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Please take note of the key dates below. Please refer to our online Google Calendar (<http://www.seatoun.school.nz/page/calendar.aspx>) for all events.

Friday, 13 May: Listening to your child read workshop, 9am in our library

Tuesday, 24 May: Cross country. Postponement day, Thursday 26 May

3 June BOT Elections

From the Principal

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Board of Trustees Election Update

The focus of this issue of Steeple Rock is our [upcoming Board of Trustees elections](#). Below you will find a timeline of key dates plus further information in the Board section of Steeple Rock.

At this time, [we only have two current board members confirmed as standing](#), and it is essential that we have five parent representatives. Please read the Board section for further information.

Key things to know

Nomination papers will be sent out to you from Wednesday 4th of May, including a form and cover letter with both information and instructions.

After the forms have been sent out, nominations will be received by the independent Returning Officer as described in the nomination cover letter.

Nominations must be received by 12 noon Friday 20th of May, so we recommend getting your nominations in ASAP, and bear in mind that NZ Post only delivers 3 days per week now should you choose to post your nomination rather than send it by email.

Any nominations received after 12 noon on Friday 20th of May will not be accepted by CES, the independent Returning Officer for these elections.

All candidates are encouraged to put forward a profile, preferably through the CES website at www.cessl.org.nz (<http://www.cessl.org.nz>). Any that are received via post or fax will be typed into a profile by them. Photographs will not be used as all profiles are formatted into a profile sheet that are reduced in size and printed in black and white.

We will run a meet the candidate evening closer to the election date.

Being on the Board of Trustees is a great opportunity to think big about the difference you can make in the lives of our children!

Welcome Mrs Sarah Gerondis to the Office Administration Team

We warmly welcome Mrs Sarah Gerondis to our office team. Sarah has two children in the school (Zoe and Matthew), and we are delighted to have her join the Seatoun Staff.

The next Steeple Rock will be published next Thursday, 12 May.

From the Board

Elections are being held in May/June for the Board of Trustees. There are five parent-elected positions on the Board, in addition to the Principal and the staff representatives. Trustees serve for a three year term. You need to be a parent of a full-time enrolled student, or one likely to be enrolled the following year, to vote in the elections.

We are very aware that the Board of Trustees is only one of the many ways parents contribute to our school.

While it is not an onerous role given the strong performance of the school and highly capable staff, it requires some effort to get up to speed. There are 10 meetings a year including a planning day. The meetings are held on an evening, starting at 7pm and taking 1.5-2.5 hours.

Some of the current Board are stepping down, and we encourage all parents and caregivers to consider how they are able to participate in this important process. To fulfill its role well, the Board needs to have trustees with skills, experience and a commitment to helping to make the school live up to its motto "to be the best we can be". The primary task of the board is to focus on teaching and learning, as well as exercising good governance practice across the school's activities and functions.

For those considering or intending to stand, (or even have a curiosity as to what is involved), please contact Board Chair, Will Peet or any board member. Our contact numbers are listed at the end of Steeple Rock.

Training and support is available to all newly elected trustees via Ministry of Education contract providers. Further information for parents about the elections will follow in due course.

Community Notices

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Marsden School Karori Year 9 Information Evening

You and your daughter are invited to the Marsden School Year 9 Information Evening on Monday 16 May, 7pm - 8pm. Enter at the Marsden School Main Reception, Marsden Ave, Karori. This is an opportunity to find out more about transitioning into Year 9, Marsden's Year 9 Programmes and what Marsden School has to offer your daughter. Students will share their experience, and you will be able to meet students and teachers, have your questions answered and take the opportunity to view Marsden's new Learning Studios and iCentre. We look forward to meeting you. Please also note that Marsden Year 9 Scholarship applications close on 18 May 2016. For more information visit marsden.school.nz (<http://marsden.school.nz>).

Backyard Sanctuaries is holding a workshop on how to create your own backyard sanctuary at the Seatoun Village Hall on Sunday 15th of May, 10.30 am - noon. This is a community project, run by volunteers, who believe that the Miramar Peninsular could become a pest-free sanctuary for native wildlife, including people's backyards. If you would like to achieve this goal with us and create your own sanctuary, we invite you to participate by signing up. It's free and easy. All new sign-ups receive a start-up kit. Please visit www.backyardsanctuaries.co.nz (<http://www.backyardsanctuaries.co.nz>).

Visiting Author Liz Pichon, the author of the best-selling "**Tom Gates**" series of books for children will be at The Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie Plaza on Wednesday 11th of May between 3.15pm and 4pm to meet her readers and sign books. Children may of course bring their own copies to be signed and the Tom Gates books will be available for sale also. All welcome, no charge.

Wanna Play Uke?

Come and join us at Uke Club every Thursday after school. We have room for complete beginners and intermediate strummers. Lots of singing, plenty of laughs. For more details contact Shane, theukuleleinstitute@gmail.com or 027 27 37 47 5.

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2016 Dates

Dates 2017

2017 School Dates

Term 1: Friday 3 February and Thursday 13 April
Term 2: Monday 1 May and Friday 7 July
Term 3: Monday 24 July and Friday 29 September
Term 4: Monday 16 October and Wednesday 20 December
2017 Prize Giving: Tuesday 19 December

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Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$150,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$1,000

To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between the 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016.

ASB lending criteria, and terms apply. Fees may apply. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property. This donation offer is only available when you apply for new home lending through an ASB branch, contact centre or mobile lending manager. Other terms apply. For full details and to download the voucher visit asb.co.nz/schoolbanking.

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Response form

Your feedback on anything related to School is always welcome. Please include your email address if you wish to have a reply. *

Signature: