

Issue 158, 25 June 2009

From the Principal...

Dear All

The second term is rapidly drawing to a close. I am writing this on Tuesday and progress conferences have been going for almost six hours. The teachers have been very positive and enjoyed the opportunity to talk with students and parents together. I hope that you too have found this opportunity valuable and enjoyable? All children have made progress, and taking the time to celebrate their efforts and achievement can have a significant positive impact on their future attitudes to learning. Thank you for your support.

Having the conferences over the day and the internet booking system has certainly been a huge improvement from our perspective. Most parents were able to organise their conference time on-line and only 4 children turned up for a normal school day!

Congratulations:

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

R1	Eugenia Boyd - always showing compassion, thinking deeply about issues, positive approach to life	R9	Sam Bacon - thoughtfulness and willingness to help others
R2	Raj Patel - taking greater self-responsibility for learning and for sharing his ICT skills	R10	Victoria Hill - working to a high standard, motivated and willingness to take risks
R3	Marran Young - enthusiasm and great work ethic	R11	Stefan Jenkins - independence and marvellous work ethic
R4	Pip Crowley - being a superstar helper	R12	Baxter Robb - explaining with empathy and being a self-directed learner
R5	Novalie McGuire - enthusiasm and super positive attitude	R13	Sarah Findlay - responsible attitude, working hard with a big smile
R6	Stefanos Hills - thinking carefully about using the correct letters when writing	R14	Ben Miller - contributing great ideas and hard work to make the On TV show a success
R7	Alexandros Samios - using teacher feedback to improve the quality of work	R15	Ben Wynne - dedicated, hardworking, positive attitude
R8	Cade Watson - practising your 'Rocket' words everyday	R16	Joseph Ivory - sharing ideas with excellent comments and being a wonderful buddy

Influenza A (Swine Flu):

You will be aware that the MoH have moved from containment to management of this virus. As outlined in the last newsletter, the key message is for everyone to be diligent with their personal hygiene and take the usual precautions when hit with a cold or the flu.

Schools received the notice below:

"With term holidays approaching and a number of families planning to travel, both overseas and around NZ, we are aware of the threat posed by the swine flu epidemic, particularly the risk posed by travellers returning as potential carriers. At this stage, the Ministry of Health's advice is that if staff and students are well and symptom free after returning from an affected area overseas they can return to school and do not need to remain at home for any period after arriving back in the country, or back to the home town/city. However, this may change in the coming weeks and families need to plan for this possibility. Please carefully monitor your family's health closely as you return from overseas, or your trip within New Zealand, and if there are even the slightest flu symptoms, do not send your son or daughter back to school until you have first telephoned to check with your doctor, or alternatively check through the MOH Healthline 0800 611 116."


Good luck!

Parking: A second Police Education Constable has been appointed to our area. Last Thursday morning he popped in to say he had been observing parent parking before school and was not impressed by the actions of some. I think he may have left warning notices, and possibly even infringement notices, on some cars e.g. those parked in the disabled space. This is a \$250 offence. He informed us he would be making regular checks and taking action.

LOOKING FORWARD

Day/Date	Event	Parent Action
Fri 26 June	Hui	Year 5&6 leading
Fri 03 July	Last Day of Term	School closes at the usual time of 2.55pm
Mon 20 July	Term 3 starts	
Mon 10 August	Teacher In-Service Day School Closed	To assist teachers to implement the revised National Curriculum, last year all schools were allocated one in-service day to be taken in either 2008 or 2009. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause some families.

On behalf of all the staff, thanks everyone for your support over the term.

 Take care

From the Board...

Hello All

The last BOT meeting covered the curriculum areas of English. Ann Vandendungen and Hannah Steel presented the report on English. This included the baseline achievement data, collected in Term 1, though PAT, spelling and punctuation testing and through running records for reading. The PAT results reflected the trend at Seatoun School for students to score above the national norms in reading vocabulary and comprehension. We have a greater percentage of students performing in the top stanines and very few students in the lower stanines. The PAT testing now gives teachers in depth feedback on individual students. You may have seen some of this at the mid year conferences. This information helps the teachers to target their teaching to meet the individual student needs at what ever level they are working at. It is always good to remember that this is a snap shot of what your child was doing at a point in time and needs to be added with other data collected to get a more in depth picture.

All Baseline data information has been analysed to investigate school wide trends, the strength and weaknesses in different cohorts and how Maori students are performing. The teachers use this information to develop school wide goals and strategies.

Seatoun School values on-going professional development of staff and the English team reported back on a number of ways this has been occurring at school. Teachers have been working closely together through the 'Effective Pedagogy' programme that Jason Cowan set up last year. This year the programme has the teaching of 'reading' as its focus. The English team have spent time on reviewing the 'Teaching English at Seatoun School' classroom folders. This document sets out the approach teachers take to the English curriculum so that there is continuity and clear progressions across the school. Seatoun school teachers also use outside workshops to develop teacher skills and to keep up to date in educational trends. Four teachers have attended a 'Thinking in Reading' and 'Thinking in Writing' workshop. Two teachers and a teachers aide have attended a workshop on Dyslexia. Year 1 and 2 teachers attended a seminar in oral language. Teacher aides attended an oral language workshop run by Sally Schoon, a speech language therapist. The English team has purchased some great new resources from novels for higher up the school to alphabet and literacy activities for the early years.

The extension to the navigator room is progressing well and the space is looking fabulous. The furniture and resources have been ordered so it will be up and running as soon as possible.

Cheers

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

From the PTA...

The children are looking forward to the second 'end of the month' lunch tomorrow following the resounding success of the first one. Thanks to Marlies and Isobel and their team of helpers for all your work on this.

Tickets for the 'Beat the Recession Bash' will be on sale from Wednesday 1 July through the school newsletter, or by emailing Miriam on heycoop@extra.co.nz or Judy on mjmiddle@extra.co.nz. Tickets are \$35.00 per head which includes bubbles on arrival, a light supper and the band "Nudge". It will be a great night and we have limited tickets so be in now to secure your tickets! We will also be selling tickets outside the office on Wednesday 1st and Friday 3rd July after school.

Only one more week until the end of term two. We wish all the children and their families a happy, safe, warm and relaxing break.

The next PTA meeting is on Monday 29 June. All welcome.

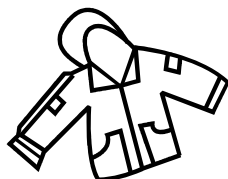


Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in the cupboard.

Lost property will be displayed on Wednesday 1 July either in the courtyard or the hall (depending on the weather).

Parents please check the display. All items left on the last day will be donated to a Goodwill Shop.



Wellington School of Cricket Holiday Programme

Hey kids the Wellington School of Cricket are running their mid winter School Holiday programme and they want you to be involved.

For more information or to register for this fantastic programme please visit

www.cricketwellington.co.nz/content/school-of-cricket/holiday-programmes.aspx

or contact: Ivan Tissera 021 894-

338 i.tissera@firebirds.co.nz

or Glenn Pocknall 021 409-864

g.pocknall@firebirds.co.nz



Love, Limits and Laughter

Strategies for enjoyable and effective parenting of teen-ages

Tuesday 4th August 7:00pm - 9:00pm

School hall

Entry is free

Ros Broadmore is a Clinical Psychologist with a long practice of working with parents and families.

The talk will go from 7:00 - 8:30. This will include time for questions and discussion. There will also be a time afterwards from 8:30 - 9:00 for some more informal discussions over tea, coffee and cake.

All are welcome.

SEATOUN SCHOOL FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR 'BEAT THE RECESSION BASH'

WHEN: Saturday 1st August

WHERE: Seatoun School Hall

MUSIC: Live band 'NUDGE'

DRESS: Come dressed for \$10 or less

COST: \$35 each which includes a glass of bubbles on arrival, a light supper & a full licensed bar is provided

TICKETS: Can be obtain as follows:

- On sale at school next week, Wednesday 1st July & Friday 3rd July between 2.45 and 3.15.
- Emailing Judy at mjmiddle@extra.co.nz or Miriam at heycoop@extra.co.nz
- Return a slip to the 'Elephant Box' which includes the name & room number of oldest child and the number of tickets required

NB. Please make cheques out to Seatoun School PTA

House Captains Annual Charity Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who dressed up and made our fundraiser a fantastic day.

With your donations we were able to raise a whopping \$510.00.

This money went to the Strathmore Garden Project.

We presented a cheque to Deb Howard at the last Hui.

Term 2: 17 April - 3 July			
9	26	Fri	Hui Year 5&6 PTA Bought Lunch
10	29	Mon	PTA meeting. All welcome.
	30	Tue	Wn X Country
	Jul 2	Thu	Wn X Country pp
	3	Fri	Last Day of Term
Term 3: 20 July – 25 September			
1	Jul 20	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	23	Thu	Steeple Rock NZIS Fitness Testing
2	28	Tue	Y7/8 Netball
2	30	Thu	BOT Meeting Y7/8 Netball PP
	Aug 1	Sat	'Beat the Recession Bash'
3	3	Mon	9.30 Y1-4 String Performance Gardasil for Y8 girls
	4	Tue	ICAS English Love, Limits & Laughter 7pm–9pm
	5	Wed	EZ Soccer
	6	Thu	ICAS Maths (Additional Test) Steeple Rock
	7	Fri	Hui
4	10	Mon	School Closed - Teacher Only Day
	12	Wed	EZ Soccer pp date Y5-8 Speech Finals 7.00pm
5	19	Wed	ICAS Math
	20	Thu	Steeple Rock
	21	Fri	Hui
6	26	Wed	EZ Hockey
7	Sep 2	Wed	EZ Hockey pp
	4	Fri	Hui
8	10	Thu	NZIS Fitness Testing Y5-8
10	12	Mon	School Arts Exhibition 5.30-8.00pm
10	24	Thu	Talent Quest
	25	Fri	Last Day of Term

Newsletter

Newsletter contributions and feedback to Joanna Simpson at josim@xtra.co.nz.
Contributions for next issue by 2pm Tuesday, 21st July 2009.

Term 4: 12 October - 18 December			
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 Y3-8
	19	Thu	School Athletics pp date
7	23	Mon	Gardasil for Y8 girls
	25	Wed	Wgtn Zone Athletics
9	Dec 9	Wed	Junior Athletics Y1-2
	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

How to contact us

Answerphone

School absences 388 7600 extn 1

Bulletin Board 388 7600 extn 2

Principal

Pete Pointon 388 7600 peterp@seatoun.school.nz

P.T.A.

Miriam Heycoop 380 8005 heycoop@xtra.co.nz

Board of Trustees

Helen Taylor 970 0000 helen.taylor@paradise.net.nz

Letizea Ord 388 1531 Letizea@ordlillico.co.nz

Sandy Baigent 973 7234 sandy@capitalchambers.co.nz

Simon Novak 976 8648 simon@novakmiddleton.co.nz

Suzie Bognar 388 5953 bognargreen@xtra.co.nz

Catherine Tate 938 6320 the.tates@paradise.net.nz

Jason Cowan 388 7600 jasonc@seatoun.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LOST

PURPLE LUNCH TIN

Purple Smiggle Lunch Tin, unnamed, last seen in Room 16 Lunch bin. Please phone Barb Williams 3884824.

RED DRINK BOTTLE

We are missing a Disneyland red drink bottle with a picture of Minnie Mouse on it and 'Hong Kong Disneyland' written on it. It has a red strap. It went missing on Tues 16th June from beside the sink in Room 9. If found, could you please return to Holly Hammond, or put it on her desk, or ph Donna 934 0681. Thanks.

TUCAN PUPPET

Multicolour Tucan Puppet lost on Seatoun Bus.
Contact 977.0650.