

# From the Principal...

Dear All

A huge welcome to Trace Williams, the latest addition to Room 9. Owen Mackenzie is Trace's big buddy.

## Congratulations:

### 1. Principal Awards

The following children were awarded Principal Certificates at our last Hui.

Rm	Yr		Rm	Yr	
1	7 & 8	Sam Hill - Outstanding effort in Science fair	10	3 & 4	Matthew Teague - Working cooperatively, sharing
2	7 & 8	Jessie Moore - Striving to do her best- working really hard	11	3 & 4	Daisy Roche - Enthusiasm in maths
3	7 & 8	Joanne Smith - Excellent time management and responding to feedback	12	3 & 4	Harvey Linton - Amazing work in maths
4	2	Macy Cook - Showing perseverance when doing tricky maths	13	3 & 4	Neo-Tama Hargreaves - Being alert and ready to learn
5	2	Rhian Beauchamp-Hughes - Fantastic work in reading	14	5 & 6	Ruby Linney - Being super positive and helpful
6	1	Seb Carroll - Writing interesting stories	15	5 & 6	Austin Leone - Being positive and showing a 'can do' attitude
7	0		16	5 & 6	Hannah Lousley - Positive attitude to maths
8	1	Libby Watson - Being a fabulous learner	17	5 & 6	Anna Riddle - Working hard and sharing her ideas
9	1	Toby Stanford-Dikvert - Being a responsible, hardworking class member			

**2. Y7&8 Science Fair:** Congratulations to all students and teachers on your effort and achievements. The overall quality of the exhibits was high. What I think is great is the incredible interest being shown by other students. It's also neat to see so many parents taking some time to read through those exhibits still on display in the library corridor.

**3. Cross Country:** Well done to all the children that participated in the Eastern Zone Cross Country and those that have made it through to the Wellington Zone event. All the rain meant a multiple of postponements - an organisational nightmare. Thanks also to Sam Broadmore for all his work in ensuring Seatoun students were not disadvantaged by the ever-changing participation criteria.

### 4. Mid-Year Conferences:

Please remember to add any comments you want to both copies of the agendas sent home and then **return** one copy to your child's teacher by **TOMORROW 18 June**. This is important, as teachers need time to consider the comments you have made. It is also important to go on-line and book your conference time(s). **Cut off time is NEXT WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE**. Log onto [www.seatoun.school.nz](http://www.seatoun.school.nz) and follow the link to Conferences. The code is R2QEV.

## 5. Y3-8 TRUMP Challenge Home Learning Programme:

We have just completed a mid-year review of this programme and the evidence is overwhelmingly positive. That's not to say there are some issues to consider. There are also still a few parents and students who are in favour of a return to the old style, worksheet type homework.

A few key findings were:

92% of boys & 93% of girls have signed up

80% of boys & 82% of girls participating have completed at least 1 challenge.

11% of students have completed more than 7 challenges

### Key student feedback:

Plus	Minus	Interesting
Fun Choice Challenge	Issues around choice - not enough, some take more time than others Have to buy things Motivational issues	Chance to learn new, different and interesting things Learn a lot from sharing time Parent involvement

### Key teacher feedback:

Plus	Minus	Interesting
Student enjoyment and enthusiasm Get to see children's interests Moving more responsibility to the child and parents	Manageability -time for sharing, display space, etc Range of student effort and outputs Still some parents (and children) prefer old style homework	Still doesn't cater for all children Some students are not self motivated Works better/more positive experience than previous programme for some children

The challenge remains to communicate and convince all parents and students the value of what the programme can do. This is especially relevant in Y7&8 where the fear about preparation for secondary school often clouds the importance of what students are currently doing. The New Zealand Curriculum Key Competencies are exactly that; they are the key to learning in every area. If children can develop these competencies in increasingly wide-ranging and complex contexts, then they are well prepared for secondary school and life. A number of secondary schools are very interested in our TRUMP Challenge because they are also required to create ways for students to develop these competencies.

Lucy Moore and Jason O'Hara undertook the task to design and source supply of the Challenge Completion Badges. They provided a sample, which was enthusiastically endorsed, by the students and teachers involved in developing the programme. The PTA has agreed to fund them, so an order has been placed and should arrive within the next two weeks. It will be neat to be able to present badges to those children that have already completed their set number of challenges.

## 6. Vandalism:

Unfortunately over each of the last 3 weekends vandals have broken into the relocatable classrooms. The most significant damage was 40 litres of paint being tipped over the brand new carpet in one room. It is heartbreaking to see this type of behaviour- this money could be used in schools to support teaching and learning rather than to clean up after such senseless behaviour. The police are involved; but even if they are caught, it is unlikely the offenders will receive any serious consequence.



## From the Board...

Hello Everyone

We, the new Board of Trustees, have received an excellent induction programme - an excellent idea as there is much to learn.

It has included attendance at the AGM, a "workshop" with Pete and Letizea (the outgoing Chair) and governance training from the School Trustees Association. We have been given a lot of information about the school: its vision, processes, finances and direction.

The outgoing Board has done a fantastic job during its term and has instituted (and continued) a robust and workable governance structure.

We are very impressed by the way the school is being run and the dedication shown by Pete and his team in helping our children become "confident, connected, actively involved lifelong learners".

We are looking forward to working with Pete and the teachers and other stakeholders over the next three years.

Our meetings are open to all interested parents.

Regards

Richard, Sarah, Mark, Suzie, Justine and Jason.

## From the PTA...

The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held in the staffroom on Monday 28 June at 7.30pm, followed by a PTA meeting. Everybody is welcome to join the PTA no matter how much, or how little, time you have. It is a good way of meeting other parents and supporting fundraising efforts for Seatoun School.

## Holiday Programmes

### *Holy Cross School OSCAR Holiday Programme July 2010*

**Location:** Room 13 Holy Cross School, 2 Athens Street, Miramar

**Dates :** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Fees:** \$20 a day per child (on site) and \$25 for outing day (Wednesdays) per child

**Payment:** Payment is required on the day of enrolment unless otherwise organised with the Supervisor

**Places :** 30 places available per day

**Enrolments close :** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Contact:** Sally Rollo m: 021 037 6317 email: [holy-crossoscar@gmail.com](mailto:holy-crossoscar@gmail.com)

### **Rongotai College/Wyners Football Academy**

After School and Holiday Programme for Primary and Intermediate students.

Contact: Tayo Agunlejika 938.2225/021.02955148 or email: [rongotai@wynrs.co.nz](mailto:rongotai@wynrs.co.nz).

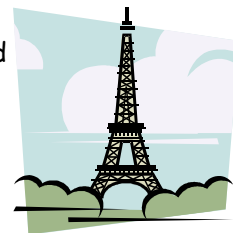


## Community Notices

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### French for Year 3 to Year 6 students

If you would like to learn French and have fun, come and join Amelie every Thursday next Term - **in the school library from 3.10 to 4.55.** Amélie Kelder from the Alliance Française will teach you the basics of the language with games and songs.



Places are limited (12 only) and will be on a 'first in first served' basis, so if you are interested, send an email to Anna Appleby at [vivelesfrogs@hotmail.com](mailto:vivelesfrogs@hotmail.com) (with your child's name, contact phone number, age and address email).

Fee: \$90/term.

### LOST SCOOTER

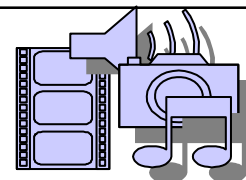
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Thanks Annie 9346806 or 0272325778.

## TOY STORY 3

Strathmore /Seatoun  
Plunket Fundraiser



Would you like to see a great film with your family and support Plunket at the same time? We are holding a film fundraiser, showing Toy Story 3 (not in 3D) in comfort at the Empire Cinema in Island Bay on Sunday 4 July at 2.00pm. Tickets are \$15 (child or adult). For more information, email [ssbplunket@gmail.com](mailto:ssbplunket@gmail.com) or call Jenny on 380.8665

Willo Clothing has now arrived. Thursday 17 June to Sunday 20 June. Phone Fiona 388.8921.

Term 2, 19 April - 02 July			
9	17	Thu	Wellington Cross Country pp Steeple Rock
	18	Fri	Hui Y7/8. Conference Agendas returned to school.
10	22	Tue	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Spelling, Writing.
	23	Wed	Online Conference bookings close
	24	Thu	School Disco. Y7-8 Soccer game against Scots.
	25	Fri	PTA Lunch
11	28	Mon	PTA AGM, 7.30pm in staffroom. All welcome. Meeting to follow.
	29	Tue	Progress Conferences. School closed for instruction.
	July 01	Thu	Regional Cross Country. Steeple Rock.
	02	Fri	Last day of Term 2

Term 3, 19 July - 24 September			
1	July		Y5/6 Swimming Programme begins. Day to be confirmed.
	July 22	Thu	Steeple Rock School Swimming Sports
2	26	Mon	Gardasil Immunisation Y8 Girls
3	Aug 03	Tue	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. English.
	05	Thu	Additional Mathematics Competition
	11	Wed	Eastern Zone Swimming
5	17	Tue	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Mathematics.
6	25	Wed	Eastern Zone Soccer
7	Sept 01	Wed	Eastern Zone Soccer pp
	03	Fri	Fathers' Day Breakfast and Special Hui.
8	8	Wed	Wellington Swimming
10	24	Fri	Last day of Term 3

Newsletter	
Newsletter contributions and feedback to Anne McLellan at <a href="mailto:admin@seatoun.school.nz">admin@seatoun.school.nz</a> .	
Contributions for next issue by Monday 28 June by 2pm.	

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
	23	Sat	Planning Day (Staff)
3	25	Mon	Labour Day Holiday
	27	Wed	Eastern Zone Hockey pp
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
7	22	Mon	Y3-8 School Athletics Day pp
	24	Wed	Wellington Zone Athletics
8	29 Nov - 03 Dec		Y5/6 EOTC Education Outside the Classroom
	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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