

Year 3 and 4 Newsletter- Term 3

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Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back. We are looking forward to this term and are excited about programmes that we are delivering. We are also all committed to working with the children to achieve the goals they set at last term's conferences.

Integrated Studies

To start the term we have a Health inquiry about "How do we keep our bodies and minds healthy?" The Life Education van is supporting us with our learning and the children will visit the Life Education classroom for two lessons. The charge for the Life Education van comes out of the Activity Fee. Following this unit of work, we will be focusing on "Heroes and Heroines". In this unit, we will look at what makes a hero or heroine. We will find out about fictional heroes and heroines (including superheroes), real-life NZ heroes and heroines, and, finally, people who we identify as heroes or heroines in our own lives.

Specialist Science Programme

This term, Eleanor Stefanidis is working with the Year 3/4 team, running a Science programme every Wednesday. This programme looks at the Nature of Science and gives children opportunities to observe, infer, problem-solve, experiment, and discuss scientific ideas. Each class will have an hour and 20 minutes per week with Eleanor.

Artsplash

Artsplash is a young people's arts festival that brings together schools throughout Wellington to celebrate the performing and visual arts. Year 3 and 4 will be performing in the **Artsplash Massed Choir event at the Michael Fowler Centre on 19th September**. You should have received a Signmee notice about this today. Please keep an eye out for further information sent home about the event.

Interchange Programme

During this term, on every Monday afternoon, children in the Year 3/4 team will continue to be involved in an interchange programme, which involves each teacher in the team providing a specialised programme. This term, children will rotate through: Cooking, Singing, Te Reo Māori, Coding, Library and Information Skills.

Gymnastics

From Week 4 of this term, we will be running a Gymnastics Programme on Tuesday afternoons. Children will need to wear appropriate shoes and clothing. We would also appreciate some parent support with this. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help.

Reading at Home

Seatoun School subscribes to Sunshine Online, an online literacy and early numeracy programme. Children can access the website at school and from home to further extend their learning. The website features books written by well-known and respected New Zealand children's authors including Joy Cowley and Jill Eggleton.

Instructions on how to access the website are shown below.

1. www.sunshineonline.co.nz
2. Username: **seatoun**
3. Password: **seatoun2987**
4. **Login** and click on the Learning space number most suitable for your child.



Steeple Rock Challenges

Many children are completing and sharing their challenges on a regular basis, and we all enjoy being able to see and hear about what the children have been doing at home. All challenges need to be completed by the beginning of Term 4.

As you can see it, will be a busy term and we are very grateful for your ongoing support.