



From the Principal...

Dear All

It's now just 3 weeks to the end of another school year. Understandably people are getting tired, but the overall mood remains positive. Much remains to be done and there is still many exciting learning opportunities for the children to experience and enjoy.

WELCOME: It's lovely to have Cara Boothby join us. Cara's big buddy is Meg Crowley.

CONGRATULATIONS:

1. Principal Awards

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

R1	Ella Jansen - superb effort creating a beautifully crafted picture book	R10	Harvey Anderson - Displaying a positive attitude and for making fabulous progress in reading
R2	Lucy Marsland - working very hard and being such a balanced all-rounder	R11	Heena Patel - thinking carefully about her writing & showing perseverance
R3	Sasha Hunia - improved self responsibility and time management	R12	Zoe Simmons - having imaginative, creative ideas
R4	Zoe Peet - always giving 100%	R13	Holly Blakely - positive attitude and clear, logical thinking during problem solving
R5	Georgia Brown - wonderful progress in reading	R14	
R6	Luke Juriss - showing responsibility and initiative in the classroom	R15	Maia Whitaker - being such a responsible member of class. Awesome 'Snowman' work
R7	Edi Callaghan - making thoughtful comments and asking thoughtful questions	R16	Charlie Roberts-Cox - having "attitude" and participating fully
R8	Liam Erskine - making good choices, being friendly and happy	R17	
R9	Jessica Mellsop - making heaps of effort in writing		

CURRICULUM:

Home Learning & the TRUMP Challenge: The team of children involved in developing this programme did a great job presenting the concept to their class mates earlier in the week. The overall response from the children was enthusiastic and positive. A reminder that some of the parents that have been involved in the programme will be presenting the information at a **parent meeting on: Tuesday 01 December, 7.15 in the school hall**

We are looking forward to a big turn-out of parents so that we can share the information and answer any questions you might have.

National Standards: Public debate is intensifying around this reform, including four very senior NZ education academics expressing their concerns to the Minister. Much of the concern is around the speed of the implementation and possibility of negative, often unintended consequences presenting themselves because of inadequate preparation and planning. Certainly the Ministry's expectation that schools will be able to involve themselves in professional learning over these last busy weeks of the year is completely unrealistic.

I would like to reiterate the comment I made a couple of newsletters ago, that I cannot see how having the standards per say will have any real impact on improving student learning outcomes. It is my observation that schools are already working incredibly hard for the children in their care, and in most cases are achieving excellent results given the multitude of issues that far too many children have to contend with. Often one of the biggest challenges is actually getting children to school on a regular basis, and having national standards is not going to address this problem, or the many similar issues that schools are expected to contend with.

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC): Next week it is the turn of Y3-6 children to participate in a range of activities

Seatoun School is really cool!

aimed to challenge within new or different contexts. The programmes for both teams are predominantly based around the school. The Y3&4 programme includes a "Wheels Day," a day at Worser Bay and a local tramp. The Y5&6 programme includes learning first aid with Red Cross trainers, sailing with the Worser Bay Yacht Club and a triathlon.

In week 9 (7-11 December) it is the Y7&8 team's turn. The Y7 children are involved in a two day "Amazing Race" following clues to make their way around the CBD, trips to Soames Island and Butterfly Creek and an overnight camp in the school grounds. The Y8 children spend a fantastic week at Nydia Bay in the Marlborough Sounds.

2010 SCHOOL ORGANISATION: Staff and organisation remains fairly much unchanged for next year. Including me we will have a total staff of 36.

Junior School YO-4 Leadership: Susan Kliffen, Associate Principal. Jason Cowan, Team Leader Y3&4			
Room	Yr level	Teacher	Notes
7	0	Susan Kliffen	Class starts at the beginning of Term 3. terms 1&2 working across Y1&2 team.
9 (now R17)	1 & 0	Rebecca Power & Louise Noble. Job share.	Class starts end of Feb. early March. Possibly a few YO children, depending upon numbers at end of Term 2. Working across Y1&2 team for approx. first month
8	1	Ann Vandendungen	
6	1	Teresa Keeley	
5	2	Michele Cowles	
4	2	Miriam Gaynor	
10	3&4	Tina Schmid	
11	3&4	Megan Broadhurst	
12	3&4	Jason Cowan	
13	3&4	Sue Luxford	
Dolphin		Sandra Petrove	0.5 Reading Recovery & 0.2 Literacy Support
Year 5-8 Leadership: Marion Hair, Associate Principal. Catherine Miller, Team Leader Y7&8			
1	7&8	Catherine Miller	
2	7&8	Sam Broadmore	
3	7&8	Anna Martin	
14	5&6	Tim Kong	
15	5&6	Ansa Kennedy	
16	5&6	Victoria Martin	
17	5&6	Marion Hair	
		Wendy Griffiths	Friday Enrichment. Y5&6 am; Y7&8 pm
Support Team			
Gill Billingsley	Gill, Deb & Wendy have been with us for a number of years now. They do the bulk of our relieving and part-time teaching. Justine has recently joined this team of very experienced support teachers.		
Deb McNaught			
Wendy Griffith			
Justine Bonner			
Laurina Wylie	Librarian		
Karen Millar	Katerina Juriss will be joining our very experienced team of teacher-aides. This team work a combination of in-class support (especially in the junior school) and small group/individual support as required		
Kristy Lemmon			
Tracey Coupe			
Persephone Georgiakakis			
Fi Hill			
Katerina Juriss			
Vickie Humphries	Vickie rejoins our staff. She will be working in 2 different roles. Mon-Fr office reception 8.15-9.00am; and then in the library from 9.00-10.00am, Monday - Thursday.		
Anne McLellan	Administration Manager		
Damayanti Patel	Administration Assistant		
Win Issarawichitchaikun	Cleaner		
Seymore Cleaning Company	Caretaking & Cleaning		

FINAL PRIZE GIVING HUI: Please note that the venue for this year's final hui will now be **St Patrick's College Hall** NOT Rongotai College as is traditionally the case. The Rongotai hall is undergoing some refurbishment and is unavailable. All other details remain the same i.e. **Date: Thursday 17 December, Start Time: 4.30pm, St. Patricks College Hall - 581 Evan's Bay Parade.** This is an important, formal school occasion that all children are expected to attend. If they have one, it would be appropriate for children to wear their school polo shirt. It is always a full programme and you are requested to be seated prior to 4.30.

SCHOOL HUI: Tomorrow's school hui is a bit of a mixed affair. Children from a number of syndicates will be sharing some of their learning. It will also provide us with an opportunity to practise some of our final assembly songs.

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Seatoun School values a positive partnership with the community

From the PTA...

WRAP N MATS Great Christmas present idea!

For Sale next Friday, 4th December
Before school from 8:30 am and After school from 2:45 pm (unless they sell out in the morning!)

For those of you who missed them last time, the Seatoun School PTA is selling another lot of the popular environmentally friendly 'Eco print' Wrap-N-Mats next Friday. Please see the information fliers posted around the school or www.wrap-n-mat.com for more information about the mats. We are selling them for \$10 a mat. If you cannot wait for Friday, just pop the money, along with your child's name and room number in the 'Elephant' box by the office.

Please also make sure you name these clearly so we don't end up with lots of them in the lost property! Thank you!



TRUMP Programme; Tohe Wanoa and Baxter Robb presenting the programme to the students.

SEATOUN SCHOOL ATHLETICS...WHAT A GREAT DAY!

The annual middle and senior school athletics was held last Tuesday in stunning conditions. Thank-you to all those parents who made the time to come along and support the children. The atmosphere was outstanding, as was the behaviour and healthy competitive spirit of the children.

If some spectacular action shots can be located, we will post them on the website. (www.seatoun.school.nz)

Sam Broadmore (Head of Physical Education)

From the Board...

Last Thursday we had our last meeting for 2009. The primary focus for the meeting was to look ahead to 2010, with some discussion around housekeeping for 2009.

Thank you to all those who have paid for their enrichment and activity fees, together with their donations. It's not too late to pay, and if you like, you can put our new EFT-POS system to the test at the office. Alternatively, if you prefer internet banking, you will find the school's bank details on the payments page of the website: www.seatoun.school.nz. It would be great to hit 100% budget. We are still a long way short of this on the enrichment fee, which pays for transport and staff costs for Rongotai for the Year 7s and 8s. This money is needed to ensure this excellent enrichment programme can operate. Whatever you can pay is appreciated. Thank you.

Looking ahead to 2010, we went through the draft Annual Plan focussing on the additions and amendments for the coming year. The key changes are around the introduction of the new curriculum. Whilst teaching programmes at Seatoun have already adopted a large part of the new curriculum, the extra workload that will be presented to management and teaching staff in the form of monitoring and reporting should not be underestimated. It will be of benefit to our students that the school has such a stable staff and structure next year, allowing staff the time and head space to adopt the changes in the year ahead. The other exciting development for the new year will be the introduction of the TRUMP Challenge Home Learning Programme which also ties in nicely with the new curriculum. The confirmed Annual Plan will be available from the school office in the new year.

The last few weeks of term are full on with all the EOTC activities. Thank you to all those parents who are able to help out with these events. Without your help these learning opportunities would not be possible. Thank you also to the PTA for already being so proactive and busy with the organisation of next year's school fair. The continued generosity of Seatoun's school community (parents, grandparents, exparents etc) both with time and resources does not go unnoticed.

Cheers

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

LOST PROPERTY:

We will be having a lost property display in the last week of term, but do pop in and have a look through the mountain prior to this if you have discovered your child appears to have lost something. With EOTC activities on the horizon it is a good idea to name all your children's clothes etc, as it's pretty much a given that there will be a lot left behind!

Seatoun School values co-operation and teamwork

Term 4: 27 October - 18 December			
7	Nov 26	Thu	Steeple Rock
	27	Fri	Hui PTA School Lunch
8	30	Mon	Y3-6 EOTC Week
	Dec 1	Tues	Home Learning & the TRUMP Challenge 7.15pm School Hall
	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
	15	Tue	Lost Property Display
	16	Wed	Y8 Formal
	17	Thu	Prizegiving 4.30pm. St Patricks College Hall
10	18	Fri	Last Day of Term

2010 Term Dates

Term 1 3 February - 1 April

02 Feb—Meet the Teacher

03 Feb- School starts
House Sports in the afternoon

Term 2 19 April - 02 July

Term 3 19 July - 24 September

Term 4 11 October - 17 December

Health Survey Reminder

The Seatoun School Health Survey has been extended for another two weeks, as we only had a small number of responses from the community.

The survey should only take 5mins to complete, and the data gathered from this survey is crucial in helping us to reflect and re-focus our teaching. So the more responses we have, the better.

There is a link to the survey on the home page of the Seatoun School website (www.seatoun.school.nz). The password to enter the survey is (se@toun). The survey will close again on the 10th of December.

Thanks
Sam Broadmore (Head of Health and Physical Education)

Newsletter

Newsletter contributions and feedback to Joanna Simpson at josim@extra.co.nz. Contributions for next issue by 2pm Tuesday, 8 Dec 09.

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.

Community Notices

WOMANS WILLO CLOTHES

Gorgeous, affordable, comfortable and funky new women's clothes for sale! Trousers, Skirts, T-shirts, Dresses, Hoodies and much more. Size 8 - 18

Shop will be open from: Thurs 26th Nov till Wed 2nd Dec
9am - 3pm everyday, 4 Gore Street, Seatoun.
Any enquiries please call Fiona 0275 305 229.

Do you need SUMMER CHILDCARE?

Need some help with childcare over the summer period? I am an enthusiastic, 23yr old university student with 10 years childcare experience with children from new-borns to teenagers.

As well as extensive childcare experience in NZ I have also been a Nanny in the UK for a couple of years for 4 children. I am available from now (mid November) through to February. I am available for daytime or evening work.

GIVE ME A CALL!! Sheina: 0276958799 or 971 9847 hm

SEATOUN HOME AND GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER FROM 8 PM ST CHRISTOPHER'S HALL, FORRES ST

The Garden Club Christmas party has become a Seatoun tradition. An opportunity for a glass of bubbles, yummy supper and a bit of a chin wag, and LOTS of retail therapy - we will have stalls selling clothes, jewellery, fudge, stocking fillers, silk pashminas.... Entry \$5. Any queries, ring Stella on 388 2142.

FOR SALE—WELLINGTON EAST GIRLS COLLEGE UNIFORM

Good condition, size 10, includes blazer, skirt, jersey, tie, 3 summer blouses, 2 winter blouses, PE Top, Netball Skirt
\$150.00 Please call Maria on 3887790.

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