

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to all our new students and their families to Seatoun School. We hope you have all had a refreshing July break and are all set for Term 3. We are looking forward to this term and are excited about programmes that we are delivering. Our teaching team remains the same with the addition of Louise Noble who has started the Year 0 class in Room 6. Merata Hay will continue to be working as a Trainee Teacher alongside Louise. She will be taking increased responsibility for the classroom programme under the guidance of Louise for 7 weeks.

Conference Agendas

On Monday your conference agenda will be sent home in your child's goal folder. It will be the basis for the discussion for the upcoming conferences. You will receive two copies. Please return one copy to your child's teacher by Friday 31 July with your parent preparation comments on it.

This conference provides a means to:

- Discuss your child's progress and achievement in relation to expected national achievement levels
- Discuss your child's progress at school so far this year
- Discuss any questions or concerns
- Celebrate achievement and effort
- Set some realistic goals for your child for the remainder of the year

Term 3 Learning Focus

Cultural Awareness and **Creativity through the Arts** are the major conceptual lenses that will be explored through our schoolwide inquiry: '**A CULTURAL CELEBRATION - engaging our senses through the Arts**'.

Matariki

During Term 3, we are building our learners' knowledge of different cultures. To celebrate Matariki we are holding a Matariki event on Monday evening where the children can participate in the Star Walk and activities at school. Here is the information that was in the recent Steeple Rock.



Seatoun Matariki Star Walk

Gather at these points with a torch from 5.40* to walk together to Seatoun School's Matariki celebration weather permitting - if cancelled meet at school hall 6pm

Star Walk Locations

1.	Cnr Ferry St & Marine Parade	Matariki	5.40pm
2.	Cnr Ludlam St & Falkirk St	Waipuna-ā-rangi	5.45pm
3.	Cnr Forres St & Monro St	Tupu-ā-rangi	5.50pm
4.	Cnr Burnham St & Inglis St	Uru-ā-rangi	5.50pm
5.	Cnr Pinnacle St & Monro St	Waitā	5.50pm
6.	Cnr Ludlam St & Hector St	Tupu-ā-nuku	5.45pm
7.	Cnr Ferry St & Tiotio Rd	Waiti	5.40pm

**“Kānapanapa mai ana a Matariki”
Matariki shines on the New Year**

Please look out for our City Mission Posters as part of our Matariki celebrations.

Cultural Celebration Activities

We are grateful to the many parents who have offered to share their culture by providing an activity. We have parents running calligraphy workshops, making rangoli patterns and sharing food from their culture. If you have a particular story, song or activity that you would like to share with children at school, please contact your child's teacher. Here is the information about the cultural artifact class photo shoot we are having on Thursday of Week 2.



Formal Enrichment Programme

The Formal Enrichment programme will be running on Weeks 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. There has been a wonderful response from parents and we have lots of interesting activities, ranging from art calligraphy, cooking, green screen, road safety, craft and science activities on offer for the children. For some of the craft activities, we need some of your recycling. Please could you send clean small yoghurt pottles and any women's tights/pantyhose to Room 8. We also need any fabric scraps that you may have.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we will continue to develop Addition/Subtraction and Multiplication/Division skills. To start the term, our strand focus for the Year 0 and 1 students will be geometry -exploring the concepts of position, turns, and transformations- and for the Year 2 students will be measurement- learning about volume. Towards the end of the term, the strand focus for Year 0 and 1 will be measuring time and for Year 2 will be measuring area.

Swimming in Term 4

A reminder that swimming will be happening every Thursday in Term 4. Please help prepare your child by encouraging them to dress and change themselves independently. It is also a good idea for children to familiarise themselves with the Kilbirnie Pool, prior to next term.

As you can see, it will be a busy term and we are very grateful for the ongoing support that you provide and the enriching programmes that we are able to do, with the parent help provided.

Ngā mihi

Susan Kliffen, Ben Haddock, Louise Noble, Helen Taylor, Bex Quinn, Cath Hardy, Jemma Rapson