



From the Principal...

Dear All

Fair fever is everywhere! Everyone is working hard and being incredibly tolerant and flexible to make this important school event a success. The icing on the cake will be if we get a cracker of a day- I hope to see everyone enjoying some bacon butties!

This week we welcome Cameron Rakena to Seatoun School. Cameron joins her big brothers and sisters! Her big buddy is Dasha Hall.

Congratulations:

1. Principal Awards

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

Rm	Yr		Rm	Yr	
1	7 & 8	Bridgette Midgley: Being extremely focussed and persevering to produce high quality work in all she does.	10	3 & 4	Laura Mackenzie: putting her best effort into everything and doing it with a smile.
2	7 & 8	Milo Meldrum: Using her initiative and making good decisions in the classroom.	11	3 & 4	Aidan Boothby: For his enthusiastic approach towards learning.
3	7 & 8	Barnaby Roche: mature and positive attitude towards learning, sport and social interactions.	12	3 & 4	Gus Coates: Great use of language features in his recounts.
4	2	Wynn Skinner: for the fantastic effort you are putting into all your work.	13	3 & 4	Holly Lousley: For being such a reliable, industrious learner every day.
5	2	Cade Watson: An outstanding effort in reading and writing.	14	5 & 6	Nia Emrys: For making a focussed and positive start to the term.
6	1	Aston Wratt: For his hard work in writing.	15	5 & 6	Victoria Hill: Showing initiative in class and being an enthusiastic, fun and supportive classmate.
7	0	No class yet.	16	5 & 6	Matt Dench: Persevering with his writing and spelling.
8	1	Max McGuigan: learning how to write letters to match the sounds he hears as he writes.	17	5 & 6	Jack Heald: Always being a super positive person who gives his best.
9	1	No class yet.			

National Standards:

Marion, Susan and I attended an introductory information meeting on Monday. It is apparent that even the facilitators are not clear on everything and haven't got all the answers; a result of such a short implementation timeframe. In some respects the standards are a little like someone borrowing your watch to tell you the time; it's stuff we already know. We

are still of the belief that in most instances the expectations and requirements align pretty well with what we are already doing.

We have developed our own implementation plan and are working through it. One positive is that it is a catalyst for us to re-examine our work and this is generating some very valuable teacher discussion and sharing. However it is a very time consuming process that has to be layered on top of already pretty hectic schedules. The key point for everyone to remember is that the standards are simply a reference tool aimed at supporting teachers to more effectively teach the New Zealand curriculum; they are not the curriculum per say and the aim isn't to teach to the standard.

Vandalism:

Last Friday evening the security chain preventing vehicle access to the school grounds was cut. The police were informed.

Student Responsibilities:

In this edition it is the turn of the Envirokids. This group do a fantastic job keeping sustainability within the framework of what happens at our school.

Regards



From the Board...

Hello Everyone

Only 3 days to go until the best day out in Seatoun.

The school is a hive of activity with parents, grandparents, teachers and children working hard to get everything just right for the fair. A HUGE THANK YOU to everybody who has, and will contribute in so many ways, however large or small. It is important to recognise that the school not only benefits from the funds raised at the fair, but the sense of community and team spirit that it generates too. The many teams of parents and teachers working co-operatively together to make it all come together are great role models for our children. This is the principal fundraiser for another 24 months, so if you haven't been able to get in and support the day so far, please turn out in full force on Sunday and let your networks know too. Remember it is never too late to offer to help, but sooner rather than later would make it a lot easier for the PTA Team Leaders and Co-Ordinators of the fair.

Funds raised by the Fair are administered by the PTA and are completely separate to the donations and fees requested by the Board of Trustees in the recent statement sent to each home. Whilst you may feel a bit swamped by paper and requests at the moment, it is perhaps worth noting that if you are able to pay your fees and voluntary contributions by 31st March (ie. End of this term) you will then be able to claim your tax credit on the donation component from the IRD almost immediately, because of the close of the 09/10 tax year.

This will also mean the school does not need to administer reminders throughout the year. Thank you.

In addition to the fair focus, both children and teachers are working hard away at all the normal studies and learning, with much review and planning going on behind the scenes.

Tonight the Board has a fairly full agenda. Some of tonight's focus items are:

- The Green Footprint Project
- A review of 2009 student achievement outcomes including discussions with the curriculum leaders
- 2010 Achievement Targets
- Support Programmes
- The upcoming board election and transition to a new board.
- Remedial property project.

We will report back to the community over the forthcoming Steeple Rocks.

Please do not hesitate to contact any Board member if you would like to have a chat about what is involved, or perhaps you may know somebody who you think would be a good candidate?

Once again, thanks to all for making Seatoun School such a great place. Have a FANTASTIC day on Sunday.

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



2010 Envirokids



Hi, we are the envirokids. We are part of the enviro-group, a group of year 3-8 children who help our school to be more environmentally friendly. This is Seatoun School's third year of being an enviroschool and we already have lots of exciting ideas and plans for our environmental journey.

So far, we have weeded the vegetable garden and planted new seedlings. We also planted a lemon tree in the courtyard pot. We have been reminding our class and teachers to reduce and reuse - and make sure paper is in the right bins so that it can be recycled. One of our big plans for Term 2 is to start a compost and worm farm to reduce our waste and help our garden. We would love more parent and community involvement in the envirogroup. Please email Mrs Ansa Kennedy, ansa.kennedy@seatoun.school.nz, if you are interested in being involved in any of the following:

- Supporting students to water the garden before school during sunny periods
- Supporting students to plant seeds and seedlings during lunchtimes
- Sharing your knowledge about compost or worm farms
- Support students to add to our enviro-scrapbook during lunchtimes
- Sharing your knowledge of growing native plants from cuttings



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The 2010 Envirokids are: Morgan O'Hara, Nissa Dunn, Ella Blakely, Bella Foster-Lowe, Gus Coates, Ella Horrell, Ben Beardsworth, Caitlin Mitchell, Nico Henneveld, Bronny Hallett, Callum Norrie, Molly McDougall, Anton Jenkins, Sarah Findlay, Fiona Roper-Caldbeck, Hamish Norrie, Lily Dalton, Bridgette Midgley, Phoebe Baigent, Kellie Humphries, Shenna Dunn, Jette Bowler, Isaac Coupe and Georgia Cutfield.

From the PTA...

Seatoun School Fair

Sunday 21 March 11am -3pm

Check out the Seatoun School website

www.seatoun.school.nz

and click on

Fair 2010

for updated information



LOST Brand new **Zoom scooter** - not named - if you know you have a new Zoom scooter that does not belong to you, please return it to Jessica Hallett 02102937378, or drop off to 21 Ventnor Street.

CORRECTION!!

The correct Eastern Zone Netball date: An error has been made in the Seatoun School sports booklet. The date for EZ Netball has been listed differently in two parts of the booklet. The correct date is MAY 5th (next term).



My apologies, Sam Broadmore

Term 1, 03 Feb - 01 April			
7	18	Thu	BOT Meeting Steeple Rock
	21	Sun	Fair
8	22	Mon	Cross Country Training Begins
	24	Wed	Eastern Zone Miniball
9	Apr 01	Thu	Last Day Steeple Rock
Term 2, 19 April - 02 July			
1	Apr 19	Mon	Welcome Back Hui Y7/8 Swimming Commences
	22	Thu	Dental Checks commence at school Steeple Rock
2	26	Mon	Gardasil Immunisation Y8 girls
	30	Fri	Kids Literacy Quiz
3	May 5	Wed	Eastern Zone Netball
	06	Thu	Steeple Rock
	07	Fri	Hui Year 3/4
4	11	Tues	School Cross Country
	12	Wed	Eastern Zone Netball pp
	13	Thu	School Cross Country pp
5	20	Thu	Steeple Rock
	21	Fri	Hui
6	25	Tue	Australasian Computer Test
	26	Wed	Eastern Zone Cross Country
7	Jun 02	Wed	Eastern Zone Cross Country PP
	03	Thu	Steeple Rock
	04	Fri	Hui
8	07	Mon	Queen's Birthday
9	15	Tue	Wellington Cross Country
	17	Thu	Wellington Cross Country pp Steeple Rock
	18	Fri	Hui
10	22	Tue	Australasian Science and Writing Tests
11	29	Tue	Progress Conferences. School closed for instruction.
	July 1	Thu	Regional Cross Country Steeple Rock

Term 3, 19 July - 24 September			
1	July 22	Thu	Steeple Rock
2	26	Mon	Gardasil Immunisation Y8 Girls
3	Aug 03	Tue	Australasian English Test
4	22	Wed	Eastern Zone Swimming
5	17	Tue	Australasian Maths Test
6	25	Wed	Eastern Zone Soccer
7	Sept 01	Wed	Eastern Zone Soccer pp
8	8	Wed	Wellington Swimming
10	23	Thu	Wellington Cross Country

Term 4, 11 October - 17 December			
1	Oct 11	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	14	Thu	Steeple Rock
2	20	Wed	Eastern Zone Hockey
	23	Sat	Planning Day (Staff)
3	25	Mon	Labour Day Holiday
10	Dec 16	Thu	Prizegiving
	17	Fri	Farewell Hui Last Day of Term, 1pm finish

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Contributions for next issue by Monday 29th March by 2pm.	