

From the Principal...

Dear All

The following students are new to our school: Luca Giera and Alexander Usher. Luca's big buddy is Isaac Fitisimanu and Alexander's is Hannah Sandhu.

This week we also welcomed Mrs Cynthia Perry to the staff as our new librarian. Cynthia is a qualified, registered school librarian; she comes to us from Chilton Saint James School where she was the library assistant. Prior to that, she held positions as the library manager at Sacred Heart College in Napier and the Correspondence School in Wellington. Cynthia lives in Miramar.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Principal Awards:

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

Rm	Yr		Rm	Yr	
1	7 & 8	Olivia Jackson. Being a focused, positive learner	10	3 & 4	Ileshaa Dias: Getting work done on time with a smile
2	7 & 8	Alex Jefferies: Fantastic attitude in everything	11	3 & 4	Max Boennic: Being a kind, helpful class member
3	7 & 8	Hannah Lousley: Positive and focused, contributing ideas	12	3 & 4	Trahern Beauchamp-Hughes: Awesome start to Y3. Listening to instructions
4	1&2	Lachlan Stefanidis. Fabulous focus and hard work	13	3 & 4	Charlie Pothan: Focused, organised and helpful- great start to year
5	2	Jacob Jones: Being kind and helpful	18	5 & 6	Dylan Matthews: Fantastic attitude and start to new school year
6	2	Louis Appleby: Being a fantastic role model; positive attitude	19	5 & 6	Metiria Doyle: Exceptional focus and working hard
7	0	No class yet.	20	5 & 6	Cate Leong. Being an enthusiastic member of R20.
8	1	Hunter Saindon: Being ready for school and learning every	21	5 & 6	Ruby Bell: Great start to the year, helpful classmate
9	1	Hugh Hawley: Being a positive, helpful, happy classmate			

Parent Information Evenings:

As outlined in the last edition of *Steeple Rock*, we are holding two evenings to explain to parents in a little more detail how teams operate, curriculum levels & achievement expectations, home learning & home/school partnership, support programmes, etc. It is also an opportunity to meet all staff working in that area of the school.

These meetings are NEXT WEEK:

The **Y1-4**: Tuesday February 28, commencing at 7.00pm

The **Y5-8**: Wednesday February 29, commencing at 7.00pm

Our "new" school is ten years old this year:

On 28 April it is the 10th anniversary of our move from the old school site on Falkirk Avenue to where we are now, on what was the Fort Dorset Army Base. The relocation and building of this new school has had a significant impact on the Seatoun community. It is appropriate to celebrate the day and we intend to do so on **Thursday 26 April**. This is the first week of Term 2 and the day immediately after the ANZAC Day holiday. It will be a double celebration as pretty near all the remedial work will be finished and we will pretty much have a 'new,' 'new' school all to ourselves again. A final programme is yet to be confirmed, but it is shaping up to be something like:

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As many children as possible come to school dressed in their national costume. This is something we did at the official opening of the school to recognise the diversity of our community and to symbolise that we wanted to create a place which was inclusive and respectful of all.

- 8.50: School day begins as usual
- 10.25 – 10.45: Morning tea as per normal
- 11.30-12.30: Celebration hui. All parents and some of the key people that were involved in the building of the school will invited to share and participate in the hui and lunch
- 12.30-2.15: Picnic lunch and PTA sausage sizzle.
- 2.15: Children return to classes to have a piece of the birthday cake. Parents who are present may take their children home if they wish. All other children will go home at the normal time of 2.55pm.

Please mark the date in your calendar. Details of the confirmed programme will be provided before the end of the term.

Parking: Sorry for sounding like a broken record. Just another reminder: Please do not park inside the school grounds to pick up your children after school. It is an absolute pain to have to chain the gate up in the day, but we will resort back to that if people are going to persist.

Progress and Achievement Tests (PAT): Next week all children from Y4 upwards will be involved in these normed reading, maths and listening tests. Y3 children participate in the listening test. Where possible please ensure children attend school as these tests do provide teachers with some valuable assessment information. Equally, it must be remembered that they are only one assessment tool that gives a snapshot of how the child performs in that particular test on that day.



From the PTA...

We had a fantastic turn out to the first PTA meeting. It was more crowded than usual with wonderful supportive parents willing to know more about the up coming Gala. Thank you!

Thank you to all those who have agreed to be the liaison between their child's class and the PTA. We only have four classes without a liaison. These rooms are 4,9,10 and 21. Please note that you do not have to come to meetings to be the liaison, it is just to pass information on and we will supply that to you. We will post the full list in the next addition of Steeple Rock.

If you are interested please email Taman Jewett on taman@jewetts.co.nz

MAN POWER REQUIRE Help, we need Helpers

The building works have almost come to an end, and we'll get our beautiful building back in March in time for the Gala.

The final class shift is scheduled for **Sunday 4th March at 9.30am**. Save the date in your diary and come to help for a couple of hours.

We are able to be paid for doing the move ourselves instead of paying an outside company so it is a very worth while exercise. Bring the whole family along and involve your kids in helping out. There will be something for every taste: move a desk or have fun setting up artwork on the walls. The more the merrier! **We really need the help**

Gala—Food Stalls

Can you help with donations

Please could each family donate one of the following and deliver to school:

- Sugar – Butter – cooking chocolate (collection box at office)

Also required

- Fruit - Plums/tomatoes/lemons for sauces and jams
- Clean small (150ml) Jars with or without lids
- Preserve makers to make batches of 10 or 12 jams/chutneys /sauces etc

If you can help in any way please contact Cindy Crowley 3886678 or Isobel Findlay 021460044

Thecrowleys@xtra.co.nz

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Family Contact Book

This will be published by the first week in March. The last day to check your information for this book is 3.00pm Tuesday 28 February. A draft list is available at the office between 8.30am and 3.15pm.

Seatoun School Enviro-Team

Congratulations to those students who have been selected as our 2012 Envirokids and Enviro-Deputies. We have an exciting year ahead and look forward to continuing our good environmental practices and planning some exciting projects for the year ahead. In the meantime, we have a few reminders and notices:

Litter-less Lunches

As part of being a Bronze Enviro-School we encourage children to bring Litter-less lunches to school or try to reduce the amount of packaging and plastic waste, which often gets blown out of lunchboxes and into our playground.



Ways to make it work:

- Try a lunch box with separate compartments
- Separate containers inside a lunchbox or have a separate container for morning tea
- Use plain (non-greasy) sandwich paper to wrap items. This biodegrades quickly and can be composted at school
- Use re-useable plastic bags that can be taken home, washed and re-used

We continue to compost fruit and vegetable scraps daily.

Scrapbooking

Over the past few years our Envirokids have worked with teachers and parents to record our progress and projects in our special **Enviro-School Scrapbook**. We are seeking any parents who may be crafty or have done scrapbooking before who could help work with a small group of Envirokids, from time to time over the year during lunchtimes, to record events and happenings in our scrapbook. Please contact Ansa Kennedy, in Room 9, if you would be available to help.

Paper for Trees

When we recycle our paper we earn 'points' towards trees for our garden and surrounding environment. This programme had been on hold for a year as the funding for the project fell short, although we continued to recycle our paper regardless. Fonterra has recently sponsored this initiative and we will receive trees we have earned in June this year.

We would love some advice from a 'gardening expert' or landscaping parent to help us choose from the list available which would suit our environment in Seatoun. We will also need help late in Term 2 to do the planting of these trees. Please see Rebecca Power, Room 4, if you can help in any way.

Thanks for all your support in caring for our school and local environment.

The Seatoun School Enviro-group

Community Notices (Printed as space permits)

Lost Scooters:

Missing from the school bike shed on Friday 17th February, brand new (xmas present) light blue MGP scooter. If you know anything about this, please call Louise on 9744 254. Thank you.

Missing from school on Thursday 16 February, new MGP, blue and orange scooter. Please call Becs 021.884090.

French Classes: Bonjour ! Would you like to learn some French ?

If you are in Year 3 to Year 6, come and have fun with us after school in the library (45 mins class), every Thursday 3.00pm

A native French teacher from the Alliance Française will be happy to come and teach you. Courses are interactive and include learning, while playing and singing.

For any inquiries, please contact Anna Appleby (04 976 3666) or the Alliance Française (at 04 472 12 72 or

schools@french.co.nz)

(We would need a minimum of 7 children to open a class. Cost would be \$95 per term.)

Breaker Bay Community Choir

Fun, informal singing for people from Breaker Bay and beyond

Thursdays 7-9pm fortnightly in the Breaker Bay Hall (next meeting 1 March)

Contact Clare O'Leary oclareo@gmail.com for more information. Find us on Facebook - Breaker Bay Community Choir

On February 25th the Rotary Club will organize the "South Coast Day".

There will be a big dig on Lyall Bay beach and other activities. Nathalie Evans will do a painting workshop from 10 to 12 on the beach with children and the three best pictures will go in the book created for the occasion.

All the money made on the day will go to the Children's Hospital in Wellington. Get your creativity going and join us!!!

Term 1 2012. Fri 03 February—Thu 05 April			
5	27	Mon	PAT Testing this week.
	28	Tue	Y1-4 Information Evening. 7.00pm
	29	Wed	Y5-6 Zone Cricket
	Mar 01	Thu	Y5-8 Information Evening 7.00pm
	02	Fri	Hui Y3/4
	04	Sun	Big Shift
6	07	Wed	E.Zone Football
	08	Thu	Steeple Rock
7	14	Wed	EZone Football pp
	18	Sat	School Fair
8	22	Thu	Steeple Rock
	23	Fri	Hui Y1/2
	28	Wed	Y7-8 Kiwi Cricket
10	04	Wed	Y8 Girls Gardasil Immunisation
	Apr 05	Thu	Children's Lit Quiz Last Day of Term. Normal Finish Steeple rock
Term 2 Monday 23 April—Friday 29 June			
1	23	Mon	Welcome Back Hui
	25	Wed	Anzac Day Holiday
	26	Thu	10 Anniversary Celebrations
3	May 09	Wed	E. Zone Netball
	11	Fri	Hui
4	17	Thu	Steeple Rock BOT Annual Meeting
5	22	Tue	ICAS Computer
	24	Fri	Hui
6	29	Tue	House Captain's Annual Appeal
	30	Wed	Y4-8 E.Zone X. Country
	31	Thu	Steeple Rock
7	Jun 04	Mon	Queen's Birthday Holiday
	05	Tue	Y7-8 Science Fair
	06	Wed	Y7-8 Science Fair ICAS Science
	07	Thu	Y7-8 Science Fair
	08	Fri	Hui

8	12	Tue	E.Zone Cross Country
	14	Thu	Steeple Rock BOT. Meeting
9	18	Mon	ICAS Writing
	19	Tue	ICAS Spelling
	22	Fri	Hui
10	26	Tue	Day Time Student/Parent Conferences
	27	Wed	Evening Conferences
	28	Thu	Evening Conferences
	29	Fri	Hui Last day of Term. School finishes at normal time
Term 3 2012. Monday 16 July—Friday 28 September			
Term 4 2012. 15 October—Thursday 20 December			

Newsletter	
Newsletter contributions and feedback to Anne McLellan at admin@seatoun.school.nz .	
Contributions for next issue by 3.00pm Tuesday 06 March 2012.	

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