



From the Principal...

Dear All

Since the last publication of *Steeple Rock* the following children have started at our school: Baxter Berdinner, Eloise Lambrechtsen and Connor Redding. All of the children are new entrants and their big buddies are Victoria Hill, Sarah Cook and Holly Hammond.

Congratulations:

Principal Awards

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

Rm	Yr		Rm	Yr	
1	7 & 8	Jessie Moore – Great leadership and wonderful effort in cross country	14	3 & 4	Sol Fenwick-Croft – being brave when challenged and determined to make the right choices.
2	7 & 8	Kennedy Datson – Living the school values	15	3 & 4	Zoe Scott – Consistently being a hard worker, a great role model and friend.
3	7 & 8	Lauren O'Hara – Having a positive approach to school work	16	3 & 4	Rhian Beauchamp-Hughes – Always trying your hardest and making improvements to your work.
4	2	Josephine Florentine – Being a wonderful role model.	17	3 & 4	Piper Craven – Giving everything a go, always with a positive attitude.
5	2	Charlie Pothan – Listening carefully during Phonics	18	5 & 6	Max Crowley – Showing dedication and perseverance toward achieving goals.
6	1&2	Lexi Annan – Working hard to re-read and check her story writing	19	5 & 6	Emily Smith – Having a super positive attitude.
7	0	Class to start later in the year	20	5 & 6	Sarah Cook – perseverance and having a positive attitude.
8	1	Amelia Newman – making a big effort with her reading and writing	21	5 & 6	Aja Topps-Harjo – Giving her absolute best – with a brilliant smile.
9	1	Charlie Kidd– Implementing new strategies in reading.			

Netball: Congratulations to all students that represented our school at the Inter-zone netball tournament. Once again your on and off the court behaviour and achievement was great. Sincere thanks to the many parents that coached and supported our teams and to Teresa Keeley and Gill Billingsley for their work in overseeing our involvement on the day.

The Arts: This year is even bigger year than usual in terms of our arts programme. In addition to normal classroom art, drama and music programmes you might be interested to know what else is happening:

- School Band – practices for an hour every Wednesday morning before school under the guidance of musician Geoff Day
- School Choir – started up this term. Practices every Friday lunchtime under the guidance of teachers Chloe Marshall and Sam Broadmore
- Guitar tuition – group of 8 students practices lunchtimes Thursday under the tuition of Sam Broadmore
- Year 5&6 Friday Rotations programme:
 - o Ukulele – taught by Marion Hair
 - o Mask making – taught by Ansa Kennedy

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- o Still life sketching taught by Wendy Griffiths
- Y7&8 Friday morning Rongotai College Enrichment programme:
 - o Music & kapahaka – taught by the Rongotai College music specialist
 - o Visual art programme – taught by the Rongotai College art specialist
 - o Drama – taught by Anna Martin
- Y7&8 afternoon, school based Enrichment programme:
 - o Photography – taught by Tim Kong as part of the Y7&8 afternoon enrichment group
 - o Plant identification & sketching – taught by Wendy Griffith as part of the Y5& 6 programme
 - o Large mural painting – currently a group of students are painting murals to brighten up the staffroom which has had all the windows blocked out by an internal false wall as part of the remedial building work. Anna Martin and I are working with the children on this project.
- Integrated studies. Many of the integrated units the children undertake include an arts component. Examples this year include:
 - o In term 1 the Y1&2 children studied 'Sound' as an integrated science/music/technology unit. This study included having visiting musicians into the school, a visit to Capital E and the children making and playing their own instruments.
 - o This term the Y5&6 children are undertaking a integrated science/music/technology/health unit on sound. In addition to designing, making and performing their own instrument the children will be composing a soundtrack for a film clip to be produced at the Capital E 'Sound House.' On Wednesday 01 June, parents Annemarie Meijers and David Angus, from the symphony orchestra, once again came into the school to play to the children as part of this unit.
 - o In T1 the Y3&4 children worked through an integrated unit called 'Back, Beyond and Here.' This unit was inspired by an exhibition that was on show at the City and Sea Gallery. It had a strong focus on each student's personal identity and cultural background. It also had a strong arts focus.
- A number of our students accepted the invitation to be part of the Rongotai College 'Joseph' musical
- 'Alice in Wonderland' major production. Auditions are now in full swing to select the main characters for this whole school musical to be performed at the end of next term.

Many children are also involved in a whole range of out of school performing and visual art activities and classes. With the introduction of the TRUMP programme it is great that the children have a more formal way of acknowledging this 'out-of-school' learning, and recognising that wherever the learning is happening it is all relevant and connected.

Lunchtime Writer's Club: This term Miriam Gaynor and Gerard Murphy have established a 'writer's club.' Every Monday lunchtime the group of students meet in the library to develop their writing skills, share their writing and talk about writing and literature in general.

Parish of St Aidan & St George

We wish to acknowledge the ongoing generosity of this parish for their donation to the school of \$100 each for terms one and two this year. Thank you .

Buildings Update:

- Hall – whilst external work will not be completed, we are hoping to be able to get back into the hall by the 17 June. This will allow us to house the T7&8 science exhibits in one place, rather than trying to find places in corridors and nooks all over the school. It will also mean things like school hui, gymnastics and other PE programmes and the junior PMP programme can kick back in.
- Classrooms 10-13. At this stage the Y3&4 children are scheduled to move back into their old rooms over the weekend of 25-26 June. Work has already commenced on the Dorset Room (upstairs between rooms 13 and 14). The next classrooms to be worked on are rooms 14-17.

We have been grateful for the fabulous autumn weather, but are waiting with a smidgen of trepidation as to what conditions might be like when winter finally arrives. Special recognition needs to be made of the resilience and tolerance of Anne and Damayanti who have been working in pretty challenging conditions in the admin area for many months now. Possibly, for them (and me), the worst may be yet to come, when the exterior wall of the office is removed and that wild Wellington wind finds its way through the internal false walls?

Peta Rubin

From the PTA...

A big thank you to Isobel and her team of helpers for another hugely successful PTA lunch last week. This time, the PTA made a record profit. Special thanks to New World Miramar for kindly donating the bread.

A Night at the Races, Saturday 25 June

This is shaping up to be a great night. So much organisation has gone into it and we are really wanting all families to turn out to support it. So, please, get together a group of friends and come along for a fun night. Tickets are on sale Tuesday and Wednesday, before and after school. If you can help before or on the night, please let Cindy thecrowleys@xtra.co.nz, or Tereska clothespeg@xtra.co.nz know.

Litter-less Lunch Challenge

You might remember last year we did a Waste Audit and were shocked at how much non-recyclable plastic gets thrown out each lunch time. Imagine that over a whole year! We have also noticed that lunch litter gets blown out of lunch boxes on windy days, which is a problem for our school garden and environment.

As we are an enviroschool we want to reduce our school's lunch waste. Therefore, we will be holding another litter-less lunch challenge next week, 7-10 June. Students who bring a litter-less lunch during our challenge week will earn a green house point.

Here are some easy tips for packing a litter-less lunch:

- Use a lunchbox with different compartments for different foods
- Use small re-usable containers for chips, crackers, cut fruit and small snacks
- Buy food products in one large packet and repack for lunches rather buying single-serve items in individually wrapped plastic packets (less waste and more economical!)
- Use a "wrap-n-mat" to wrap sandwiches, or non-waxy sandwich paper can be used as a wrapping instead of gladwrap (non-waxy paper can be composted or recycled)
- Re-use zip-lock bags a couple of times for the same food type e.g crackers
- Use a thermos for foods like noodles
- Food products that come in wrappers can be unwrapped and recycled at home before they are brought to school in lunch boxes



We appreciate your support,

The Seatoun School Envirogroup

EASTERN ZONE CROSS-COUNTRY PROGRAMME 2011

Date: 15 June

Venue: Martin Luckie Park

Report Time: 30 minutes before race time

TIME	RACE
9.30am	Year 7 Girls
9.45am	Year 7 Boys
10.00am	Year 4 Girls
10.15am	Year 4 Boys
10.30am	Year 5 Girls

TIME	RACE
10.45am	Year 5 Boys
11.00am	Year 6 Girls
11.15am	Year 6 Boys
11.30pm	Year 8 Girls
11.45pm	Year 8 Boys

Note: Times are approximate and may change on the day.

Please note the recent amendment to the YEAR 6 BOYS school cross country placing on the school website.

Callum Hodson gained 6th place in the Year 6 Boys. Well done Callum my apologies for the omission.

Penny Joblin

Term 2, 2011 Monday 2 May - Friday 15 July			
6	June 6	Mon	Queen's Birthday
	8	Wed	ICAS Science
7	15	Wed	EZ X. Country Yr 7/8 Ripa Rugby Wgtn. Comp.
	16	Thu	BOT Meeting Library 7.30pm
	17	Thu	EZ X Country pp
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 Swimming
	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 Wn Zone Swimming
8	22	Thu	Regional Swimming
9	26	Mon	Production Week
10	Oct 07	Fri	Last Day of Term

Term 4 2011. Tuesday 25 October—Tuesday 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
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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