



From the Principal...

Dear All

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the well-earned break? The grand weather experienced over Easter was a real bonus. All is in place for a productive second term, building upon the work done in the first term.

Four new students joined us on the first day of term. A very warm welcome to Mackenzie Hasson (R1), George (R10) and Charlie (R16) Roberts-Cox and new entrant Alex Samios (Riley Duncan, Big Buddy).

Congratulations:

- 03 April Hui Principal Awards

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| R1 | George McDougall - <i>great attitude, using feedback to improve quality of work</i> | 9 | Holly Hammond - <i>positive attitude, consideration towards others</i> Sam Royal - <i>enthusiasm towards learning, best effort</i> |
| 2 | Carrick Nisbet - <i>stepping outside his comfort zone, trying new things</i> | 10 | Francesca Nutsford - <i>increasing confidence in sharing great ideas</i> Daria Hall - <i>taking responsibility for own learning, best effort</i> |
| 3 | Katelyn Featherstone - <i>consistent work ethic</i> | 11 | Lucy Sladden - <i>huge effort in writing</i> Giorgios Katsanos - <i>taking increased responsibility for own learning</i> |
| 4 | Holly Alloway - <i>superstar handwriting, remarkable reading, caring towards others</i> | 12 | Emma Hargreaves - <i>demonstrating enthusiasm, curiosity and leadership</i> Baxter Robb - <i>inspiring leadership</i> |
| 5 | Dana Zander - <i>trying new things. Positive attitude</i> | 13 | Barnaby Roche - <i>responsibility & self control</i> |
| 6 | Coby Williams - <i>consistently making good choices</i> | 14 | Penny Linton - <i>valuable contribution to class discussion, deep thinking</i> |
| 7 | Mackenzie Morgan - <i>asking great questions</i> | 15 | Abigail Eiloart - <i>responsibility & dedication</i> Riley Duncan - <i>improved listening</i> |
| 8 | Cody Croucher - <i>great learning in writing</i> | 16 | Nicolas Dalton - <i>sharing his thinking in all discussions</i> |

- School Cross Country:** Despite the threat of inclement weather the event went ahead and was a roaring success. We have a number of really good runners, but the thing that really came home to me was the effort every child made to do their best.
- Eastern Zone Swimming:** Once again all of our students did us proud. Their sportsmanship, behaviour and effort were a huge credit to them.
- Literacy Quiz:** Unfortunately we didn't quite make the top three, but again a great effort from all involved.
- School Hui:** Our next full school hui will be held on Friday, 15 May. It is the turn of our Y7&8 students to share what they have been up to over recent weeks.

- **Harbour City Mini Hawks bring home the Bowl:** Four current and three former Seatoun School pupils were part of a Harbour City Water Polo team which competed in an Under 12 Water Polo Tournament in Tauranga in the holidays, winning the Bowl Trophy (coming 9th overall out of 20). The players had had very little opportunity to play as a team and most had played only one or two games in a full pool, putting them at a huge disadvantage against all the big Auckland and Bay of Plenty clubs. Despite this, the Harbour City team, including Drew Morse, Maddie McKitterick, River Rakena, Tom Oolders, Dom Barratt-Boyes, Jae Morse and Isabella Clere, first managed to get themselves in the top ten, then beat local rivals Hutt A in a very exciting final. The high proportion of Seatoun trained players in this team is testimony to the high standard of and enthusiasm for water polo at our school.
- **Property:** Work is now underway in extending the Navigator Room into a full classroom. We are excited about the opportunities this addition and the changes to the Falkirk Room (immediately above) will have for children and teachers.
- **Green Footprint:** The team have a big Sunday ahead building a number of vegetable and herb gardens in the 'Wiggly-Wobbly Garden.' If you are able to help out for a few hours please contact either Tina or Andrea at school.

LOOKING FORWARD- The Month of May

| Day/Date | Event | Parent Action |
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| Wed 06 | Earthquake Drill | We will be holding an earthquake drill. This is an ideal time for families to talk through their own emergency management plan and discuss contingencies should we experience a major earthquake. In particular it is important to ensure children know who they may go with should parents be unable to collect them from school. It's also a good idea to go through what is in your emergency supplies and replace/update as required. |
| Thu 21 | Starting School @ 5 | An information evening for parents of new entrants about to start at our school. Junior class teachers and House Captains will present and answer questions. |
| Fri 22 | Y5-8 Open Day | An opportunity for all parents to visit and see programmes in action - the morning Rongotai College Y7&8 Enrichment Programme and Y5&6 school-based Options Programme; and the Y7&8 afternoon, school-based Enrichment Programme. |
| Mon 25 | Grandparents Morning | A special morning for grandparents to come to the school. The programme will be: 9.00am tea/coffee in hall; 9.30-10.20 visit classes and tour school; 10.20-10.40 'playtime' with the children; 10.45-11.00 special school hui. Invitations and RSVP's out soon. |
| Thu 28 | H. Captain Charity Fundraiser | Children/families will be given the opportunity to make a donation towards a charity or fundraising cause. |

Take care

Risa Rubin

Kids Literacy Quiz Team

In Term 1 our librarian, Laurina, selected two Year 7 and 8 teams to represent Seatoun School in the Kids Literacy Quiz. We spent five weeks reading books of different genres and practising mock quizzes. Finally in Week 9, after a lot of hard studying, Marran and Sabrina's mums volunteered to take us to the venue where we spent the day answering questions based on 10 random topics including spies, occupations, fairies, transport and more.

Even though we didn't win we worked really hard and had lots of fun. Thanks to Laurina who organised us and Mrs. V. who, without her, the day wouldn't have been possible.

By Ellie, Grace, Lucy, Marran, Lily, Carrick, Ella, Ruben, Sabrina, and Risa.

From the Board...

Hello All

Welcome back to Seatoun School for another busy term.

You may have noticed that construction has started on the extension to the navigator room. The tender for the project was awarded to Fletcher Construction Ltd at the end of last term and they have got the foundations under way. All students have been asked to keep clear of this area. We are hoping that by constructing the space first and then taking down the existing exterior wall, that disruption to the classrooms will be kept to a minimum.

Our next Board meeting is Thursday, 14 May at 7.30pm in the Orca Room. We will be looking at the curriculum areas of Integration, PE/ Health, Food Technology, ICT and Library.

Cheers

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

Eastern Zone Swimming

Once again Seatoun School competed at the Eastern Zone Swimming Competition last term with determination and skill. We had a strong contingent of swimmers, and every one of them competed to the best of their abilities. It was a pleasure taking children to this event as they were so well behaved and represented Seatoun School with pride. It was a strong field this year, and Seatoun did very well. Out of our 52 swimmers 22 managed to get either a first or second place and will represent the Eastern Zone at the Wellington Zone Swimming Competition on Monday, 11 May. Congratulations to these swimmers:

Yr 4

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| Rosie Dossor | Relay, 50m Freestyle, 25m Freestyle, 25m Butterfly |
| Emma Hargreaves | Relay |
| Katie Oolders | Relay |
| Ella Baigent- Brown | Relay |
| Tessa Hunt | 25m Butterfly |

Yr 5

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| Maia Whitaker | 25m Breastroke |
| Sarah Findlay | 25m Butterfly |
| Anton Jenkins | 25m Freestyle |
| Nicolas Dalton | 25m Breastroke |

Yr 6

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| Jessie Moore | 25m Breastroke, 25m Butterfly |
| Ben Wynne | 25m Breastroke |
| Eloise Wu | 25m Freestyle |

Yr 7

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| Kate Nota | Relay, 50m Freestyle, 25m Freestyle, 25m Butterfly |
| Ruby Hague-Smith | Relay |
| Bridgette Midgley | Relay |
| Phoebe Baigent | Relay |
| Dom Barratt-Boyes | 25m Breastroke |

Yr 8

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| Sarah Blaikie | Relay, 25m Breastroke |
| Millie Barratt-Boyes | Relay, 25m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle |
| Lee-Jean Kahui | Relay |
| Katelyn Featherstone | Relay |
| Maddie McKitterick | 25m Breastroke, 25m Butterfly |

Thanks

Anna Martin

From the PTA...

We hope that you all had a relaxing holiday break and that everyone's batteries are recharged for term 2.

There's lots to look forward to this term. The disco is planned for Thursday, 4 June which will be a significant event on your child's social calendar! Planning is also underway for a fun adults evening on Saturday, 27 June, so book your babysitters now! More details to follow.

We are initiating a bought lunch on the last Friday of each month kicking off on 29 May. The ordering format and pricing will be similar to the pizza lunch, with a different option each time. Details to follow.

The Wrap n Mats, environmental lunch wrappers, sold well at the end of Term 1 - there are still some available if anybody missed out. Look out for details of another sale.

The PTA fundraises as a group with money distributed to various projects as agreed by the group. Every year, some of our money goes towards supporting the school's operating budget in all areas of the curriculum. During 2008 the PTA spent a significant amount of money on the confidence course around the field. This year we'd like to finish the job with the addition of one or two more stations. Children, as well as adults, are enjoying using the course!

Next meeting is Monday, 4 May. Everyone welcome.

| Term 2: 27 April - 3 July | | | |
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| 2 | May 4 | Mon | PTA meeting |
| 2 | 6 | Wed | Earthquake drill |
| 3 | 11 | Mon | Wgtn Zone Swimming |
| | 14 | Thu | BOT Annual Meeting 7.30pm Orca Room - parents welcome Steeple Rock |
| | 15 | Fri | Hui - Yr 7-8 |
| 4 | 20 | Wed | EZ Netball |
| | 21 | Thu | Y7 Boostrix Immunisation & Gardasil Immunisation for Y8 Girls Starting School @ 5 Informa- tion Evening 7.00pm |
| | 22 | Fri | Yr 5-8 Open Day |
| 5 | 25 | Mon | Grandparents Morning |
| | 27 | Wed | EZ Netball pp date |
| | 28 | Thu | Steeple Rock House Captain Fundraiser |
| | 29 | Fri | Hui PTA Bought Lunch |
| 6 | Jun 1 | Mon | Queens Birthday |
| | 4 | Thu | School Disco |
| 7 | 9 | Tue | EZ X Country |
| | 11 | Thu | Steeple Rock |
| | 12 | Fri | Hui EZ X Country pp date |
| 8 | 16 | Tue | Wgtn Zone X Country |
| 9 | 23 | Tue | School Closed - Mid Year Con- ferences |
| | 25 | Thu | Steeple Rock |
| | 26 | Fri | Hui |
| | 27 | Sat | PTA Evening for Parents |
| 10 | Jul 3 | Fri | Last Day of Term |

| Term 3: 20 July - 25 September | | | |
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| 1 | Jul 20 | Mon | Welcome Back Hui |
| 2 | 30 | Thu | BOT Meeting |
| 3 | Aug 3 | Mon | Gardasil for Y8 girls. |
| 3 | 5 | Wed | EZ Soccer |
| | 7 | Fri | Hui |
| 4 | 10 | Mon | School Closed - Teacher Only Day |
| | 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 | | | |
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| 1 | Oct 12 | Mon | Welcome Back Hui |
| | 17 | Sat | Planning Day |
| 2 | 20 | Tue | School Photos |
| 3 | 26 | Mon | Labour Day |
| | 27-30 | Tue-Fri | EZ Athletics Trials |
| | 28 | Wed | EZ Miniball |
| 5 | Nov 11 | Wed | EZ Athletics |
| 6 | 17 | Tue | School Athletics |
| | 19 | Thu | 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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COMMUNITY NOTICES (printed as space permits)
Three bedroom house required to rent
 A Seatoun family is looking for a 3 bedroom house to rent from late May 2009. They have two children under 5 so will need a house that is child friendly and some outdoor area would be preferable.
 Please call Jay on 027 88 88 93.

Newsletter contributions and feedback to Joanna Simpson at josim@extra.co.nz please.
Contributions for next issue by 2pm Tuesday, 12th May.

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