

From the Acting Principals

Dear All

Our thoughts have very much been with the people of Christchurch, and the aftermath of the earthquake. It has propelled Wellingtonians into the reality of what could happen here, and families to discuss earthquake procedures at home.

At Seatoun School, we do regularly practice earthquake drills with the children. We have comprehensive guidelines and plans that have been developed in conjunction with the Wellington Emergency Management. We belong to the Emergency Management Association, which provides web-based emergency data for our school. In the event of a major earthquake resulting in a Civil Emergency, students would remain under the care of the school until a parent or nominated caregiver collected them and signed them out.

Part of the parent Activity Fee contributes to our Civil Defence supplies, which assists in providing for students in an earthquake and are replaced annually. The PTA have been very forward thinking, and planned a fund-raiser to sell Civil Defence kits for homes. More information about this is included in this Steeple Rock.

Welcome

Welcome to Jacob Jones, who had his first day at school today. His big buddy is Jessica Mellsoy. Also welcome to Emma Southam who started in Room 8.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following children, who were awarded Principal Certificates at our last Hui.

Rm	Yr		Rm	Yr	
1	7 & 8	Holly Blakely giving her absolute best to everything.	10	3 & 4	Connie Newton-Rencen Thoughtful contributions to Room 10.
2	7 & 8	Tohe Wanoa Leading by example and showing a mature attitude that helps himself and those around him to get the job done.	11	3 & 4	Archie Hague-Smith Excellent effort with times tables.
3	7 & 8	Ellie Davies Positive attitude and excellent work ethic.	12	3 & 4	Taara Dias Fantastic result in all writing and really thinking of ways to add impact.
4	2	Andreas Georgiakakis Improvement in time-management and producing quality work.	13	3 & 4	Lucy Jefferies Enthusiastically finding out new information about how to write good news reports and explaining clearly to the class.
5	2	Mackenzie Morgan: Fabulous effort during writing time – great improvement.	14	5 & 6	Edward White-Yule Showing excellent self discipline during class and working effectively with classmates.
6	1	Lola Armstrong Showing good comprehension in reading.	15	5 & 6	Hannah Gadsby Always bringing a smile to class and showing a sparkling positive attitude towards learning.
7	0	James Poutawera For trying hard to write the sounds he hears in words all by himself.	16	5 & 6	Ella Baigent-Brown Being reliable, responsible and always helpful to others.
8	1	Anita Lambrechsten Making a great job of reading quickly and using expression.	17	5 & 6	Jamie Smith Being so wonderfully positive and focussed in class.
9	1	Trace Williams Always working hard to extend his writing.			

Fathers' Day Hui

Thank you to the PTA who prepared a delicious breakfast for the big turn-out of Dads on a lovely spring morning at school. After spending some time with their child/children, our Dad's then attended the school Hui, and looked to be enjoying seeing lots of students share their achievements.

Literacy Day

Our celebration of International Literacy Day saw teachers and students dress-up as a character of their choice, and classes swap to enjoy stories read by a different teacher. It was a lot of fun, as was the impromptu parade down the 'outside catwalk.' Gerard Murphy, our new librarian was impressed.

Talent Quest

The Talent Quest is an annual event organised by the House Captains. It takes place on Tuesday 21 September, and parents are welcome to attend. The House Captains are currently preparing a newsletter to go home to all parents.

Reminders

A reminder also to please let us know ASAP if your child is/or is not returning to school in 2011.

The last day of school for Term 3 is Friday 24 September and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday October 11. We hope that this last Steeple Rock of the term finds you planning for some "down-time" to enjoy some shared family fun. Enjoy!

Regards

Marion Hair and Susan Kliffen

From the PTA...

Thanks to Sarah Royal and her helpers for another very well received Father's Day Breakfast on the 3rd September. This event is always very popular, as is the Hui that follows. Special thanks to Primestar for sponsoring the bacon and Emporio for sponsoring the coffee.

Some of you may have noticed that the sand pit cover funded by the PTA is now in place. It has been especially made by Brett Linton and will provide much needed protection in that location. The pirate ship is complete and is being well-used by the junior school. Over the holidays the plasma screen funded by the PTA will be installed in the library. The screen will be put to good use for syndicate meetings, staff meetings and presentations.

Survival Kit Fundraiser

The recent devastating earthquake in Christchurch was a wake up call which had many of us scrambling to check our emergency supplies. A flyer and order form with details of emergency survival kits for sale is enclosed with this issue of Steeple Rock - further details are on the Seatoun School website, www.seatoun.school.nz. The Lifepac kits are designed by emergency specialists especially for Kiwi's and contain everything your family needs to survive a disaster for 72 hours. The packs are reasonably priced for 4 people, 2 people or 1 person and mini packs are also available for cars and boats. Plus they are a great fundraiser for the school. Check out the kit on display at the school office. And don't forget to tell your friends and family about them and order for them as well. Lifepac order forms enclosed with this Steeple Rock are due back 23 September. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or eftpos through the school office. The kits will be available in early November.

Helper List

Some parents are keen to help with PTA lunches and other one-off events but don't want to be on the PTA and attend meetings. We are compiling a helper email list so we can call on people to help. It's a good way of contributing to the school and meeting other parents and means we can spread our help net a little wider. Email Miriam Heycoop on heycoop@xtra.co.nz if you would like to be on the list.

Only just over a week until the holidays which seems hard to believe. Have an enjoyable, safe and relaxing break. The next meeting is on Monday October 18 in the staffroom. All welcome.

Netball

The netball season has come to an end. We would like to thank all of the coaches, managers and umpires for all of their hard work this season. We couldn't have done it without you.

A reminder that the Motu Kairangi prizegiving for Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8 is on this Saturday the 18th of September at 2.00pm at the EBIS School Hall. A big congratulations to the Year 8A team for winning their grade. Well done!

For those students who would like to continue to develop their netball skills, please see the notice below from the Netball Wellington Centre.

Kind regards

Teresa Keeley, Seatoun School Netball Co-ordinator

Netball Wellington Centre is offering opportunities for Junior Netballers to enjoy netball through play, fun and skill development during the summer months. The opportunities being offered by Netball Wellington Centre are:

- *The inaugural Wholly Bagels Intermediate Spring Twilight Netball Competition played over six weeks Term 4 at Hataitai Park.*
- *A revised School Holiday Programme is being offered for both weeks of the October School Holidays, over the period of the school day between 9am and 3pm.*
- *Consideration is currently being undertaken into running the Junior Academy Programme during Term 4, aimed at those wanting to learn and develop*

Further information about Wolly Bagels Twilight Netball Competition and the School Holiday Programme can be seen below and registrations can be made online via www.netballwellington.co.nz

2010 Talent Quest Day

Tuesday 21 September

Y1-4 Section 9.20am

Y5-8 Section 11.30am

Parents are welcome to attend.

Please note times are approximate only.

Thank you to parents/caregivers for your help and encouragement.

From the House Captains

Envirogroup News

Litter-less Lunch Challenge for Conservation Week

Thank you to all those students and parents who made an effort to create litter-less lunches for Conservation Week. In just one week, we successfully reduced the amount of non-recyclable waste that gets thrown out.

Since many students said it was easy to pack a litter-less lunch by making just a few changes, we would love this to continue. Any effort in further reducing the waste from our lunches would be much appreciated.

Here are some tips for packing a litter-less lunch:

- Use a lunchbox with different compartments for different foods.
- Use small re-usable containers for chips, crackers and small snacks instead of single serve items in plastic packets (less waste and more economical!).
- Use a wrap-n-mat to wrap sandwiches .
- Use non-waxy sandwich paper or a brown paper bag as a wrapping instead of gladwrap (we can compost non-waxy paper).
- Re-use zip-lock bags a couple of times for the same food type e.g crackers.
- Use a thermos for foods like noodles .
- Items like fruit don't need to be wrapped.

If you would like to see photos of some great litter-less lunches, check out the wall display opposite the library.

Seatoun School Envirogroup

World Literacy Day

September 8th was International Literacy Day; a day to remember the importance of reading and writing. At Seatoun we celebrated World Literacy Day by dressing up as a favourite story book character. The teachers all joined in and we had great fun trying to decide who we all were representing! That led to an interesting discussion on our favourite books that we brought along to share with the students. To make it interesting, we all swapped classes and worked with a class at a different level.

It was a beautiful spring morning so we decided to have a whole school parade out in the playground and enjoy all the costumes. The children in Room 8 thought it was definitely a fun way to highlight World Literacy Day and would like to do it again next year!

Ann Vandendungen

Newsletter

Newsletter contributions and feedback to Anne McLellan at admin@seatoun.school.nz

Contributions for the next issue by Tuesday 12th October, 2pm.

Term 3, 19 July - 24 September			
9	16	Thu	Steeple Rock BOT Meeting
	17	Fri	Hui 1/2
10	20	Mon	Choir to Capital E
	21	Tue	Talent Quest
	24	Fri	Last day of Term 3

Term 4, 11 October - 17 December			
1	Oct 11	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	14	Thu	Steeple Rock
2	19	Tue	School Photos
	20	Wed	Eastern Zone Hockey
3	25	Mon	Labour Day Holiday
	27	Wed	Eastern Zone Hockey pp
	30	Sat	Staff Planning Day
4	2-4 Nov	T,W,T	Eastern Zone Trials
5	10	Wed	Eastern Zone Athletics
6	17	Wed	Eastern Zone Athletics pp
	18	Thur	Y3-8 School Athletics Day BOT Meeting
7	22	Mon	Y3-8 School Athletics Day pp
	24	Wed	Wellington Zone Athletics
8	29 - 03 Dec		Y5/6 EOTC
	1 Dec	Wed	Wellington Zone Athletics pp
9	6 - 10		Y7/8 EOTC
	8	Wed	Y1-2 Athletics Day
	10	Fri	Y1-2 Athletics Day pp
10	Dec 16	Thu	Prizegiving
	17	Fri	Farewell Hui, Last Day of Term 4, 1pm finish.

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FINAL REMINDER TO ORDER

Orders close
THIS FRIDAY 17th September
ART CALANDARS
CARDS
And
DIARIES!!!

View your own childs Art Work in their classroom
Check out samples at the Office
Spare order forms also at the office

**DON'T MISS OUT – THESE MAKE FABULOUS
PERSONALISED GIFTS!!!!**

Community Notices

(printed as space permits)

What: **Triple P - Positive Parenting Program**
Where: Barnabas Church
35 Box Hill
Khandallah
Wellington
Phone: 970 1121
When: November 20th and 27th
9.30am – 4pm
Cost: \$80 a limited number of subsidies are available

Based on 30+ years of research, this course is packed full of parenting tips and suggests simple routines and small changes that can make a big difference to your family.

Take a positive step for your family. Join a small group (places are limited to six families) in a friendly, relaxed and supportive environment focusing on parenting children aged from 2-12 years. Run by an accredited Triple P practitioner, this course is packed full of parenting tips and suggests simple routines and small changes that can make a big difference to your family. Lunch is provided and crèche available.

Thank you, Rebecca Shepherd, Triple P Committee
Ph – 479 0660, R – 021 999 971

Miramar Tennis Club – Mid Week Section Open Day

Monday 20 September – 9.30 – 11am
Darlington Road
Childminding available
Come and have a hit at “Club of the Year 2010”
– all welcome.

Miramar Tennis Club Holiday Programme

Five day Programme:
Week 1: Sept – Oct
Week 2: Oct -10
All Ages \$140 per week. Lessons held rain ort shine.
To book, contact MTC resident Coach Reilly Smith:
reillysmith@gmail.com 021 855 790 or 3861558