

Year 2-4 Newsletter- Term 3

24 July 2019



Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back everyone. We hope you have all had a refreshing break and are all set for Term 3. 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 that they set at last term's conferences.

Integrated Studies

Term 3 has a strong creative focus. We will each be creating, choreographing and performing a class dance performance for our Seatoun Dance Production. There will be 3 performances in the final week of term (**23-25 September 6.00-7.15pm - School Hall**). Our classes have already started their creative dance development in Term 2, when they participated in a series of energetic and fun dance workshops with Michelle Elsmore. More details about this performance will come home later in the term.

Our Social Science unit about "Dance as a Form of Cultural Communication", will link to our dance programme by looking at how all cultural groups use dance to communicate stories or ideas and how dance styles reflect people's culture, place and time. Children will be completing inquiries into dances from different cultural groups, to identify differences and similarities.

In English, we will be exploring report-writing, and learning about how to read reports to gain factual information and write reports to give information, using appropriate structure and language features. Children will use report-writing techniques to share, with their peers, what they discovered during their dance inquiry.

In Numeracy, we will continue to develop addition/subtraction and multiplication/division skills. We will continue to practise and reinforce our Number Knowledge and Basic Facts and through a range of problem-solving tasks, we will be learning to apply mathematical understanding. Our strand focus is Geometry- exploring the concepts of reflection, rotation and translation.

The Year 2 students from Room 10 will participate in the Junior Formal Enrichment programme. This will be running in Weeks 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. Thank you to the parents from Room 10 who are supporting this programme. There will be lots of interesting activities on offer for the children, ranging from music, bell-ringing, dance, sign language, science and green screen, to art and craft activities.

Kapahaka

This term, there will be a slight change to our Kapahaka programme. It will run on Thursdays, rather than Fridays and will consist of a range of activities, run by Whaia Barbara and classroom teachers. Children will participate in sessions focussing on Waiata (song), Poi, Rakau (sticks), Te Reo (language) and Myths and Legends.

Interchange Programme

During this term, on every Monday afternoon, children in the Year 2-4 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, Te Reo Maori, Library and Information skills, ICT, Fabric Technology and Science

Term 3 Seatoun Swimming Sports / Eastern Zone Swimming

The Seatoun School Swimming Sports will take place on Wednesday 7 August (note this is a change) at Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. Parents are welcome to attend this event. Year 2 and 3 children will participate in non-competitive, fun events only. Year 4 children have the opportunity to participate in competitive races, if they desire. Children have already signed up for these - please discuss with your child, which races they are taking part in. We look forward to seeing their participation, passion and swimming skills being showcased at this fun event. The Eastern Zone Swimming competition (for Year 4-8 students only) will take place the following week on Wednesday 14 August.

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

Thank you for talking to, and encouraging your children to undertake new and exciting opportunities, through the Steeple Rock Challenges. It was great to see such a variety of quality challenges shared with classmates last term. We all enjoy being able to see and hear about what the children have been doing at home and it is fantastic to see the confidence that learners demonstrate when presenting. All challenges need to be completed by the beginning of Term 4.

Community Action Day - Parent Participation

We would like to thank all parents who attended our Community Action Day this morning. The children were very excited that you were able to experience first hand the environmental actions that we have been working on. In addition, the opportunity that every learner in the school got to plant a native species on the surrounding reserve will provide a strong future connection to the school.

ICAS Tests

The on-line ICAS tests (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools) provide an opportunity for Year 4-8 students to experience and measure their efforts in an external test. These tests are optional and incur a cost. Students can visit the ICAS website to familiarise themselves with content and layout. Please note that there is also a cost for past papers or online practice sessions. **The close-off date for all entries is Thursday 25 July (Week 1 Term 3).**

All tests cost \$17.25 each. All tests take place in September 2019

- Tuesday 3rd Sept Digital Technologies
- Thursday 5th Sept Science,
- Tuesday 10th Sept Writing
- Thursday 12th Sept Spelling Bee
- Tuesday 17th Sept English
- Thursday 19th Sept Mathematics

If you would like your child to sit any tests, please fill in the details below by **Thursday 25th July** **AND** click on the online shop link to make the payment. EFTPOS payments can be made at the school office. <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html>

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

Kind regards

Catherine Miller, Zeenat Vintiner, Janine Imrie and Jayne Carey.