



From the Principal...

Dear All

Here we are in Term 4 and the end of another year looks frighteningly close! Every term is a busy one, but the final term of the year is especially so. In addition to 'business as usual' and end of year camps and EOTC activities, teachers have the enormous task of looking at the year's achievement data and writing end of year reports; and doing all the preparation for next year - the compiling of class lists being one of the most significant. Even though we have well established processes in place, to do these things to the high standard expected is very time consuming.

The reversion to winter has been a bit of a shock. I was fortunate to get a few days respite as I attended an international conference in Darwin (36 degrees every day) in the first week of the holidays. Around 800 school leaders were there and it was interesting to hear about the issues facing schools and education in Australia and other parts of the world. Everyone is pretty much in the same boat, and overall NZ is doing well; certainly Seatoun School has few of the problems so many schools, teachers, parents and children have to deal with.

WELCOME: We had a busy first day welcoming 10 children to our school. Ursula Salter (Y6) returns to our school from Waikanae. New to our school are Bailey Gibson-Hood, William Newton (Y6), Chili Herriot (Y5), Callum Newton (Y7), Sarah Cook (Y3) and new entrants (with Big Buddies in brackets) Dylan Jones (Oli Malthus), Vinh Peckler (James Tweddle), Jessie Lousley (Helena Georgiakakis) and Lola Armstrong (Mia Biggs).

CONGRATULATIONS:

1. **Cross Country:** At the end of last term Laura Heycoop and Bridgette Midgley competed in the national cross country held in Nelson. Laura was placed 19th and Bridgette 28th. A great effort by both girls.

2. Principal Awards

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

R1	Sarah Blaikie - being focused and taking responsibility for her own learning	R10	Milly Tennent - being so positive and thoughtful and great work ethic
R2	Ellery Watson - taking pride in his work, while maintaining a great sense of humour	R11	Matthew Carter - being a maths whiz and working well with others
R3	Kate Nota - mature, positive attitude & being a considerate class member	R12	Jack Heald- tackling challenging goals with determination
R4	Mason Waterworth - being super organised	R13	Jessica Moore - helpful, positive attitude & excellent effort in Arts Week
R5	Curtis Mellsop - positive attitude, giving everything a go	R14	Anna Riddle- being such a positive, proactive learner
R6	Rebecca Stevens - writing interesting stories and making a big effort with spelling	R15	Marcus Jackson - displaying initiative and making good choices
R7	Eva Juriss - being a star performer and beautiful singing and dancing	R16	Erana James- Consistently positive attitude
R8	Archie Molloy - Being kind and considerate towards other children.	R17	Thom Young-Holdsworth - persevering and trying really hard
R9	Grace Wynne- always so positive, hard-working, caring & helpful		

3. TALENT QUEST: Unfortunately I was only here for the morning part of the programme, but once again the talent in the show was wonderful. Thanks must go to the House Captains for organising this much anticipated event.

COMPUTERS: Six new classroom computers were installed over the holidays. These replace old machines that could no longer cope with new software demands. Like all good businesses, the school is required to depreciate assets and ensure there are sufficient funds put aside to replace items as required. Special thanks to Tim Kong for spending a number of days over the holiday break installing the new hardware.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS: Over the holidays all the hard surface playground markings were repainted. In addition new markings were put on the volley wall and some new padder tennis courts marked out. The next step will be to purchase nets and poles so that the children can fully utilise the courts.

You may have noticed the new climbing wall next to the bank slide? This final stage of the fitness circuit was built over the holidays. Unfortunately the inclement weather held up the installation of the safety matting until this week. Many thanks to the PTA and all its supporters for raising the money for this project.

SAFETY: A reminder that for the next two terms all children are required to wear a House sunhat at school. At this time of the year more children start to ride their bikes to school. Please ensure bikes have had a safety check, your child wears a helmet and can confidently ride alone on the road, obeying the road rules.

ATHLETICS: Weather permitting, by the end of this week, we hope to have the field marked out for athletics. As part of the PE programme all children will be involved in running, jumping and throwing activities. It helps if they wear suitable clothing for these activities.

SCHOOL HUI: It will be the turn of the Y7&8 team to lead the next school hui to be held on Friday 30 October.

LOOKING FORWARD:

Week 2	19-21 October	Y6-8 Life Education Programme, supporting Changes at Puberty programme
	22 October	"Starting School @ 5" Parent Information Evening

Take care

URGENT - HAVE YOU GOT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING YOU COULD DONATE TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE GALA

* Fabric - any type, cotton, felt, net, polar fleece, old bedspreads, quilts, old curtains etc... * Knitting Wool - any odd balls left over? * Cushion innards, old pillows * Ribbon, lace, curling ribbon * Pipe cleaners * Buttons, beads etc... * Feathers, wooden ice lolly sticks * Any haberdashery items
Please leave on doorstep of 21 Ventnor Street, or phone Jessica 02102937378 who will collect. All of these materials will be used in the School's forthcoming Gala in March 2010, but we need urgent supplies now - if you have any contacts or helpful advice on how to source items, please ring me. Thanks.

Touch Rugby

Touch rugby starts this term and we are looking for anyone who would like to coach a team. Touch rugby is for children from Y5-8. It will be played on Wednesday afternoons (starting anytime between 3:45 and 5:15) up at McAlister Park. The competition runs for 6 weeks starting from Wednesday of week 3.

Coaching will require one practice a week before school or during a lunch-time. It will also require you to turn up for the games. There are 9-10 children on each team and practice gear can be provided if you like.

If you are interested please contact Sam Broadmore, in Room 2.



Art Calendars and Cards



Our first order is due to be delivered late this week and distributed early next week. I am aware that a few families didn't quite make the first order so I will place a second. Please return any more orders to the office by Friday the 23rd October. Forms are held at the office. Thank you.

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From the Board...

Hello Everyone

Welcome back to the final term of the year which promises to be a busy one. Our last board meeting was held on 17 September 2009. Major items discussed at the meeting were:

- Technology requirements of the school both short and long term.
- Staff Curriculum Day : Revised National Curriculum. This was a successful day with all staff, including teacher aides, attending and gaining a greater appreciation of the requirements. Seatoun School is well placed with respect to the new curriculum with many requirements already implemented.
- Student numbers for next year and the advertising of some out of zone places to ensure that we retain the roll at optimal levels to ensure the staffing and MOE funding levels currently achieved.

The School's annual planning day will be held this Saturday

At the end of this month schools will be receiving further information from the MOE around national standards in reading writing and maths. Schools are expected to begin implementation of national standards in 2010 but will not be required to report to MOE until 2011.

Cheers

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

From the PTA...

Welcome back to term 4. Hoping you all had relaxing holidays and managed to keep warm!!!

Planning is well underway for the bi-annual school gala being held on Sunday 21st March 2010. No doubt you have all been very busy doing your "spring cleaning"!!! We would love any of your pre-loved clothing books CD's DVD's household items - anything really that will sell! Please be sure all household items are in fairly good condition and are in good working order.

We will open one of the garages this FRIDAY 16th October at 2.30pm. You can drive up to the garages at that time and we will help you unload. This will be a regular occurrence so don't panic if you miss this Friday - we will keep you posted as to other dates for drop offs.

Any queries at all concerning the gala or if you would like to put your hand up for a job then please feel free to email either Miriam on heycoop@xtra.co.nz or Caroline on caroline.sarfati@gmail.com.

Next PTA meeting is in the staffroom on Monday 19th October at 7.30pm All welcome.

Term 3 Visual Arts Celebration



Glittering library tree, clay heads, wooden montages, batik, mosaic pots, printmaking and much more was on display at the Monday night exhibition evening at the end of last term. The standard was impressive and the variety was eclectic.

The school buzzed as students, parents and grandparents viewed art created by the students in their two day art workshops. Thanks to those who made a donation on entry. Your contributions helped with the cost of our materials.



A special thank you to all the parents who ran workshops, or assisted in others. We couldn't have done it without you!

Donations, Fees and Other Purchases.

In term 4 the Office is trialling **eftpos** for all school payments.

Fees and donations may also be paid by cheque or cash to the school office, Automatic Payment—Forms available from the school office, or by Internet Banking to Seatoun School BOT. ASB Bank 0012:3140:0261679: 00

Term 4: 12 October - 18 December

1	Oct 12	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	17	Sat	Planning Day
2	19	Mon	PTA meeting 7.30pm
	19—21	Mon - Wed	Y6-8 Life Education Programme
	20	Tue	School Photos
	22	Thu	Starting School @ 5—Parent info evening
3	26	Mon	Labour Day
	27-30	Tue-Fri	EZ Athletics Trials
	28	Wed	EZ Miniball
	29	Thu	Steeple Rock
	30	Fri	Hui Y7/8 PTA School Lunch
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	Wgtn 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 . Finish 1.00pm

2010 Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 3 February - Thursday 1 April

Term 2 19 April—02 July

Term 3 19 July—24 September

Term 4 11 October—17 December

Community Notices

WANTED TO BUY

Good condition /second hand Queen Margaret College uniform for year 9. Please call Caroline on 9388637 or 0277724855.

NO SEATOUN XMAS PARADE THIS YEAR

Unfortunately our notices around the community asking for new committee members for the Seatoun Xmas Parade have not been effective. Due to a shortage of people willing to help with organising the parade and the funding application being declined by NZCT, the parade is not likely to go ahead this year. If you would like to help organise and rejuvenate the parade for 2010 please email seatounparade@gmail.com so that we can arrange a meeting about the future of the parade. The future of the parade depends on YOU. Please offer your support so that this fantastic event can resume next year.

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Newsletter

Newsletter contributions and feedback to Joanna Simpson at josim@xtra.co.nz. If anyone is interested in editing the newsletter next year please let me know.

Contributions for next issue by 2pm Tuesday, 27 Oct 09.

