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Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday. We are thrilled with the way that all Year 3/4 students have settled into their new classrooms and we look forward to another busy, fulfilling term.

Integrated Studies

This term, our integrated studies unit is about "Animal Habitats". We will be learning to recognise that all living things have certain requirements to stay alive, understand that living things are suited to their particular habitat, and understand some of the ways in which humans impact on those habitats. As part of this unit we will visit Zealandia and the Wellington Zoo. Further information about these trips will be sent to you via Signmee, when they are finalised.

KiVa Programme

We will be continuing with the KiVa programme this term- the anti-bullying programme. This reinforces and builds on the work we did in Term One in our Kia Kaha and Healthy Community units. The following topics will be covered in Term Two:

- The consequences of being bullied
- Actions in bullying situations
- Being an "upstander"

Cross country

We are practising for cross-country nearly every day and children need to be wearing appropriate shoes for this. Children are welcome to bring a second pair of shoes, should they wish to change them. The school cross-country event is next Tuesday 15th May, (postponement Thursday 17th May). See Steeple Rock for a tentative timetable.

Cooking

A big thanks to all of the parents who have offered to help with cooking during our interchange programme this term. We are still a little short of helpers for the Mondays in June. Please contact Catherine (catherine.miller@seatoun.school.nz) if you can help.

Perceptual Motorskills Programme

There are a number of our students taking part in the PMP programme this term. This programme operates every Tuesday morning (10.30am) in the hall.

Winter Clothes

It will be important that the children bring a jacket or coat every day. With the onset of winter, we continue to take every opportunity to allow students to get outside, even if it is cold. It is also essential if we were to evacuate the school.

Parent Information Workshop

Jemma Rapson, Susan Kliffen and Helen Taylor will be running a workshop about how to listen to your child read at home, which you are all welcome to attend. This will be held in the school library on Friday 25th May, from 8:45–10:15am. From this workshop, you will develop an understanding of what to expect at different stages as children learn to read and strategies for how to best support your children in their reading.

Steeple Rock Challenges

This is going really well- the children are highly motivated and love sharing what they have done. To help manage the sharing of Steeple Rock Challenges, please ensure that the booklet is signed by both you and your child, the "ratings" section on the back page is filled in, and your child has practised what they are going to say, before bringing the challenge to school. We encourage children to bring challenges as they are finished (preferably one at a time). Evidence of the challenges can be brought to school, or in digital form, can be emailed to the class teacher or shared via the children's Google Drive account.

Stationery

A number of students are missing a number of stationery items. This makes teaching and learning difficult. Please check with your child if they are missing anything.

Artsplash

In Term 3, all Year 3 and 4 students will be taking part in the massed choir event at the Artsplash Festival. This will take place on Wednesday 19th September at 5.00 pm. The children sing as part of a choir with a number of other schools from the Greater Wellington region. There are several challenging songs to learn and we have already begun the process of learning and rehearsing. Over the next term, children will be bringing home lyrics as part of their Home Learning. More information will be sent to you about the event closer to the time.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Catherine Miller, Janine Imrie, and Zeenat Vintiner