

Year 4-6 Newsletter Term 1 2018

8 February 2018
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 4-6 team.

Staff A big welcome to Jayne Carey, who relieved in our school last year. It is great having Miriam back after a year of study and to have Alison join the team from Year 7/8, after also having had a year of study.

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Support/Extension Karen Millar and Lorraine Boennic will continue to provide support or extension programmes for identified students. The use of their hours is reviewed regularly. We will notify you very shortly if your child is involved in a programme. Rameela Patel and Carolyn Newman will work in Room 14 and with students in other classes. Jen Charlton will work primarily in Room 17.

Weekly Release Teachers All teachers have eight days release per year for professional development, team meetings, testing, assessment, records etc. Teachers sometimes have release for extra responsibilities eg Management, Curriculum leaders.

Amanda Hood	Room 14	Wednesday (Alternate weeks Term 1)
Kate Sutherland	Room 15	Tuesday
Kate Sutherland	Room 16	Wednesday afternoon
Wendy Griffiths	Room 17	Friday

Contacts Email is checked daily and we strive to reply as soon as possible. We can be reached in class from 8.30-8.45am. Please send an email or note if you would like to arrange a meeting.

Weekly Teacher Meetings

Monday	8.10-8.30am	Admin Meeting
Tuesday	7.30-8.30am	Senior Leadership Meeting (Marion)
	3.10-5.00pm	Staff/Team Meeting
Thursday	3.10-5:00pm	Team Meeting

Enrichment This four-week rotation programme involving 9 groups of approximately 13-14 students happens each Friday, and starts next Friday. Karen Millar, Wendy Griffiths, Eleanor Stefanidis, and Lyndal Linton continue their fantastic cooking, art, music and craft/sewing rotations in addition to the rotations taken by Y4-6 teachers.

Maths Whizz We continue this excellent online mathematics practice programme as part of home learning. All students will complete an on-line assessment at school on Wednesday March 7 to determine the level of their individualised learning pathway. The level automatically adjusts according to student progress. If possible, could your child **bring headphones** on the day of assessment (March 7) for their personal use? **A parent information meeting** facilitated by Chris Perkinson from Maths Whizz New Zealand will be held on Wed 7 March at 2.30-3.00 pm. We will send out a reminder Signmee information notice shortly.

Home Learning Students will bring their home learning book back to school each **Thursday** morning. All students will be helped to take responsibility for identifying what they need to learn or do, and how to do so. You can help by regularly asking them about this.

Reading	15 minutes, 4 evenings a week, at least
Personal Goal	Goal dependent
Writing	Weekly task (sometimes fortnightly)
Maths Whizz	60 minutes per week starting Week 6
Steeple Rock Challenges	Booklets will be sent home shortly after being discussed with students at school. While optional at Y3-6, Steeple Rock Challenges are actively encouraged and strongly endorsed.

STEM Programme Term 1 This programme will be taken by Eleanor Stefanidis each Wednesday and starts in Week 2. All classes will receive an approximately one hour lesson each week. Eleanor will be focusing particularly on science and technology.

Year 5 Pedal Ready Cycle Training Grade 1 This excellent programme, jointly funded by the Wellington Regional Council and NZTA, happens in Week 4. (Grade 2 will be run in Term 4 for Year 6 students; Year 4 students will complete Grade 1 in 2019). We will send a parent information and consent notice home shortly. Students will need to bring a bike and helmet to school (there will be a few bikes and helmets provided by the Pedal Ready team). The programme runs from 9am to 12.30pm.

Tuesday 27 February Room 13,14

Wednesday 28 February Room 15,16

Thursday 29 February Room 17

Y3-8 Athletics Day This event takes place Week 7 Tues 13 March. The post-ponement date is Thursday 15 March.

Trip to Wellington City Museum The date is **Week 9, 29 March** and is part of a social studies unit looking at communities and how people remember events such as Wahine Day, and culminates in various activities on April 10th, the 50th anniversary of the Wahine disaster. We always need **parents to help with student supervision** on trips and would very much appreciate an email to your child's teacher if you are able to help.

PA Testing Week 6/7 5-16 March Attendance is important over these weeks as these tests provide valuable information.

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).

Term 4 EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom)

This year, being an even year, all students, except our Year 4's, will take part in two overnight stays. Information will come out about this closer to the time. The Y4 students will join the Year 3/4 EOTC programme, which takes place on the same week. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$170.00. This may be an opportunity for your child to earn some money as part of a Steeple Rock challenge to help towards costs.

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

Kind regards

Marion, Jayne, Hannah, Al and Miriam