

From the Principal...

Dear All

It's great to see teachers enjoying their work and hearing them talking about what a positive term they are having. Children appear engaged and positive, with some great learning happening.

CONGRATULATIONS:

1. NIWA Science Fair

Again this year our Y7&8 students had outstanding success at the NIWA Science Fair. Zachary Blakely, Lily Dalton, Millicent Newton-Rencen and Abbey Cartmell all achieved Highly Commended Awards.

Lily won the Ministry of Education prize of \$150. Zach won the NIWA prize of \$200 for the exhibit related to atmospheric conditions. It was also great to see ex student Connor Ivory (now Y9) in the list of award winners.

2. Principal Awards

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

R1	Nick Linney - superb focus, responsible attitude, magnificent speech	R10	Paris Lokotui - an enthusiastic attitude to learning
R2	Alice Walker - taking responsibility for her own learning	R11	Ella Baigent-Brown - being a positive and motivated learner
R3	James Weaver - using initiative, striving to learn	R12	Nissa Dunn - having courage to try new things and working with determination
R4	Ella Blakely - writing with flair and accuracy	R13	Sam Green - great self management & focus to create high quality work
R5	Ava Moran - terrific attitude	R14	Tara Young - having such a positive and enthusiastic attitude
R6	Daniel Moskovitz - great thinking in maths	R15	Joanne Smith - being helpful and courteous towards others
R7	Izzy Peet - fantastic listening	R16	Ella Newell - being a 'cool jewel' who works hard every day
R8	Bella Hay - being a kind and thoughtful friend, and sharing with others	R17	Leilani Teague - having a fantastic attitude to learning
R9	Max Crowley - demonstrating respect and kindness		

3. Library Week Competitions:

Well done to all children that entered. Laurina and I had a difficult job doing the judging. Special congratulations to:

- **Marran Young** - 1st Place Dust Cover Y5-8
- **Christoph Nutsford** - 1st Place Graphic Novel Y5-8
- **Lily Dalton** - Highly Commended Graphic Novel Y5-8
- **Ben Ofoski** - 1st Place Front Cover Y1&2
- **Nissa Dunn** - 1st Place Front Cover Y3
- **Baxter Robb** - 1st Place Front Cover Y4
- **Lucy Sladden, Ella Berkahn, Hannah Gadsby, Emma Hargreaves and Matt Dench** - Highly Commended Front Covers Y3&4

4. New Baby

Last week staff member Aimee Elliot gave birth to a daughter - Mia Elliot. Mum and daughter both are well.

PARENTING THROUGH SEPARATION:

Funded by the Ministry of Justice, Catholic Social Services run free courses for parents every month. The next courses are on 03 & 10 September; 05 & 12 November, and 26 November & 03 December. The course runs over two Thursday nights from 6.30 to 8.30pm. There are a number of resources and videos made available to participants; all free of charge. For further information phone Claire Ludlum **385 8642**. We also have a video and pamphlets available on loan from the 'Parent Section' of our library.

SCHOOL HUI:

This Friday it is the turn of the Y5&6 team to lead our hui. In addition the school band will be performing - well worth a look!

LOOKING FORWARD

Week 9	15 & 16 September	Term 3 Art Celebration - all children involved in making an artwork. Parents welcome to call in and take a look at proceedings.
Week 10	21 September	Art Exhibition - 5.30-8.00pm
	24 September	House Captain's annual talent quest
	25 September	Last day of term

Rita Rubin

From the Board...

Hello All

Over the past term and a half the BOT have received curriculum reports from the teachers in charge of each curriculum area. Curriculum teams are now preparing 2009 summary reports, and goals and budgets for 2010 to present at the School Planning Day that is being held on Saturday 17 October.

Planning Day is held once a year and is a chance for the Staff, PTA and the Board to get together. We review the school's progress towards achieving the goals we set in the three year planning cycle. We then look at school organisation and plans for the next year and start drawing up the budgets in line with what we have set as priorities. Planning Day is also a chance to talk as a group on changes that are happening in the education sector, what we think about the changes and how they may affect Seatoun School.

This year we have Kathleen Atkins, National Manager Review Services Central Region Education Review Office, coming to speak to us about the new 'Review Indicators' and school review cycle, the revised National Curriculum and National Standards.

As part of looking forward we would like to point out that Board of Trustees elections will be held in April 2010. Five members of the Seatoun community are voted on to the Board for a three year term. This is your chance as a parent or caregiver to have input into the governance of Seatoun School. If you think this might be something you would be interested in, or have questions about what the role involves, please contact any of the Board members for a chat.

Our next BOT meeting is on Thursday 17 September at 7.30 in the Orca room.

Cheers

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

Enviro-group Update:

On Thursday 27th August the Enviro-group went to the Kindy. We were invited to their Hui where we learnt all about the vegetables they have been growing. The children gave us a tour of their gardens and advice on what worked well for them. They also gave us some pumpkin seeds so we can plant them in our garden.

Time to harvest our vegetables!

The vegetables in the school garden were growing so big, it was time to harvest them!

We picked lettuces, silverbeet, bok choi, spring onions and chives to cook in the school kitchen. After washing the vegetables thoroughly we cut the bok choi up, ready to stir fry and prepared the lettuce for our salad. We made some different dressings for our salad and enjoyed eating our first meal!

**Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua.
Care for the land, care for the people, go forward.**

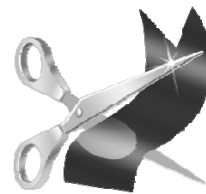


Old or Recycled Materials Wanted

It's nearly Spring-cleaning time, so if you have any of the following materials that you no longer need or want, we would happily use them in our upcoming art celebration.

We are on the look out for:

- Microscope (to be used very carefully and returned)
- Old buttons
- Ribbon
- Wool
- Wire
- Old felt, fabric or hessian
- White cotton or calico
- Natural wool (for felting)
- Old tiles, plates, ceramics or mirrors (suitable for mosaics)
- Jars
- Chicken wire
- Newspaper
- Old shoe boxes with lids
- Woven fabric or weaving that could be shown as example to students (will be returned)



Any of these materials would be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the box in the Art room.

Term 3: 20 July – 25 September			
	4	Fri	Hui Y5/6
8	7	Mon	PTA meeting
	10	Thu	NZIS Fitness Testing Y5-8
9	15	Tue	Art Celebration - parents welcome
	16	Wed	Art Celebration - parents welcome
	17	Thu	Steeple Rock BOT meeting 7.30pm
10	21	Mon	School Arts Exhibition 5.30-8.00pm
10	24	Thu	Talent Quest
	25	Fri	Last Day of Term

Term 4: 12 October - 18 December			
1	Oct 12	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	15	Thu	Steeple Rock
	17	Sat	Planning Day
2	20	Tue	School Photos
	22	Thu	Staring School @ 5
3	26	Mon	Labour Day
	27-30	Tue-Fri	EZ Athletics Trials
	28	Wed	EZ Miniball
	29	Thu	Steeple Rock
	30	Fri	Hui
5	Nov 11	Wed	EZ Athletics
	12	Thu	Steeple Rock
	13	Fri	Hui
6	17	Tue	School Athletics Y3-8
	18	Wed	School Athletics pp date
	19	Thu	BOT
7	23	Mon	Gardasil for Y8 girls
	25	Wed	Wgtn Athletics
	26	Thu	Steeple Rock
	27	Fri	Hui
8	30	Mon	Y5/6 EOTC Week
	Dec 2	Wed	Wn Athletics PP
9	7	Mon	Yr 7/8 EOTC Week
	9	Wed	Junior Athletics Y1-2
	10	Thu	Junior Athletics pp Steeple Rock
10	14	Mon	Reports Home
		Tue	Lost Property Display
	16	Wed	Y8 Formal
	17	Thu	Prizegiving 4.30pm.
10	18	Fri	Last Day of Term

2010 Term Dates	
Term 1	03. Feb– 01 April
Feb	02 Meet the Teacher
	03 School Starts
Term 2	19 April–02 July
Term 3	19 July–24 September
Term 4	11 October– 17 December

Community Notices

Toolbox Parenting Group (www.ParentsInc.org.nz)

For parents/caregivers of children 6-12years.

When: 6 weeks beginning Tuesday, 13th October 2009.

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

Where: Eastern Suburbs.

Contact: Jonathan and Karen Fry. Ph 388 8319. If no answer please leave a message.

"Birthday parties and after school ceramic classes"

Bookings now being taken at The Clay Penguin ceramic studio, 13 Hector Street, places limited, contact Nicola Dench 938-3356

Miramar Softball Club

Registrations for Tee Ball and Junior Softball for the 2009/10 season

Be a part of a great supportive club for tee ball and junior softball.

Registrations at Miramar Softball Clubrooms, Polo Grounds, Miramar:

Saturday 12th September (10am and 12pm)

Saturday 19th September (10am and 12pm)

Wednesday 16th September (6pm and 8pm)

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Newsletter

Newsletter contributions and feedback to Joanna Simpson at josim@xtra.co.nz.

Contributions for next issue by 2pm Tuesday, 15 Sept 09.

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