

Year 5-6 Newsletter Term 1 2019

31 January 2019
Newsletter 1



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to all our new students and their families to Seatoun School and the Year 5/6 team.

Staff

We welcome Jessie Gregory and Justin Potter to the Seatoun Year 5-6 Team.

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Our team brings a wealth of experience, both from NZ and internationally. Their passion for designing innovative, inclusive and rigorous curriculum experiences will generate high levels of enjoyment and engagement for our learners.

Term One Inquiry - Guardianship of our Place - Kaitiaki Tanga

We are very excited about our Term One Unit of Inquiry. Learners will be inquiring into our coastal environment; building strong conceptual understanding of both Guardianship and Sustainability, and developing their knowledge of Marine Ecosystems and Biodiversity. Our inquiries will be a catalyst for learners to take authentic and meaningful action in Seatoun's special local environment.

The cost to deliver this programme in the Year 5 and 6 team is \$60.00 and we are asking for a contribution of \$30.00 per child for this which will be loaded to student accounts in LincEd. As part of this Unit of Inquiry, there will be regular excursions to the beach area. We look forward to sharing our learning with the parent community at the end of term.

Our learners will be sharing their learning and independent inquiries at a **Celebration of Learning** event on Thursday 11 April at 9.00am. We encourage you all to join us for this event.

Key Inquiry Dates:

Wednesday 13 February	Year 5/6 Mountains to Sea Classroom Presentation - At School 9:30 - 11am & 11:30 - 12:30am
Monday 18 February	Year 5/6 Mountains to Sea Pool Session (Snorkel Skills) - Kilbirnie Pool
Tuesday 26 February	Year 5 & 6 Mountains to Sea Field Trip 1 - Snorkel Trail (Island Bay) Taputeranga Marine Reserve 9 - 12pm Rm 15 12 - 3pm Rm 17
Wednesday 27 February	Year 5 & 6 Mountains to Sea Field Trip 1 - Snorkel Trail (Island Bay) Taputeranga Marine Reserve 9 - 12pm Rm 14 12 - 3pm Rm 16
Tuesday 12 March	Year 5 & 6 Mountains to Sea Field Trip 2 - Seatoun Rocky Shore Snorkel 9 - 12pm Rm 15 12 - 3pm Rm 17
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Tuesday 19 March	Kaitiaki Action Planning - Student presentations and celebrations. 9.30 am – 11 am Rm 15 11.30 am – 12.30 pm Rm 17
Wednesday 20 March	Kaitiaki Action Planning - Student presentations and celebrations. 9.30 am – 11 am Rm 14 11.30 am – 12.30 pm Rm 16
Thursday 11 April	Celebration of Learning - 9am

teachers; informing future learning pathways and next steps.

Self-Management All students are actively encouraged to take responsibility for:

1. Checking that they have all they need for school each day and caring for their property, including clothing
2. Arriving at school before the 8.45 a.m. bell to help get off to a good start to the day
3. Wearing a school sunhat and sunscreen whenever outside, and appropriate footwear/clothing for daily PE fitness.

Sunsmart

Please remember all children need a named sunhat in their house colour. It is important for children to apply sunblock before school and it is recommended that you send a roll-on sun block to school with your child.

School Lunchboxes

Our school policy is no juice and no lollies. We have students who are highly allergic to nuts so request that children do not bring peanuts or cashew nuts to school. We want to reduce waste and litter and would much appreciate litterless lunches. Please name containers as we continue to have many unclaimed lunch containers at the end of each day.

Lost Property

Please name all school clothes and hats so that they can be returned to their owners. Property that has not yet been claimed can be found behind the yellow door beside the hall entrance.

Term 2 Swimming

Lessons will take place each Monday morning (except Queens Birthday).

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Our Home-School partnership plays a huge part in helping us to do the very best job we can for our students.

Kind regards,

Justin, Marion, Al and Jessie