



From the Principal...

Dear All

It's Wednesday, the sun is shining, I've just returned from a morning at the inter-zone cross country where, once again, our children performed and behaved outstandingly well - so life is pretty good. Not so for the poor folk of Christchurch. It is difficult to imagine what it must be like for my teaching colleagues trying to operate a school in such conditions. Speaking of which, today we welcomed back Tom (R3) and Hannah (R19) Millar. Tom and Hannah came to us for a bit of a break after the February Christchurch earthquake and have returned again after the shocks of the last few days. A big welcome also to Tom Hunt and Charlie Rapson; their big buddies are Kavagn Wanoa and William Poulter .

Principal Awards:

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

Rm	Yr		Rm	Yr	
1	7 & 8	Oliver Novak. Making his work the best it can be	14	3 & 4	Alex Samios. Focused learning in class & TRUMP work too.
2	7 & 8	Anna Riddle. Producing quality writing & giving classmates valuable feedback.	15	3 & 4	Holly Lousley. Having gentle manners and being such a 'joy to teach'
3	7 & 8	Jack Waterworth. Taking responsibility for own learning. Asking questions, seeking feedback & listening carefully	16	3 & 4	Daniel Moskovitz. Improved effort across the board!
4	2	Pippa Nicol. Great work in writing & being a reflective thinker	17	3 & 4	Harry Kidd. Being a thoughtful learner, asking questions and giving 100%
5	2	Jessie Lousley. Awesome work & progress in reading	18	5 & 6	Holly Hammond. Displaying fantastic perseverance & inspiring others with your positive attitude
6	1&2	Ilaria Stefanidis. Working hard to re-read & check story writing	19	5 & 6	Josh Rowan. Being a great listener and a hard worker
7	0		20	5 & 6	James Hay. Taking responsibility for own learning & asking great clarifying questions
8	1	Zac Thompson. Always being ready for learning	21	5 & 6	Dasha Hall. Working hard & taking responsibility for own learning
9	1	Lucia Wolf. Writing wonderful stories			

Y7&8 Science Fair: For the last few weeks many of us have been involved in all sorts of experiments being conducted by budding scientists testing their hypotheses as part of the science fair. They will be setting up their displays, in the hall, first thing Monday morning. We have a strong tradition of excellence in this area and I recommend popping in and having a look if you can. The fair is open until Wednesday.

Personnel: Laurina informed us that she will not be returning at the end of her maternity leave and Gerard Murphy has been appointed as our permanent librarian. Gerard has done a great job over the last 12 months putting his own stamp on the library.

School Review: Next week three reviewers from the Education Review Office will be putting us under the spotlight. The Office has the task of evaluating the quality of education in schools and reporting publicly on their findings. Schools are expected to continually self review and implement programmes of improvement based on their findings. The review office undertakes their review with the expectation that it will align with the schools. The ERO base their evaluation around six

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dimensions:

Student learning: engagement, progress and achievement.

Effective teaching

Effective leadership

Effective governance

A safe and inclusive school culture

Engaging parents, whanau and communities

High priority is placed on how well schools are meeting the aspirations and needs of Maori parents, how well schools are using data to ensure Maori students are achieving, how well schools are supporting the achievement of Pacific students and how well schools cater for student diversity, including children with special education needs.

Buildings Update:

Next Monday cannot come quickly enough; it will be fantastic to have the hall back. Its loss over the last 6 months has certainly reinforced how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful facility. We will be having school hui next Friday morning to celebrate.



From the Board...

The PTA's main fundraising event for the year is on 25 June 2011: "a day at the races....at Night!" It is a chance to dress up, have a flutter and a laugh.

The tickets are great value: guests will be entertained, fed and there will be dancing and a glass of bubbly on arrival.

However, consideration of whether the ticket price represents value for money ignores the reasons why these events are held. PTA organised events have two purposes: first, fundraising and secondly fostering community spirit. The fact that tickets to the event have been slow to sell concerns the Board for two reasons: first, the School community's apparent indifference may suggest that its previously strong community spirit is waning and secondly a drop in fundraising revenue will have a very real impact on the School.

The PTA's contribution to the School's operating fund is considerable. The funds raised by the PTA are and have been used (amongst other things) to build the obstacle course on the field, build the pirate ship and sandpit in the junior playground, pay for and erect the netball hoops, pay for the interactive whiteboards, lease one of the computers on wheels, provide books to the library, pay for the gardener, provide all the end of year prizes and each new entrant with a book.

Put simply if PTA functions are not supported, then money is not raised, and the School's income drops. This means less for our children.

So, please support the School, get a group together, buy a ticket or two and come along for a fantastic night.

Sarah, Richard, Mark, Suzie, Justine, Susan and Pete

From the PTA...

A Night at the Races, Saturday 25 June

We are looking forward to this fun night which will be the PTA's major fundraiser for the year. Many thanks to those parents and the wider community who have supported this event by buying tickets. Tickets are selling fast, so please be in if you are thinking of coming to avoid disappointment. We particularly need help to set up the Hall on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 June and again to clean up on Sunday 26 June. If you can help please email thecrowleys@xtra.co.nz or Tereska at clothespeg@xtra.co.nz

Disco, Thursday 30 June

The annual disco is on Thursday 30 June. This is a really fun night that all the children look forward to. Check out this issue of Steeple Rock for further details. If you can help before, or on, the night please email Anji at anjif@xtra.co.nz

Thanks from the Envirogroup!

A big thanks to all those students and parents who supported our Litter-less lunch challenge last week. It was great to see such creative, yet simple lunches without throw away plastic. It certainly made a difference to the amount of rubbish that gets thrown out each day and reduced the amount of litter that gets blown into our school garden. We hope that litter-less lunches will become a regular practice, even when it is not a challenge week!

Other Envirogroup news:

Seatoun School has been asked to participate in a recycling trial with the Wellington City Council. Over the next few weeks we will be collecting our staffroom, food tech. and paper recycling in big recycling bags which will be collected, counted and processed by the council. We hope this trial might help the council in their decision to give schools recycling services in the future.

Over the last few weeks the Envirogroup have been meeting with our Enviroschool facilitator, Amanda Dobson. They have been researching how to grow kumara using traditional Maori knowledge and also putting in some work that will hopefully help us earn an Enviroschool Bronze award later this year. We will keep you posted with our progress.

The Seatoun School Envirogroup

Seatoun's Superb Successful Sports Summary

An outstanding day at the Eastern Zone Cross Country, with 37 students qualifying for the Wellington Zones. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day with marshalling and supervision. Congratulations to all runners and a huge credit to those students who had put in many hours training.

Seatoun School was also represented strongly at the Wellington Zones Rippa Rugby Tournament. The students from Y5-8 competed strongly to achieve 5th place. Well done everyone who showed fantastic team spirit and encouragement. Lily Tew and Bailey Gibson-Hood's skill were acknowledged by their selection in a best of the tournament "team". A huge thank you to Bevin Kahui (coach), and all parents who helped on the day. This tournament would not have been possible without your support.

Sport is a big part of Seatoun School and it is fantastic seeing students achieving these results alongside displays of sportsmanship, fairplay and dedication. Well done everyone.

Wellington Zone Cross Country Top 10 Qualifiers

Year 4 Girls

Laura MacKenzie	1st
Grace Mellsop	2nd
Rosa Findlay	4th
Katie Hunt	5th
Ella Blakely	8th
Pip Crowley	1st reserve

Year 4 Boys

Jules Appleby	3rd
Mason Waterworth	2nd
Fionn McKenna	3rd reserve

Year 5 Girls

Georgina Moore	5th
Caitlin Gregan	1st reserve

Year 5 Boys

George Sladden	1st
Josh Bates	5th
Billy Bouzoukis	8th
Josh Rowan	10th

Year 6 Girls

Tessa Hunt	1st
Katie Oolders	2nd
Ella Berkhan	5th
Nova Hammett	6th
Ella Baigent-Brown	10th
Grace Wynne	3rd reserve

Year 6 Boys

Max Crowley	3rd
Owen McKenzie	4th
Sam Bacon	5th
Fraser Waterson	6th
Alex Simpson	7th

Year 7 Girls

Meg Crowley	1st
Madeleine Piesocki	2nd
Molly McDougall	5th
Jessica Cartmell	6th
Ella Newell	8th
Penny Linton	10th

Year 7 Boys

Jack Waterworth	6th
Al Barratt-Boyes	1st re-serve

Year 8 Girls

Laura Heycoop	2nd
Holly Blakely	3rd
Jessie Moore	4th
Erana James	6th
Courtney Judd	8th
Jade Rolinson	9th

Year 8 Boys

Max Hurd	7th
Jacob Bhula	10th

Term 2, 2011 Monday 2 May - Friday 15 July

8	20	Mon	Y7/8 Science Fair
	21	Tue	ICAS Spelling and Writing Wgtn X Country
	23	Thu	Steeple Rock Wgtn X Country pp
	25	Sat	PTA "Race Night"
	27	Mon	Conference Agendas Home
9	30	Thu	PTA "Kids Disco"
	Jul 01	Fri	Conference Agendas Due Back at School
10	05	Tue	Reg. X. Country
	06	Wed	Conference Bookings close
	07	Thu	Reg. X. Country pp
11	Jul 12	Tue	Progress Conferences. School close for instruction
	July 13	Wed	Y3-8 School Swimming Sports
	14	Thur	Y8 Girl's Gardasil
	15	Fri	Last day of term 2

Term 3 2011 Monday 1 August—Friday 7 October

1	Aug 02	Tue	ICAS English
2	11	Thu	E. Zone Soccer Y5/6
3	16	Tue	ICAS Mathematics
5	30	Tue	Tackle Rugby Y5-8
	Sep 1	Thu	E. Zone Swimming Tackle rugby pp
7	15	Thu	BOT Meeting Wn Zone Swimming
8	22	Thu	Regional Swimming
9	26	Mon	Production Week
10	Oct 07	Fri	Last Day of Term

Term 4 2011. Tues 25 October—Tues 20 December

1	Oct 26	Wed	E. Zone Athletics Trials Commence
3	09 Nov	Wed	E. Zone Athletics
	11	Fri	E. Zone Athletics pp
4	15	Tue	School Athletics
	16	Wed	E. Zone Athletics pp PTA Golf Tournament
	17	Thu	School Athletics pp.
5	22	Tue	Wn Athletics
	24	Thu	Wn Athletics pp
6	28	Mon	Y3-6 EOTC
7	Dec 05	Mon	Y7/8 EOTC
	06	Tue	Regional Athletics
	08	Thu	Re. Athletics pp
8	13	Tue	Parent Help M. Tea
	14	Wed	2012 class Lists home
	15	Thu	Reports Home
			Y8 Formal
9	19	Mon	Prizegiving
	20	Tue	Last Day. Close 12.00pm

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Community Notices (printed as space permits)

Tuakana Teina Art Show and Sale (in support of young pilgrims to World Youth Day, Madrid 2011)

Featuring 50 local artists - established and up-and-coming

Friday 17 June 2011

Doors open at 6pm and sale starts at 6.45pm.

Venue: St Joseph's Church, Ellice St, Mt Victoria

Tickets: \$25 per person (includes wine, food, jazz)

To book: tuakanateina2011@gmail.com or call 04 496 1731

Need A Babysitter?

Hi my name is **Maddie McKitterick**. I'm a former Seatoun School Student and I live in Seatoun. I have just turned 14, but have already had some experience.

Please give me a call and leave a message. **388-2142**

Newsletter

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

Contributions for next issue by **Monday 27 June 2011, 2pm.**