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## From the Principal...

Dear All

We welcome Austin Leone to Y6. Austin joins us from California.

### **Congratulations:**

**Kid's Literacy Quiz:** Last Friday's event was a great success on all fronts. Congratulations to Ann Vandendungen for once again organising this event and Laurina for preparing the children. This is the first year we have hosted the event, and all feedback has been positive.

In total there were 38 teams. We entered two teams, both teams scored consistently high in all the rounds - Team 2 scored a 10/10 round (achieved by only a couple of schools, an indication of how difficult the questions were). Both teams also won a round each by achieving highest scores for that round - each team won a book for this achievement.

The final result was: 1<sup>st</sup> - Papakowhai (81 points), 2<sup>nd</sup> Wellesley (77.5) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Seaton Team 1 (77).

We missed getting into the national finals by just 0.5 points. The winner of the national final represents NZ in the world final that will be held in Edinburgh later this year. The prize for coming third was \$80. Congratulations to both teams. The many weeks of concentrated preparation paid off.

**Rotorua Marathon:** Parent and staff member Vickie Humphries bettered her previous PB by 30 seconds to come a very creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> woman overall in last week's race. A great effort.

### **Property Update:**

There is about another 10 days work to complete the work on the relocatable buildings. There is still no decision on when children will be moved to the classes to enable the remedial work to commence.

### **NZEI Paid Union Meeting:**

Many thanks everyone for your co-operation last Wednesday. Everything went without a hitch.

### **ANZAC Day:**

Our Y3&4 children experienced the fantastic opportunity to learn more about ANZAC Day when Elliot Bacon invited his granddad David Maloney, OBE, to come to school to talk about his wartime experiences, what ANZAC means and to show the children his medals.

The children from Sue Luxford's class wrote a big thank you card. They also wrote a sentence about what they learnt from the talk. Here are a couple of examples:

- "Thank you for coming. I learnt that war is not fun at all." Elliot
- "Thank you for coming to talk to us. I learnt that the war sounds cool but it is actually not fun." William
- "Thank you. I learnt that out there it's not fun shooting people. I think it's not like pretend gun shooting at home."  
Zoe
- "Thank you for letting us learn about the olden days, like when the monkey peed on you!" Sinead

### **Thank you:**

The Rev. Tim McKenzie dropped in a \$100 cheque on behalf of the St Aidan & St George Parish. Each year we receive a number of such donations. Traditionally this money is used to subsidise extra curricula activities, like school camps and trips, for children whose families are finding the financial side of things difficult.

**Traffic:** There has been a big improvement in this department. Many thanks everyone for your consideration and care.

*Seaton School is really cool!*

### Y5- 8 Enrichment Open Day - Friday 21 May:

Once again, this year we are providing all interested parents the opportunity to observe these programmes in action. You might like to start off your day by attending the full school hui which will feature presentations from our four Y5&6 students. The choices for the remainder of the day are:

### YEAR 7&8 ENRICHMENT

#### (a) MORNING RONGOTAI COLLEGE PROGRAMME:

Every Friday our Y7&8 students are involved in an 'Enrichment Day'. The morning programme (10.20 - 12.15) takes place at Rongotai College. The students return to school, where the second series of options are run over the afternoon.

The following programme has been organised if you wish to visit Rongotai College:

**9.45:** Rongotai College Library: An opportunity to meet Mr Kevin Carter, Principal of the College. Kevin, possibly with the help of some students, will briefly talk about current and future directions for Rongotai College. A light morning tea will also be served.

**10.30 - 12.00:** Guided tour of the school to observe the programme in action. Our students are involved in the following options: music/kapahaka, art, French, hard materials technology, design, computers and drama.

#### (b) AFTERNOON SCHOOL BASED PROGRAMME:

In the afternoon the Y7&8 students are involved in a school based programme whereby on a cyclical basis they participate in the following learning experiences: food technology, fabric technology, sports (badminton, volleyball and basketball), library and information skills, gardening, shell classification and drawing, and Maori art and history.

### YEAR 5&6 ROTATIONS PROGRAMME

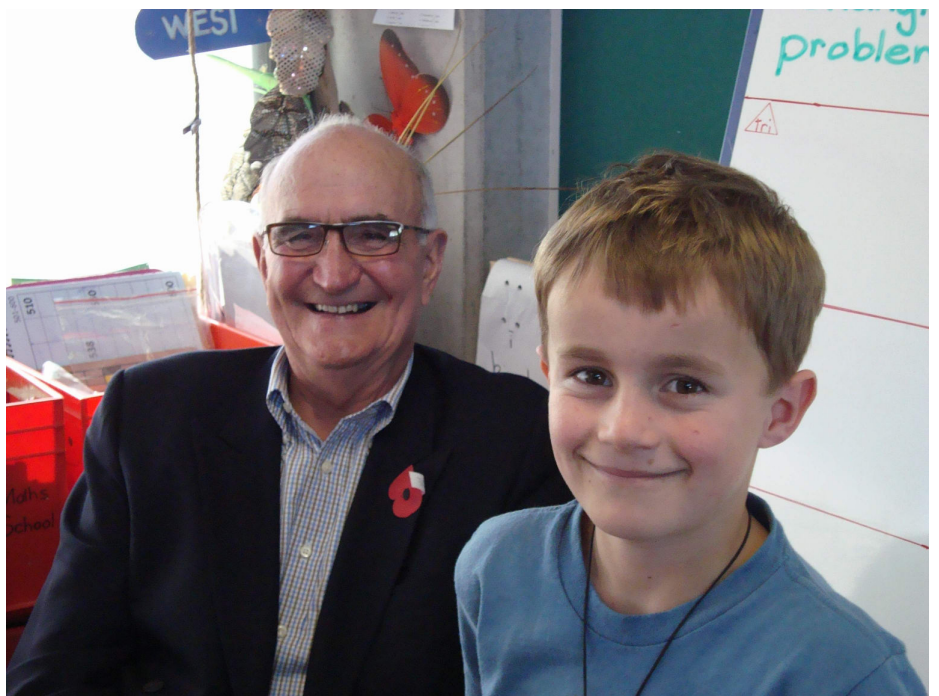
This programme runs from 10.45 - 12.35 every Friday morning. Children are placed in groups and over the year are provided a block of learning in each of the following areas: ukulele, library information skills, observational drawing, food technology, digital photography and mixed media art. These activities are taught in the four upstairs classrooms (Rooms 14-17), and the BMW Arts & Technology Centre.

### Looking Forward - What's happening in May:

Fri 07	School hui - Y3&4 presenting	Tues 25	Australasian Computer Competition
Tue 11	School X Country (pp 13/5)	Wed 26	E.Z X Country
Tue 18	BOT Annual Mtg	Thur 27	House Captain Annual Appeal - Arthritis Foundation
Fri 21	School hui Y5&6 presenting Y5-8 enrichment Open Day - here and at Rongotai College	Fri 28	PTA 'Kid's' Lunch

*Reta Brunton*

A very proud Elliot Bacon with his granddad (Pop), David Maloney, OBE.



## From the Board...

A HUGE thank you to the nine candidates who have put their names forward for the 2010 Board of Trustees Election. Unless you are an experienced politician, it is no easy task to put yourself "on the market" and each candidate should be congratulated for getting this far.

There are many schools across the country who don't have enough candidates to create a Board, so thank you everyone for making this possible.

It was great to see so many interested parents at the "Meet the Candidates" meeting on Tuesday night. We are fortunate to have such a high calibre of candidates, each one passionate about the future of Seatoun School, and each one being capable of being a valued Board member.

Just as with any election, this is your opportunity to help choose who will govern your child(ren)s school. If you haven't done so already, **please complete and return your voting paper:**

- a) by posting by **Monday 10 May**
- b) handing in to the school office **by noon, Tuesday 11 May.**

Full details are on your voting papers. Thank you. Election results will be published Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The current Board will hold it's Annual Meeting, where it will then hand over to the new Board.

Finally we would like to thank everyone for your support over the time we have been in office. Fortunately we all got on well together, always being able to openly discuss and debate issues without damaging any relationships. We have enjoyed ourselves, learnt lots and hopefully made some positive difference. We wish the new Board the same good fortune.

Regards

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

## Envirogroup Update

The Envirogroup have been very busy. At the end of last term we picked some of the vegetables that were ready in our garden. We picked radishes, spring onions and some herbs. We took some of these to the kindy and gave them as a *koha* (gift). We asked them questions about their worm farm. They gave us some tips and showed us their worm farm. Later this term the Juniors will get our own school worm farm started.

So far this term we have planted some feijoa trees near the garden. They will be yummy when they grow big enough to fruit. Thanks to Barry our vegetables are growing very well, because he put some wind netting around the garden in the holidays. Our big project this term is starting our compost bin. We have been doing research about compost and making posters to teach our classes about what and what not to put into our compost bin. We are very lucky as Suzie Bognar has kindly donated a bin for our project. We have also been lucky enough to get some recycled Resene paint buckets to collect our classroom waste. We have made some really cool labels for our class compost buckets. We look forward to reducing our school's waste and turning it into great compost for our garden.

By Nico Henneveld  
Envirokid for Room 14

Save, Heal, Equip, Deploy

Girls Night Out presents ...

"What Not to Wear"

with Lisa O'Neill

Join us for a bit of a laugh and fun night out with Lisa O'Neill - a well known stylist and guest speaker. Lisa educates and inspires women to love the way they look and how to look the way they want! Fun, informative and informal, Lisa covers body shapes, colour, clothing styles, common wardrobe dramas, make-up, grooming and accessory wearing.

**Date:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Where:** Main Hall @ The Shed - The Salvation Army Miramar, 63 Miramar Ave, Miramar (behind The Family Store)

**Cost:** \$20 - if ticket purchased between 12<sup>th</sup> Apr - 7<sup>th</sup> May '10  
\$25 - if ticket purchased between 8<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May '10

**NB:** Tickets are strictly limited, so be in quick to avoid disappointment

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### Newsletter

Newsletter contributions and feedback to Anne McLellan at [admin@seatoun.school.nz](mailto:admin@seatoun.school.nz).

Contributions for next issue by Monday 17 May by 2pm.

*Seatoun School values co-operation and teamwork*

Term 2, 19 April - 02 July			
3	06	Thu	Steeple Rock
	07	Fri	Hui Y3/4
4	11	Tues	School Cross Country
	12	Wed	Eastern Zone Netball pp
	13	Thu	School Cross Country pp
5	18	Tue	BOT Annual Meeting
	20	Thu	Steeple Rock
	21	Fri	Hui Y5/6  Y5-8 Enrichment Open Day. Y5/6 11am - 12.30pm at school. Y7/8 10.15am - 12.15pm at Rongatai College. 1.30pm - 2.50pm at school.
6	25	Tue	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Computer Skills
	26	Wed	Eastern Zone Cross Country
	27	Thur	House Captain's Annual Appeal
	28	Fri	PTA Lunch
7	Jun 02	Wed	Eastern Zone Cross Country
	03	Thu	Steeple Rock
	04	Fri	Hui Y1/2
8	07	Mon	Queen's Birthday
	09	Wed	Y7/8 Science Fair  International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Science.  Bookings open for Progress Conferences.
9	14	Mon	Conference Agendas home
	15	Tue	Wellington Cross Country
	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
	25	Fri	PTA Lunch
11	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	Jul 19	Mon	Y5/6 Swimming Programme begins. Day to be confirmed.
	22	Thu	Steeple Rock
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
8	8	Wed	Wellington Swimming
10	23	Thu	Wellington Cross Country
	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
2	20	Wed	Eastern Zone Hockey
	23	Sat	Planning Day (Staff)
3	25	Mon	Labour Day Holiday
8	29 Nov - 03 Dec		Y5/6 EOTC Education Outside the Classroom
9	6 - 10		Y7/8 EOTC
10	Dec 16	Thu	Prizegiving
	17	Fri	Farewell Hui Last Day of Term 4, 1pm finish

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