

From the Principal...

Dear All

Seven weeks have flown by and Easter is just around the corner. Our year is progressing very well. We were very quick off the mark this year in getting support programmes up and running; and this combined with only one staff change has made a big difference. Having an additional teacher working in Y7&8 for the term and additional staff at Y1 (as part of the 1:15 initiative) is also having a very positive impact on the effectiveness of teaching programmes.

Children are enjoying the opportunity of visiting Capital E and attending the Arts Festival.

Four new entrant children have joined us over the last couple of weeks. A big welcome to Ellie Williment, Tom King, Jacob Hodson and Edi Callaghan. Their big buddies are Isaac Coupe, Joseph Ivory, Gianni Bouzoukis and Anton Jenkins.

Congratulations:

New Dad: Congratulations to Tim and Karen Kong on the birth of their daughter Isabella Molly Kong.

06 March Hui Principal Awards.

R1	Tom Coupe - <i>demonstrating deep thinking & insightful contributions to discussion</i>	9	Katie Oolders - <i>showing personal pride in her work & always making a big effort</i>
2	Olive White-Yule - <i>Enthusiastic attitude</i>	10	Peter Juriss - <i>Taking responsibility for his own learning; showing high levels of independence in reading & writing</i>
3	Vivien Norris - <i>focus in class & succinct, well-sequenced writing</i>	11	Georgina Moore - <i>High presentation standard in all work</i>
4		12	Saskia Butland - <i>very positive start to the year & being supportive of younger students</i>
5	Lorna Hallett - <i>displaying a really positive attitude</i>	13	Eddie Jacobs - <i>demonstrating a responsible & caring attitude to work & classmates</i>
6	Dannielle Kan - <i>Being responsible & looking after own property</i>	14	James Tweddle - <i>Excellent writing - using well chosen language</i>
7	Jack Pothan - <i>being friendly & welcoming to others</i>	15	Courtney Judd - <i>superb effort in writing & great attitude to learning</i>
8	Toby Bates - <i>being such a switched on learner</i>	16	Charlie Robinson - <i>havng 'attitude' - so positive!</i>

Some Important Dates for the Remainder of this term:

Date	Item / Happening	Parent Action Required
20 Mar	School hui - Y1&2 presenting	You are most welcome to attend
3 April	School hui - Y3&4 presenting	You are most welcome to attend
7 April	School Cross Country	You are very welcome to attend and support
8 April	EZ Swimming Sports Literacy Quiz	We will need support
9 April	LAST DAY OF TERM	School closes at normal time

The new deposit box system is working well. A reminder that **ALL** money being paid to the school must be deposited in this box in a clearly labelled envelope, it is not just for school banking. The box is situated on the wall just to the right when entering the main office area.

Regards



From the Board...

Hello All

The next board meeting is on Thursday 19 March. We will be looking at the 2008 student achievement outcomes and the 2009 achievement targets. The 2009 Seatoun School Charter will be adopted. Other areas to be covered at the meeting are the Green Footprint project, Support Programmes and the building project.

Cheers

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

From the PTA...

We held our AGM last Monday and had a fantastic turnout of new parents to the PTA. Therese Collins has stepped down as President due to increased work commitments. Thank you Therese for all your hard work and enthusiasm over the past couple of years, the school has greatly benefitted from it. Thank you also to Miriam Heycoop who is stepping up to the role. Judy Bragan is also stepping down from the role of Secretary and Ana Conway will now fill that position. Kevin Davies has agreed to stay on as our Treasurer.

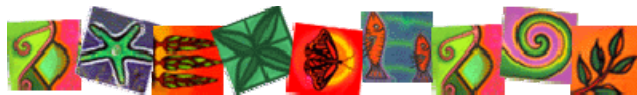
Generally the PTA remains in good heart with the usual fundraisers and social events planned. Next term we will hold the school disco, which the children always enjoy and some form of entertainment for the parents will happen towards the end of that term. Will let you know details nearer the time.

I hope you all enjoyed a break from making lunch on Tuesday. Thank you Sarah M and her helpers for organising the pizza lunch.

After very positive feedback about the wrap n mat, the environmentally friendly method of wrapping lunches, the PTA has decided to order another lot. We will let you know when these will be on sale. Again thank you to Sarah M who is handling this.

Steeple Rock - Time for a change

Are you interested in making a contribution to the school that you can do from home? Compiling the fortnightly edition of Steeple Rock is a great way to help out. Please call Deirdre 380-9119 if you're interested.



Seatoun School Envirogroup



The Envirogroup has been hard at work this term planning for our school vegetable garden. We have decided on what type of garden and where the garden should go. We are very excited about the project and look forward to constructing it early in Term 2.

If you are keen to help with this project or join our Envirogroup, look out for the notice in the next Steeple Rock.



Term 1 2009 02 February – 9 April			
Wk	Date	Day	
7	19	Thu	BOT Meeting
	20	Fri	Hui Y1/2 Y3/4 Capital E 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 X Country pp date Last day of Term

Term 2: 27 April - 3 July

1	Apr 27	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	May 1	Thur	Y7 Boostrix Immunisation & Gardasil Immunisation for Y8 Girls
3	11	Mon	Wgtn Zone Swimming
3	13	Wed	EZ Netball
	15	Fri	Hui
4	20	Wed	EZ Netball pp date
5	29	Fri	Hui
6	Jun 1	Mon	Queens Birthday
7	9	Tue	EZ X Country
	12	Fri	Hui EZ X Country pp date
8	16	Tue	Wgtn Zone X Country
9	23	Tues	School Closed - Mid Year Conferences
	26	Fri	Hui
10	Jul 3	Fri	Last Day of Term

Clean Clothes

The medical room supply of changes of clothes has rapidly diminished. Pants and clean underwear is urgently required, especially at the Junior level of the school. Please leave any contributions at the office.

Newsletter contributions and feedback to Deirdre McCarthy on 380 9119 or daltonmcc@xtra.co.nz or to the school office. *Contributions for next issue by noon Tuesday 31st March please.*

Term 3: 20 July – 25 September

1	Jul 20	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
2	31	Thu	BOT Meeting
3	Aug 3	Mon	Gardasil for Y8 girls.
3	5	Wed	EZ Soccer
	7	Fri	Hui
4	12	Wed	EZ Soccer pp date
6	26	Wed	EZ Hockey
7	4	Fri	Hui
10	25	Fri	Last day of term

Term 4: 12 October - 18 December

1	Oct 12	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	17	Sat	Planning Day
3	26	Mon	Labour Day
	27-30	Tu-Fri	EZ Athletics Trials
	28	Wed	EZ Miniball
5	Nov 11	Wed	EZ Athletics
6	17	Tue	School Athletics
	19	Thur	School Athletics pp date
7	23	Mon	Gardasil for Y8 girls.
	25	Wed	Wgtn Zone Athletics
9	Dec 9	Wed	Junior Athletics
	11	Fri	Junior Athletics pp
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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