



Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this term.

Personnel

We are very pleased to have Peggy Bruce teaching the New Entrant students in Room 7. She has been appointed for the remainder of the year to take this class. Susan Kliffen will be supporting across the junior school and fulfilling Associate Principal duties across the wider school. Susan will be teaching in Room 5 once a fortnight to provide release for Ben Haddock.

Integrated Studies

The focus for the term will be a science inquiry about "How do the moon and sun affect the earth?". We will be using the "I-cycle" (inquiry cycle) to find answers to this question and other questions the children generate. The junior I-cycle starts with building wondering in the children and developing questions, then increasing knowledge which leads to understanding. The final part of the cycle is the "so what" which is when students make connections with how their learning impacts on them and any actions they can take. In conjunction with this unit we will be visiting the Carter Observatory in Kelburn. Room 5, Room 8 and Room 9 will be visiting on Tuesday 29 May in the morning. They will leave at 9am and return by 12:30pm. Room 6 and Room 9 will be visiting on the Thursday 29 in the afternoon. Room 6 and 9 will leave school at 11:30 and return to school by 2:50pm. We need up to 2 parents per class. If you are able to help with supervision on this trip please contact the class teacher.

Cross Country

We are currently training for the School Cross Country run, which will held be on Tuesday 15th May 2018 and postponement day will be Thursday 17th May 2018. The Year 2 children will be the first to run and start at approximately 9:15 am. They will be followed by the Year 1 children. If the weather is bad, the children will run the cross-country on Thursday morning. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Please make sure the children have suitable shoes and clothes for running in.

Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP)

Thank you to the parents who are supporting the Year 1 and 2 PMP programme. This programme operates every Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon and the children are involved in a variety of activities that develop co-ordination, fine and gross motor-skills, balance, co-ordination, locomotion and memory.

Swap around Programme

This term, the Year 1/2 swap around/enrichment programme where children experience a variety of curriculum areas and work with teachers from across the team. On a Thursday afternoon, the Year 1 and 2 students will cover: PMP, cooking, music, dance, drama and ball skills.

Winter Clothes

It will be important that the children bring a coat every day this term. With the onset of winter we take every opportunity to allow students to get outside even if it is cold.

Parent Information Workshop

Jemma Rapson (Seatoun School's Reading Recovery Teacher), Susan Kliffen (Team Leader in the Junior School) and Helen Taylor (New Entrant Teacher) will be running a workshop about how to listen to your child read at home.

From this workshop you will develop:

- An understanding of what to expect at different stages as children learn to read.
- Strategies for how to best support children when they come to a word they don't know.
- An opportunity to ask questions about how children learn to read.
- An awareness of the importance of parents supporting their children in their reading.

When: Friday 26 May 2018 8:45am – 10:15am

Where: Seatoun School Library

Kind regards

Susan Kliffen, Ben Haddock, Peggy Bruce, Louise Noble, Cath Hardy, Helen Taylor and Jemma Rapson

