

## From the Principal...

Dear All

A BIG welcome to Izzy Peet who started school last Friday. Izzy's buddy is Edward White-Yule.

### Congratulations:

- To everyone involved in the building of the **new vegetable gardens**, they look fantastic. Tina and Andréa were absolutely thrilled at the parent response to the working bee. It was a hive of industry as everyone worked together to get this project completed; and the quality of workmanship is to the highest level! I am looking forward to a few new potatoes for Christmas dinner. I will also need to keep Mrs Pointon away as I can see a 'These are exactly what I want at home' statement coming my way!
- Congratulations to all our students who competed at the **Wgtn Zone Swimming Competition** on Monday. This is top level stuff.

**Vandalism:** On the last couple of Saturday nights all of the road signs outside the school have been pulled out and stacked across the main entry to the school admin area. Possibly funny the first time, but now just an expensive nuisance. We would appreciate anyone seeing this type of activity to contact the police immediately. Recently a window was also broken as a result of vandalism - again there are many better ways to spend a couple of hundred dollars!

**Parking:** With the arrival of winter it is timely to remind everyone about considerate parking and general road safety around the school. Your co-operation in not:

- parking in the disabled or after school pick-up car parks directly in front of the office
- parking on the bus stops
- parking on the centre island or the designated 'crossing' point
- parking for 'long' periods of time in the pick-up zone
- sitting in your car and letting your children run across the road to you
- driving at any speed other than snail pace during the busy before and after school times

**Pandemics & Emergencies:** For your information all public schools are required to have action plans and guidelines to help them cope with a full range of possible emergencies. Schools are also in contact with and receive constant updates and information from the many agencies charged with the broader responsibility for these matters.

**Top Wellington divers in action:** Students from Wellington schools, including our own Millie Barratt - Boyes will feature among New Zealand's top competitors at the Diving New Zealand Winter Championships 2009 this weekend.

Wellington Diving is the top club in the country with several divers aiming to qualify for the Australian Junior Elites later this year. Some will also be continuing their build-up towards qualification for the Commonwealth Games in India next year.

The competition is held at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre and runs from 9am on Friday and Saturday, 15/16 May. Entry \$1.

**Warehouse Stationery Back to School Promotion:** Last year the Warehouse Stationery offered a rebate of the value of 10% of school and individual purchases on a range of back to school products. Our school was in the **Top 200**, earning a rebate of **\$905.00**.

We will use this rebate to purchase copying paper and other stationery products for use in the school this year. Well done everyone.

Members of the school community are invited to attend the celebration where top schools will receive their rebate voucher. **On the night there will also be 15% off technology and 25% off everything else in the store.**

**Where and When:** Kilbirnie Warehouse Stationery on Tuesday, 19 May from 6-8pm.

**LOOKING FORWARD- The Month of May**

Day/Date	Event	Parent Action
Thu 21	<b>Starting School @ 5</b>	An information evening for parents of new entrants about to start at our school. Junior class teachers and House Captains will present and answer questions.
Fri 22	<b>Y5-8 Open Day</b>	An opportunity for all parents to visit and see programmes in action - the morning, Rongotai College Y7&8 Enrichment Programme, the Y5&6 school-based Options Programme; and the Y7&8 afternoon, school-based Enrichment Programme.
Mon 25	<b>Grandparents Morning</b>	A special morning for grandparents to come to the school. The programme will be: 9.00am tea/coffee in hall; 9.30-10.20 visit classes and tour school; 10.20-10.40 'playtime' with the children; 10.45-11.00 special school hui. Invitations and RSVP's out soon.
Thu 28	<b>House Captain Charity Fundraiser</b>	Children/families will be given the opportunity to make a donation towards a charity or fundraising cause. Further information in this newsletter.

*Peta Rubin*

## From the PTA...

The second term is now underway and the colder weather has certainly arrived. The children will enjoy the opportunity for a hot bought lunch on Friday, 29 May. We are kicking off with a pie and biscuit option for \$4. We are also offering a vegetarian quiche option. Look out for the order form which will come home on Thursday, 21 May and enjoy having a day off making school lunches!

The disco is planned for Thursday, 4 June - this is a fun night for the children to show off their dance moves. Look out for more information.

Because lots of families are away the weekend of 27 June, we've changed the date of our adults party to Saturday, 1 August, so lock in your baby-sitters now! We are planning a "Beat the recession bash" designed to beat the recession and shake off the winter blues with great company and fantastic live music. More details to follow. If anybody is keen to help the organisers, please email Miriam Heycoop, [heycoop@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heycoop@xtra.co.nz).

Just a reminder that we still have some of the popular environmentally friendly Wrap n Mats available for \$10 - just pop the money, along with your child's name and room number in the 'Elephant' box by the office.

Anybody is welcome to join the PTA. It's a fun group of parents who do as much or as little as time allows. **Our next meeting is on Monday, 8 June 2009.**

## From the Board...

Hello All

Our next Board meeting is tonight, Thursday 14 May at 7.30 pm in the Orca Room. This is our annual meeting and will be followed by a regular BOT meeting. We will be looking at the curriculum areas of Integration, PE/ Health, Food Technology, ICT and Library. You are most welcome to attend.

Thank you to all those families that have paid their activity fee and school donation. Receiving payment early in the year makes it easier to manage the flow of money through the school and to provide extra resources to support learning.

The foundations of the extension to the navigator room are down and the building is running to time. We hope to have the new classroom up and running later in the year.

Cheers

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

# Seatoun School Vegetable Garden

We are delighted to have our school vegetable garden completed. It looks fabulous and the children are really excited about the prospect of growing some yummy vegetables and fruit in it. Sadly our first seedlings haven't fared well in this latest dose of harsh weather, but once we have replaced some of the plants we look forward to a successful harvest later in the year. Thank you to the many mothers who helped the Envirokids plant last week.

We were very fortunate to have the expert knowledge and support from Kathryn Beauchamp and Phil Hughes throughout the entire process of the garden project. We are very grateful for the many hours they spent discussing and planning the vegetable garden with us.

We held a working bee on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May to construct the garden. We hope we haven't left anyone off, but would like to sincerely thank the following people for their skills and labour: Max Beauchamp, Will Peet, Darren Morgan, Paul and Cherry Turnbull, Neil Green, Chris Oolders, Peter Henneveld, Udo Zander, Paul Hay, Daminda Dias, Greg Hunt, Andrew Watson, and Clyde Brown.

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to the many people who brought delicious home baking in to fuel the workers.

Andréa Whitehead, Tina Schmid and the Envirogroup



## ASB School Banking

Reminder that Children's School Banking day is Thursday.  
Deposits should be placed in the ASB Elephant by 10am.

Application forms for School Banking are available from the office

*Seatoun School values co-operation and teamwork*

Term 2: 27 April - 3 July			
3	May 14	Thu	BOT Annual Meeting 7.30pm Orca Room - parents welcome Steeple Rock
	15	Fri	Hui - Yr 7-8 Diving NZ Winter Champs 2009
	16	Sat	Diving NZ Winter Champs 2009
4	19	Tue	Warehouse Stationery Back to School Promotion 6-8pm
	20	Wed	EZ Netball
	21	Thu	Y7 Boostrix Immunisation & Gardasil Immunisation for Y8 Girls Starting School @ 5 Information Evening 7.00pm
	22	Fri	Yr 5-8 Open Day
5	25	Mon	Grandparents Morning
	27	Wed	EZ Netball pp date
	28	Thu	Steeple Rock House Captain Fundraiser
	29	Fri	Hui PTA Bought Lunch
6	Jun 1	Mon	Queens Birthday
	4	Thu	School Disco
7	9	Tue	EZ X Country
	11	Thu	Steeple Rock
	12	Fri	Hui EZ X Country pp date
8	16	Tue	Wgtn Zone X Country
	18	Thu	Dress to Impress at 7.30pm
9	23	Tue	School Closed - Mid Year Conferences
	25	Thu	Steeple Rock
	26	Fri	Hui PTA Bought Lunch
10	Jul 3	Fri	Last Day of Term
Term 3: 20 July - 25 September			
1	Jul 20	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
2	30	Thu	BOT Meeting
	Aug 1	Sat	'Beat the Recession Bash'
3	3	Mon	Gardasil for Y8 girls.
3	5	Wed	EZ Soccer
	7	Fri	Hui
4	10	Mon	School Closed - Teacher Only Day
	12	Wed	EZ Soccer pp date
6	26	Wed	EZ Hockey
7	4	Fri	Hui
10	25	Fri	Last Day of Term

Term 4: 12 October - 18 December			
1	Oct 12	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	17	Sat	Planning Day
2	20	Tue	School Photos
3	26	Mon	Labour Day
	27-30	Tue-Fri	EZ Athletics Trials
	28	Wed	EZ Miniball
5	Nov 11	Wed	EZ Athletics
6	17	Tue	School Athletics
	19	Thu	School Athletics pp date
7	23	Mon	Gardasil for Y8 girls.
	25	Wed	Wgtn Zone Athletics
9	Dec 9	Wed	Junior Athletics
	11	Fri	Junior Athletics pp
10	14	Mon	Reports Home
	16	Wed	Y8 Formal
	17	Thu	Prizegiving 4.30pm.
10	18	Fri	Last Day of Term

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#### Community Notice

##### Dressed To Impress

Seatoun Kindergarten presents an evening of fun, laughter and learning how to look your best, with Lisa O'Neill. This will be held at Seatoun School Hall on Thursday, 18 June at 7.30pm.

Tickets are \$25 which includes a glass of wine, nibbles and a goody bag. Single tickets or tables of 8 available from Kirsten Beard (021 0668101) or Fiona White.

Newsletter contributions and feedback to Joanna Simpson at josim@xtra.co.nz

Contributions for next issue by 2pm Tuesday, 26th May.