



From the Principal...

Dear All

Welcome: Since the last *Steeple Rock* we have had 9 new children join our school. A very warm welcome to new entrants Charlotte Dacombe-Bird, Harry Florentine, Hugh Biss and Matthew Noble. Their big buddies are Stella Robinson, Caitlin Gregan, Alex Jefferies and Emily Smith. Also new to our school are Alexander Russell (Y2/R5), Hannah Bagheri (Y1/R6), Yassamin Bagheri (Y6/R21), Stephanie Hall (Y1/R8) and Georgia Hall (Y6/R20).

Congratulations:

Principal Awards:

The following children were awarded Principal Certificates at our end of Term 2 hui.

Rm	Yr		Rm	Yr	
1	7 & 8	Isaac Coupe. Displaying greater self-confidence & trying hard to be the best he can be	10	3 & 4	Mollie Nicol. Taking responsibility for independent proof-reading
2	7 & 8	Holly Blakely. Actively seeking and using feedback to achieve higher standards	11	3 & 4	Maleah Abbott-Newland. Creative, high quality TRUMP Challenges completed so far this year
3	7 & 8	Crosby Millar. Consistent effort in independent work	12	3 & 4	Elliot Bacon. Great focus & superb science experiment.
4	2	Cilla McLean. Fantastic work in reading	13	3 & 4	Alex Gregan. Positive, 100% approach to learning
5	2	Imogen Beard. Working hard across the board	18	5 & 6	Nova Hammett. Consistent dedication to achieve learning goals
6	1&2	Lucy Stewart. Applying spelling knowledge in story writing	19	5 & 6	Ruby Linney. Excellent presenting at Capital E
7	0	Zachary Sheperd-Pederson. Trying hard to learn to read	20	5 & 6	Tessa Hunt. Showing great enthusiasm & working hard to achieve goals
8	1	Archie Hepworth. Trying hard & making good decisions	21	5 & 6	Matt Carter. Displaying an awesome attitude
9	1	Annabel Barnsley. Fabulous progress in phonics			

Y7&8 Science Fair. The overall standard of all entries was outstanding. After considerable deliberation the winning entries were: Holly Blakely 1st, Edward White-Yule 2nd, Megan Prentice and Penny Linton 3rd=

University of New South Wales – International Competitions: Computer Skills. This year 23 of our Y4-7 students participated in the competition. All are to be congratulated on their effort. Special congratulations to Marco Davis (Y4) and Zuni Preece (Y5) both scored NZ99 percentile and received High Distinction. Morgan O'Hara (Y5), Baxter Robb (Y6) and Anton Jenkins (Y7) awarded Distinction. Stefan Jenkins, William Poulter, Ben Prentice (Y5), Matt Dench (Y6) and Vitaly Dryburg (Y7) were all awarded Credit.

Buildings Update: It's wonderful to have windows and natural light back in the school office and my office. Most of the new cedar cladding is now on the hall and admin area. Work has commenced on the top eastern classrooms.

Personnel: We welcome to the staff, Lyndal Linton and Tessa Millar, who are job sharing a teacher aide position.

'Alice': This production is a major undertaking. It has natural links across the whole curriculum, in particular the English, Arts and Technology curriculums. Children will be involved in all aspects of the production – design and making of sets, backdrops and costumes; lighting and sound, advertising and ticket design, music, dance and drama. We are excited by the possibilities and seeing how everything unfolds.

Looking Forward to 2012: This year is shaping up for the school to have its largest roll ever. We will be at our maximum roll to enjoy all the benefits of economy of scale without over taxing our resources and infrastructure. As always, around this time of the year we begin planning in more detail for the year ahead. It is important that we ascertain as accurately as possible what our student numbers will be like in 2012. If you have a child turning 5 next year; or if, for any reason, your child/ren will not be returning next year and have not yet informed the school office it would be appreciated that you do so as soon as possible.

For the Calendar:

- **House Captain's Annual Talent Quest:** Next Tuesday 09 August. All parents are most welcome to attend.
- **Y5&6 Poetry and Y7&8 Speech Inter-House Competition:** Tuesday 23 August. 7.00pm start, school hall.



From the Board...

Welcome back to school for the third term. This will be a busy term with Alice in Wonderland, speech competitions and planning day to mention only a few of the upcoming events and activities.

We have received our unconfirmed ERO report. We are very happy with the report as it reflects the positive comments provided to us during our discussions with ERO. The report strongly endorses the quality education being provided to our students and the excellent work being undertaken by staff. The Board have a couple of weeks to consider the report and make any comments, ERO will then consider these comments and finalise the report. We will advise you when the final report becomes available.

You will see you have received a separate flier regarding the School Community Survey. It will be available on-line from this afternoon. The flier explains how to access the survey, (very easy). The purpose of the survey is to get input from the school community to help us with our planning for the future of the school. Another reminder that a whanau meeting will be held on 17 August at 7.30pm. Invitations to all our Maori families will be posted within the next week.

Sarah, Mark, Suzie, Justine, Susan & Pete

Alice in Wonderland Update

We are all getting very excited as the real practices and the hard work begins this week for our show.

The main character singing practices start this week and the rest of the school from Year 1 to Year 8 also begin learning the songs for their parts in the production.

Teachers are now beginning to plan and develop different parts of the show. Teachers with responsibility for costumes, props, scenery, dance, music, advertising etc will be contacting directly all the parents who have offered to help shortly.

We would still welcome any more parents who can help in any of these areas.

We are about to organise the hireage of lighting and sound systems for the production and would appreciate any offers of help or resources in this area.

Updates will be added to the Alice in Wonderland notice board outside Room 1 and 2.

Rebecca Power and Ansa Kennedy

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Talent Quest

Dear Parents

As you know the Talent Quest is near and we have lots of contestants! If you would like to watch your child perform or see all the amazing performances, come down to Seatoun School on Tuesday 09 August. Below is the programme of approximate times for the Talent Quest:

8.50am	Normal school day starts.
9.15am	Audience seated
9.20am	Show starts
10.25am	Y 5-8 Section ends
10.30am	Morning tea
10.50am	Morning tea ends.
11.05am	Audience seated
11.15am	Y1-4 section
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1.00pm	
1.00 pm	Lunch
1.50 pm	Back from lunch
1.55pm	Special performance
2.05pm	Judges announce winners

House Captains

Seatoun School Swimming Results: These have now been posted to the school website



Don't forget sushi lunches every Friday. Orders in by Thursday 9am or email wrapitupsushi@gmail.com to prepay for the term.

Trampoline Wanted

Do you have or know someone in the neighbourhood who has a trampoline that is no longer being used by the family? We are looking for a rectangular tramp with dimensions of about 3.8 m X 2.5 m (12 ft X 8 ft).

Please call Justine (021 050 8188)

Meet John Marsden

Best-selling author John Marsden, of the *Tomorrow When the War Began* series, will be at The Children's Bookshop, Kilbirnie Plaza on Friday, August 12th between 4pm and 4.30pm to meet his readers and sign copies of his books. Everyone, including parents who may have read his novels as teenagers 15 years ago, is welcome to this free event.

www.thechildrensbookshop.co.nz

Term 3 2011 Monday 1 August—Friday 7 October			
1	04	Thu	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
2	08	Mon	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
	09	Tue	Talent Quest
	11	Thu	E. Zone Soccer Y5/6
3	16	Tue	ICAS Mathematics
	17	Wed	Whanau Meeting 7.30pm
	19	Fri	Hui Y7/8
4	23	Tue	Y7-8 Speech & Y5-6 Poetry Recital Competitions PTA Lunch
5	30	Tue	Tackle Rugby Y5-8
	Sep 1	Thu	E. Zone Swimming Tackle Rugby pp
	02	Fri	Hui y1/2
7	15	Thu	Wn Zone Swimming BOT Meeting 7.30pm Steeple Rock
8	22	Thu	Regional Swimming
9	26	Mon	Production Week
10	Oct 07	Fri	Last Day of Term

Term 4 2011. Tues 25 October—Tues 20 December			
1	Oct 26	Wed	E. Zone Athletics Trials Commence
3	09 Nov	Wed	E. Zone Athletics
	11	Fri	E. Zone Athletics pp
4	15	Tue	School Athletics
	16	Wed	E. Zone Athletics pp PTA Golf Tournament
	17	Thu	School Athletics
5	22	Tue	Wn Athletics
	24	Thu	Wn Athletics pp
6	28	Mon	Y3-6 EOTC
7	Dec 05	Mon	Y7/8 EOTC
	06	Tue	Regional Athletics
	08	Thu	Re. Athletics pp
8	13	Tue	Parent Help M. Tea
	14	Wed	2012 class Lists home
	15	Thu	Reports Home
			Y8 Formal
9	19	Mon	Prizegiving
	20	Tue	Last Day. Close 12.00pm

2012 Term Dates
Term 1: 3 February - Thursday 5 April
Term 2: 23 April—Friday 29 June
Term 3: 16 July— Friday 28 September
Term 4: 15 October—Thursday 20 December

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