

From the Principal...

Dear All

WELCOME: Lachlan Medicott-Sloane. Lachlan's big buddy is Erana James. Also a belated, but extra big welcome to Athea Reynolds who started with us at the very end of last term. Athea's buddy is Saama Dias.

CONGRATULATIONS:

1. Principal Awards

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

R1	Sarah Blaikie - <i>fantastic focus, especially with her picture book.</i>	R10	Wiley Craven - <i>Excellent homestudy</i>
R2	Daniel Rea - <i>big improvement in work habits.</i>	R11	Ella Berkahn - <i>consistently high standard</i>
R3	Alanah Pearson - <i>great work ethic and contribution to class discussions</i>	R12	Rohan Sukha - <i>listening and following instructions. Doing his best work</i>
R4	Rosa Findlay - <i>having courage and giving new things a go.</i>	R13	George Ninness - <i>Leadership and responsible attitude</i>
R5	Hugo Hepworth - <i>acting responsibly</i>	R14	Chili Herriot - <i>settling into R14 so well</i>
R6	Archie Anderson - <i>Great thinking in maths</i>	R15	Oliver Malthus - <i>acting responsibly, using initiative</i>
R7	Maya Leiataua-Rush <i>achieving her goal of giving words a go</i>	R16	Max Hurd - <i>working hard (with a smile) in writing</i>
R8	Piper Craven - <i>great thinking</i>	R17	Will be included in the next newsletter
R9	Logan Brill - <i>putting in a big effort with reading</i>		

2. Water Polo

A Harbour City Water Polo team made up largely of current and former Seaton School players made the trek up to Auckland in the last holidays to compete in the Under 12 Nationals. While the team did not place, they had a great time honing their skills against teams from all over the country. Congratulations to Tom Oolders who was selected for the Tournament Team (ie the best 7 players at the Tournament), and he and Maddie McKitterick were selected for a national Under 12 Development training camp to be held in Auckland in January.

CURRICULUM:

- **National Standards:** The Ministry of Education's information pack has just arrived. Time frames are getting tight in relation to the 2010 implementation directive. Schools have also been provided with the amendments to the legislation (National Administration Guidelines; NAGs). These reflect the Government's decision on the requirement for boards to report to students and parents on the student's progress and achievement in relation to the National Standards.
- **Class programmes:** Things are super busy with lots of exciting stuff happening.
Y7&8 - Students are busy completing the final touches to their picture books. Having to write, illustrate and publish a picture book is a demanding task that requires considerable perseverance. From what I have seen there are some excellent results. A successful "Changes at Puberty" programme run in conjunction with the Life Education Trust mobile teaching unit has just finished. Year 8 students are mid-way through receiving 12 x 1 hour formal dance lessons. While they are doing this the Y7 children are "event organising" the formal. Teachers were able to arrange for a professional event organiser to come in and talk with the children. They are now using what they learnt in this practical context.
Y5&6: These students have also just completed a unit of work around "Positive Puberty." The integrated topic now being studied is looking at significant people and how they have contributed to our daily lives.
Y3&4: Topic work for these children is centred around a unit on 'Protective Clothing.' People from a range of occupations have come into the school to show and explain the special protective clothing they wear to help keep them safe. This has included firemen, police, armed forces and motorcyclists, with more to come!
Y0-2: Birds are causing us a problem here at school. They eat the seeds in our gardens and come into the building, fly around and make a real mess! Scarecrows are a possible solution- so the children having been making scarecrows, and they are magnificent. When completed they are going to be arranged in the "Wibbly Wobbly" Garden. In addition all children have been participating in athletics which is our PE focus for the term; and "Responsibility" which has been the key value over the year.
- **Home Study:** As a consequence of our self-review around the revised New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) we considered how homework might be improved. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for details on a parent information evening where a new school-wide proposal will be launched.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AFTERSCHOOL:

Over the last few weeks there has been a significant increase in children not being picked up promptly after school. Children waiting to near 4.00pm without parents making contact with the school to inform us they will be late are a real concern. It creates a huge amount of worry and work for a number of staff as we try to locate parents, and supervise the children. Your co-operation in picking up children promptly after school would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL WEBSITE:

The school website has been updated and is now live. Special thanks to Jason Cowan for the many hours he put into this project. www.seatoun.school.nz

RELIEVERS IN THE SCHOOL: Each year at this time teachers have 3 days classroom release. This provides them with some valuable time to write the end of year reports. In addition teachers are released for things like athletic sports. Unfortunately this year we also experienced more than usual staff sickness, or family sickness that has necessitated teachers to be away from school. We are extremely fortunate to have a core group of fantastic relievers (Gill Billingsley, Wendy Griffiths, Deb McNaught, Louise Noble and Justine Bonner). On occasions we also need to call in agency relievers. Full credit must go to the children who take these changes in their stride and maintain high levels of behaviour and engagement. Many schools are not as fortunate.

SCHOOL HUI:

There has been a swap in syndicate responsibility for tomorrow's hui. Y1&2 classes have lots they want to share. Our school band will also be playing.

Take care



From the PTA...

Thanks to Isobel and helpers for another very successful PTA lunch on Friday 30th October. The lunches are proving a real hit with the children (as well as parents!).

Gala planning is continuing at a pace. If you have clothes, books, toys or furniture to drop off, the garages at the back of the school are open every Friday from 2.30pm. For large item pick up, phone Caroline Sarfati 388 1925.

The craft area is up and running in plenty of time to avoid any last minute rush next year. For the craft stall we are after beads of any size, shape and colour for adults and children's bracelets (phone Leonie 388 3229 to arrange drop-off) and also ribbon of any type, including gift and curling ribbon (phone Lyndy 380 9917 to arrange drop-off).

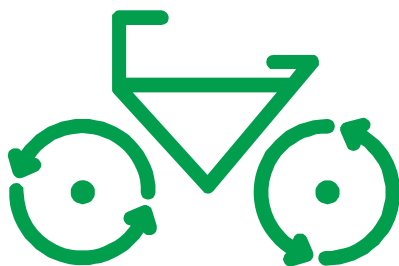
Auctions & Raffles

We are starting to search for fabulous auction or raffle items! Please consider whether you/your company would be prepared to donate something. As well as the live auction we run a silent auction, raffles, rapid raffles and a tombola. Unique, unusual items are very popular, as are prizes that offer an experience. Contact: Penny Packard on 970 4168 or penny.pete@clear.net.nz

The PTA has almost wrapped up activities for this year. We are a fun group of parents with varying levels of time available. Anyone is welcome to join. Call Miriam 380 8005 for further information on the PTA and the Gala.

SEATOUN KINDY WHEELATHON

The much anticipated annual Kindy Wheelathon is being held on Sunday 22nd November from 10am - 1pm. Not only will there be a great opportunity for the children to ride their bikes etc, but there will be a fun-fair with activities such as a mini-dig in the sandpit, BBQ, coffee, cake stall, face painting, raffles and a visit from Father Christmas! It will be held on the link road (which will be closed off) outside Seatoun Kindy and school.
ALL WELCOME!!!



From the Board...

Hello All

Our BOT meeting next week is lining up to be a big one. We will be looking at the next year's strategic Plan and Budget. Pete has been busy incorporating the information and ideas generated at the planning day into the plan to keep the school moving ahead. Teachers in charge of different curriculum areas have consulted with staff and submitted budget requests. Pete then spent hours drawing up the budget taking into account the changes in MOE grants and rising costs.

If you would like to join us to find out more next BOT meeting is on Thursday 19 November at 7.30 in the Orca room.

Cheers

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

Lost Property

There is already a large amount of lost property waiting to be collected. When in the school parents are reminded to check the bins.



SEATOUN CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY SATURDAY 12TH December

**10am-2pm St Georges Grounds
(Cnr Ferry and Dundas Street)**

Get involved in your local community by supporting a Christmas market day. There's no Christmas parade, due to the rising cost of road closures (maybe next year) but we don't want to stop the market day too! Great Christmas gifts, food delights and entertainment.

If you would like a stall please email: Xmas@crew.co.nz - Talk to Gilly at Seatoun Bookshop or Fi Hill 0275161455.

Term 4: 27 October - 18 December			
Wk.5	Nov 13	Fri	Hui
6	17	Tue	School Athletics Y3-8
	18	Wed	Zone Athletics pp date
	19	Thu	School Athletics pp date BOT meeting 7.30pm
7	23	Mon	Gardasil for Y8 girls
	25	Wed	Wgtn Athletics
	26	Thu	Steeple Rock
	27	Fri	Hui PTA School Lunch
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 3 February - 1 April			
Wk. 1	Feb.2	Tue	Meet the Teacher
	3	Wed	School Starts Welcome Back Hui 9.15am
Term 2 19 April - 02 July			
Term 3 19 July - 24 September			
Term 4 11 October - 17 December			

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Community Notices

NEW EXHIBITION

at Breakers café, Dundas St, Seatoun

CLOSE TO HOME

Paintings by Judith Eastgate

WHAT'S YOUR GAME, THEN?

Paintings & assemblage by Lucy Moore

Available for your perusal over coffee from
November 9th -30th

1910 Martinborough Villa 'Casa di Vino' to rent

Weekends or holidays , ideal for families. Sleeps 8 people, 3 bedrooms, 2 separate living areas.

Opposite the vineyards and 3 minutes stroll from the Square. Large garden with fruit trees , barn with table tennis table, darts and basketball hoop. Phone Jolanda 9779312 or 0274733299 for availability.

Discount for Seatoun families.

Seatoun Bed and Breakfast - The Artists Cottage

A new B&B in the heart of the village. A few doors from Breakers café and 2 minutes down to the beach.

Weekends, holidays or short stay. One bedroom cottage, newly furnished with all amenities and fully serviced. Sleeps 4. (Sofabed in the lounge). Ideal for those guests staying with you for Christmas, discount for Seatoun families. Phone Jolanda 9779312 or 0274733299 for availability.

FAMILY COMING FOR CHRISTMAS?

Want them out of the house? We would welcome a house-sitter from about 27 December to 9/10 January. Contact - Stella Clark - 388 2142, 021 515 410, stellamac@actrix.co.nz

SEATOUN GARDENERS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY - STALLS

Do you or a friend make some nifty little item which would fly out the door as a Christmas present? Seatoun Gardeners Club will be holding a market night on Wednesday 2 December. If interested in having a stall contact Stella Clark - 388 2142, 021 515 410, stellamac@actrix.co.nz

LOST

Lost on field, girl's born ski jacket with hooded pink fleece lining. Named "Saama Dias". Name may have worn off. Please phone Valentina 021322800 if found.

FOR SALE

Sadly we are leaving Seatoun and moving back to the UK soon. I have two adult bikes and lots of kitchen equipment for sale. Ring Jenny Roberts-Cox 021.2583822.

Newsletter

Newsletter contributions and feedback to Joanna Simpson at josim@xtra.co.nz. **Contributions for next issue by 2pm Tuesday, 24 Nov 09.**

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