 December			
Wk	Date	Day	
1	Oct 12	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	17	Sat	Planning Day
3	26	Mon	Labour Day
6	Nov 17	Tue	Athletics
10	14	Mon	Reports Home
	16	Wed	Y8 Formal
	17	Thu	Prizegiving 4.30pm.
10	18	Fri	Last Day of Term

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