



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 had Olivia Farrelly and Gaia Passmore join us this week. Emma Hargraves is Olivia's buddy and Nico Henneveld is Gaia's buddy.

Congratulations:

1. *Principal Awards*

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

Rm	Yr		Rm	Yr	
1	7 & 8	Vivian Norris - Consistent high quality work	10	3 & 4	Morgan O'Hara - enthusiastic approach to learning and sharing ideas
2	7 & 8	Milo Meldrum- enthusiastic attitude and sparkling personality	11	3 & 4	Ella Blakely - being a responsible, hardworking class member
3	7 & 8	Risa Takahashi - outstanding academic achievements in Australasian Competitions	12	3 & 4	Harvey Anderson - self regulating, focused learner
4	2	Sophia Hitchins - positive attitude to writing	13	3 & 4	Elliot Bacon - displaying great leadership qualities
5	2	Jack Pothan - outstanding effort in writing	14	5 & 6	Baxter Robb - setting himself high standards and working to exceed his goals
6	1	Dylan Jones - amazing work in maths	15	5 & 6	Claire Davis - super all-round role model
7	0	Chanel Mitchell- being so friendly, kind and helpful	16	5 & 6	No Award - Ms Martin sick!
8	1	Tulsi Patel - reading with expression	17	5 & 6	Chili Herriot - great logical thinking in maths
9	1	Madeleine Pickering - outstanding commitment to learning 'rocket' and 'ladder' words			

2. Athletics:

We had another fantastic Y3-8 school athletics sports last week. It was neat to see a number of parents in attendance. Special congratulations to the student relay team, who for the first time, took out the traditional staff/parent/student relay. Unfortunately for the staff Jason Cowan took a tumble and lost the lead and Sam was quite able to make up the lost ground...next year!!! Special thanks to Sam Broadmore for organising the day.

Forty two Seatoun students qualified to represent the Eastern Zone schools in the Wellington Zone Athletics meet yesterday. Our students behaviour was exemplary. A number of our students qualified for the regional competition to be held in 2 weeks time. Results will be posted on the website when they come through.

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC):

Next week it is the turn of Y3-6 children to participate in a range of activities aimed to challenge within new or different contexts. The Y3&4 programme includes a "Wheels Day," a day at Worsler Bay and a local tramp.

This year our Y5&6 children will be spending two nights/3 days on the Kapiti Coast. One night will be on the Whakarongotai Marae in Waikanae and the other at Palm Grove Recreation Centre in Paraparaumu. School based activities are planned for the other two days.

In week 9 (6-10 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 Matiu/Soames Island and Butterfly Creek, an overnight camp in the school grounds and a couple of hours sailing on board a RPNYC racing yacht in the harbour. The Y8 children spend a fantastic week at Nydia Bay in the Marlborough Sounds.

FINAL PRIZE GIVING HUI: Please note that the venue for this year's final hui is once again Rongotai College.

Date: Thursday 17 December

Venue: Rongotai College Hall

Start Time: 4.30pm

This is an important, formal school occasion that all children are expected to attend. If they have one, it is appropriate for children to wear their school polo shirt. It is always a full programme and you are requested to be seated prior to 4.30pm

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!

Take care



Parking

Compared to most schools we have a generous amount of parking. Please be conscious of other users and try to vacate parks as quickly as possible at peak times.

Please refrain from parking on the bus stops and the handicap and after school care van parks .

Thank you.

From the Board...

Planning Day

On 30 October the School held its annual Planning Day.

It is an opportunity for the Board, Pete and his team to confirm that the objectives of the Annual Plan have been met and to take a critical look at the School's performance. During the day an assessment is made of what is being done well and what could be done better. The outcome and output of the assessment and analysis is next year's Annual Plan.

The Board was impressed by the enthusiasm shown for the School by all those that attended. The curriculum reports presented by the teaching staff evidence how much thought is employed in planning ensuring a continued emphasis on high achievement. Equally impressive are the processes and systems developed by the principal, and the level of self-review undertaken.

2011 is likely to be a challenging year for education. It is expected that the National Standard debate will continue to rage and that we are likely to see other changes to the education sector in the wake of the election. The 2011 term dates have been modified to take account of the World Cup truncating the fourth term which will present challenges. At Seatoun School we also have to contend with building works (which are, through no fault of Seatoun School, well behind schedule), an ERO review and a very busy curriculum programme.

However the Board is very confident that the management team and the teachers will take these challenges in their stride and continue to deliver a curriculum which maximises our children's potential and assists them in becoming them to become the best that they can be.

The garages

'Work will shortly begin on the refurbishment of the storage sheds adjacent to the school field. The work involves replacing the existing roof, replacing the concrete lintels over the garage doors and providing concrete nibs for weathering at the base of the doors. The work will be undertaken by Chris Oolders and Clyde Browne, and is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

The work, when complete, will provide a dry storage space for emergency and civil defence supplies. The sheds need to be painted once the work is complete, and anyone interested in volunteering for a 'painting bee' early in the New Year should leave their name at the school office.

Kind regards

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

Enviro-news

The Envirogroup is excited to share that our school paper recycling system is now earning our school trees through the *Paper for Trees, Carbon Zero Programme*. Every 8 wheelie bins of paper recycling earns our school one tree, so for us that's about one tree a month. It's exciting to be rewarded for something that our school has already been doing, and we look forward to planting some new trees soon. A huge thanks to the *Environmental Education for Resource Sustainability Trust* for setting up such a great programme.

Year 3-6 will be joining other schools, organisations and members of the community around Wellington and the Hutt Valley to participate in a large-scale coastal clean-up of the harbour and the South Coast. Volunteers are needed if you want to join in. More details are available on the website. <http://www.loveyourcoast.org/>

Community Notices (printed as space permits)

Wellington / Te Whanganui a Tara Coastal Clean-up

Tuesday 7 December

wellington@loveyourcoast.org

CLOTHING BUDDIES WANTED !!

This is a programme designed to give good quality, pre-loved children's clothing to families of Strathmore School. If you are interested in being partnered with a deserving family please either email or telephone me, jessicaainkpen@gmail.com or 973 3364. Jessica Hallett.

Wellington East Girl's College Uniform for Sale

Blazer, skirt, jersey, summer and winter shirts, scart. Sizes 10-12. Phone Libby 388.4576

Term 4, 11 October—17 December 2010			
	25	Thur	Enviro Group Day Steeple Rock
	26	Fri	Hui Y7/8
8	29 Nov- 03 Dec		Y3-6 EOTC Week
9	6 - 10		Y7/8 EOTC Week
	8	Wed	Y1 and 2 Athletics Day
	9	Thur	Steeple Rock
	10	Fri	Y1 and 2 Athletics Day pp Hui Class Lists Home
10	13	Mon	Reports Home
	14	Tues	Parent Helper Morning Tea
	15	Wed	Y8 Formal
	16 Dec	Thur	Prizegiving, Rongatai College, to be seated by 4.30pm.
	17	Fri	Farewell Hui. Last Day of Term 4, 1pm finish.
Term 1 2011			
1	Feb 3	Thu	Meet the Teacher
	4	Fri	School Starts Welcome Back Hui House Sports (pm)
2	10	Thu	Y1/2 Swimming Starts
	11	Fri	Y3/4 Swimming Starts
3	16	Wed	E. Zone Cricket
4	22	Tue	E. Zone Miniball
	23	Wed	E. zone Cricket pp.
11	Apr 15	Fri	Last day of Term 1
Term 2 2011			
1	May 2	Mon	Term Starts
	4	Wed	Y7 Boostrix Immunisation Y8 Girls Gardasil
3	18	Wed	E. Zone Netball

4	May 24	Tue	ICAS Computer Skills
	25	Wed	E. Zone Netball pp
6	Jun 6	Mon	Queen's Birthday
	8	Wed	ICAS Science E. Zone Cross Country
	10	Fri	E Zone Cross country pp
8	21	Tue	ICAS Spelling & Writing
11	Jul 13	Wed	Y3-8 Swimming
	14	Thu	Y8 Girls Gardasil
	15	Fri	Last Day of Term
Term 3 2011—1 August to 7 October			
Term 4 1011— 25 October to 20 December			

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Lost on Friday 19th November, a UFO scooter with the name Tessa Hunt on it. If found please call Pip on 388 3188.

Newsletter

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

Contributions for next issue by **Monday 6 December, 2pm.**

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