

From the Principal...

A very warm welcome to new entrants Maya Leiatua-Rush and Zander Newman. Their big buddies are Kata Brill and Nia Emrys.

Thanks: We recently received \$100 from St Aidan's Church. Each year this group generously makes a number of these donations. The money is used to pay for children from our school to participate in the end-of-year EOTC/camp activities or other activities that parents are required to pay for, but may not have the money to do so.

Congratulations: 20 February Hui Principal Awards.

R 1	Jette Bowler - focussed start to the year, taking personal responsibility	9	
2	Samantha Hill - showing a mature attitude to learning	10	Scott Withell - conscientious and displaying outstanding leadership
3	Connor Young - displaying a high level of maturity and responsibility	11	Matthew Connell - right place, right time, right thing- awesome
4	Lucas Carroll - being responsible inside and outside the classroom	12	Louis Davis - giving everything a whole-hearted go; a star!
5	Ryan Connell - being helpful, friendly and responsible	13	Kennedy Datson - focussed attitude and personal best effort
6	Ella Watt - fantastic writing and publishing	14	Helen Georgiakakis - being a responsible and conscientious class mate
7	Rowan Farrell - taking responsibility for his learning and giving everything a go	15	Marco Reeve - being a responsible and dedicated student
8	Amelia Ebling - being caring and responsible	16	Ella Newell - being so enthusiastic and sharing her huge, bright smile!

Super Summer Holiday Writing Competition: Congratulations to all the children that took part and shared some special memories of their holiday. The overall standard was really good. Many thanks to Ann Vandendungen, Hannah Steel and Sue Luxford for organising the event and the celebratory hui with Kate de Goldi.

Some Important Dates for the Remainder of this term:

Date	Item / Happening	Parent Action Required
6 Mar	PTA New Parent Morning Tea	A great way for parents new to the school to meet others
9 Mar	PTA Annual Meeting	Our PTA has a reputation for fun and action. They play a critical role in the social and financial success of the school. All parents very welcome - a great way to be involved
11 Mar	Netball Parents Information Evening	Attendance required if your child is playing netball in a school team this year
13 Mar	Listening to Your Child Read workshop - Library 9.00-10.15am.	A must for all parents that want practical advice and guidance on how to support their child's reading at home
17 Mar	PTA 'kid's lunch' Civil Defence Community Meeting 7.00pm	A special treat - children can buy a lunch from school. More details to follow- attend if you want to be better informed about this community's civil defence plan & issues
18 Mar	Y5&6 students to Capital E Arts Festival	Payment of school activity fee
19 Mar	Y7&8 students to Capital E Arts Festival	Payment of school activity fee
20 Mar	Y3&4 students to Capital E Arts Festival	Payment of school activity fee

Reminder to Diary: Tuesday 23 June - The school is **closed** for mid-year conferences. We started school a day early so that we can hold the bulk of the conferences during the day rather than having to be at school late on at least 4 nights. It is also a better option for the children. Organisation details closer to the time.

Regards



From the Board...

Hello All

2009 has got off to a great start with a happy working environment present around the school.

The computer system has coped well with updated student data and from this families should now have received their invoices for activity fees and the voluntary donation. Thank you to those who have paid already directly into the school account or through the new deposit box by the office. With students already going off to Rongotai and taking part in other activities outside the classroom it is great to have the money there to cover these expenses.

The next board meeting is on Thursday 19 March and will be looking at the 2009 Charter and Student Achievement Objectives.

Cheers

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

Voluntary Donation and Activity Fees

The office apologises to parents for the format used to address the Fee Statements and Receipts to parents. Unfortunately, the reports used in the recent upgraded version of the Billing Module of the Student Management System software do not allow the addressee to be amended to incorporate both parent/caregiver names. We have discussed this with the software distributors and have been advised that it cannot be changed in this version of the programme.

Thank you to those families who have already paid their 2009 contributions.



2009 NZ Under 14 Ocean Athletes Championships

Congratulations to Seatoun School pupils who competed last weekend in the national surf lifesaving championships at Mount Maunganui:

- Kate Nota, Lucy Robertson & Lily Dalton representing Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club
- Rhodes Featherstone, Tom Oolders & Joanne Cook representing Worsler Bay Surf Life Saving Club

In the under 11 category, Kate competed in 6 events achieving two 10ths, two 6ths, one fifth and a bronze medal in the mixed beach relay team.

From the PTA...

Hi All

We are looking forward to meeting all the new parents at morning tea on Friday. This will be in the hall straight after Hui, which you are welcome to attend.

Next Monday is the AGM followed by a regular meeting. This will be held as usual in the staff room at 7.30pm. As mentioned previously, we would love to have some new members available to help with the many activities we have planned.

Green Footprint Project

We've had a very successful first year as an Enviroschool and look forward to another successful one this year. To maintain this success we are continuing our committee of teachers, students and community members to oversee our exciting environmental projects. Your support would involve attending daytime Envirogroup meetings, with the children and staff, regularly throughout the year.

If you would like to be part of this group for 2009 or offer support please contact Andréa Whitehead in Room 5 or by email: andrew@seatoun.school.nz

Looking forward to hearing from you.



Seatoun School Netball

Miss Steel has held an initial meeting with players to get a feeling for 'numbers' in each year group. A notice will be going home for all interested players. It is important to note that netball will be offered to boys from Year 3 - 8 this year. Each team is permitted to have up to two boys playing. Any boys who are interested, need to be able to commit to at least one practice a week and a Saturday morning game.

It might be useful to jot the date of the parent information evening, **Wednesday 11 March, at 7pm in the school hall** in your diary now. If your child is interested in playing netball, it is not too late to come and see Miss Steel in Room 4.



Listening to Your Child Read Parent Information Workshop

Sandra Petrove (Seatoun School's Reading Recovery Teacher) and Susan Kliffen (Teacher of New Entrant children) will be running a workshop about how to listen to your child read at home.

For: Any parents of children from Year 1 to 8 who would like to know more about how to listen to their children read at home.

From this workshop you will develop:

- An understanding of what to expect at different stages as children learn to read.
- Strategies for how to best support children when they come to a word they don't know.
- An opportunity to ask questions about how children learn to read.
- An awareness of the importance of parents supporting their children in their reading.
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When: Friday 13 March 2009 9am - 10.20pm

Where: Seatoun School Library



KID'S LIT QUIZ 2009

The annual Kids' Lit Quiz is back - this is a fantastic day which highlights reading not only as a pleasure, but as a sport too! The quiz challenges children across an array of literary genres in a team environment, with great prizes up for grabs. The Wellington quiz will be held on Wednesday, 8th April at the end of Term 1.

Congratulations to the following kids who make up our two teams - Ellie Davis, Marran Young, Grace Robinson, Lucy Marsland, Ella Jansen, Ruben O'Hara, Sabrina Kao, Risa Takahashi and our two understudies Carrick Nisbet and Lily Dalton.

Achieving Potential Seminars

April 2009 Holiday Programme

For Bright Sparks, Tall Poppies, Odd Bods, Creative Thinkers, High Flyers and Gifted & Talented Students

Selwyn College, Kohimarama, Auckland
15th to 22nd April

If you are interested in your child attending these workshops please go to the following website www.holidayseminars.co.nz or specific inquiries can be made to Jean Hendy-Harris at info@holidayseminars.co.nz

Eastern Zone Cricket Tournament

On Wed 18 February, nine Year 7 and 8 Cricketers competed in the Eastern Zone cricket tournament, held at Kilbirnie Park. The students had to bowl one over and bat two overs each. They easily won both of their games, displaying fantastic sportsmanship. A huge thank you to Tony Blakely and Mel Linney for their support with the students on the day.

COMMUNITY NOTICES (printed as space permits) LOST

Friday 27 February small bike left at school "Mongoose" yellow/orange/red in colour. Belongs to Harrison Smith R4. Please call Carol Day 977 3400

Free Outdoor Rabbit Hutch

Please call Jolanda 9779312 or 0274733299

Guinea pig available.

We have a gentle black guinea pig that has lost its' buddy. He needs a new home. Cage available. Call 9768648

Oxfam Quiz Evening Fundraiser

Di Oolders, Sue Webster-Williamson, Jude Flavin and Gail Dumelow have taken up the Oxfam challenge to walk 100km in 36 hrs to raise funds for people living in poverty. Please join us for this fun night and help support this wonderful cause.

Wed 18 March, The Realm, Moxham Ave, Hataitai, 7pm for 7.30pm quiz start time, \$10pp (teams of 8)

Please call Di 3888420, Sue 3885403, Jude 3889199 or Gail 3889550

Looking for baby sitter

Occasional baby sitter to look after our two boys (3 and 6) when my husband travels. Likely times would be first thing in the morning (6:30 to 8:00) and evening (6:00 to 11:30) as I do shift work at the hospital. Would consider a responsible 16-17 year old. Please call Lorraine Rimmer on 938 8038 or 021 027 37224.

Short-Term lease for July 09

Comfortable family house available in Seatoun ,with plenty of space and sea views. Call 9768648

Term 1 2009 02 February – 9 April			
Wk	Date	Day	
5	Mar 6	Fri	Hui, followed by New Parent Morning Tea in Hall
6	9	Mon	PTA AGM, 7.30pm Library
6	11	Wed	Netball Parent Info meeting. 7.00pm
	13	Fri	Listening to Your Child Read workshop, Library 9-10.15am
7	17	Tue	PTA Lunch Civil Defence Community Meeting
	18	Wed	Y5-6 Capital E Arts Festival
	19	Thu	BOT Y7-8 Capital E Arts Festival
	20	Fri	Hui Y1/2 Y3/4 Capital E Arts Festival
8	23	Mon	Y3&8 Dental checks commence
9	Apr 2	Thu	Steeple Rock
	3	Fri	Hui Y3/4
10	7	Tue	School X Country
	8	Wed	E Zone Swimming Literacy Quiz
	9	Thu	Hui X Country pp date Last day of Term
Term 2: 27 April - 3 July			
1	Apr 27	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
3	May 11	Mon	Wgtn Zone Swimming
3	May 13	Wed	EZ Netball
	15	Fri	Hui
4	20	Wed	EZ Netball pp date
5	29	Fri	Hui
6	Jun 1	Mon	Queens Birthday
7	9	Tue	EZ X Country
	12	Fri	Hui EZ X Country pp date
8	16	Tue	Wgtn Zone X Country
9	23	Tues	School Closed - Mid Year Conferences
	26	Fri	Hui
10	Jul 3	Fri	Last Day of Term

Term 3: 20 July – 25 September			
1	Jul 20	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
2	31	Thu	BOT Meeting
3	Aug 5	Wed	EZ Soccer
	7	Fri	Hui
4	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
3	26	Mon	Labour Day
	27-30	Tu-Fri	EZ Athletics Trials
	28	Wed	EZ Miniball
5	Nov 11	Wed	EZ Athletics
6	17	Tue	School Athletics
	19	Thur	School Athletics pp date
7	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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