

20 July 2020
Newsletter 3

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. Our teaching team remains the same this term.

Conference Agendas

On Monday your conference agenda will come home in your child's X-file. 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

Term 3 has a strong creative 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**'. We will be building our learners' knowledge of different cultures and children will be completing inquiries into a range of cultures, to identify differences and similarities.

Matariki

To celebrate Matarikiri, 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 art, shadow puppetry, storytelling and 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.



Interchange Programme

Over the next two terms, every Monday, children in the Year 3/4 team will continue to be involved in an interchange programme, which involves each teacher in the team providing a specialised programme. Children will have the opportunity to participate in: Cooking, Te Reo Maori, Library and Information skills, ICT, Fabric Technology and Science

Specialist Technology Programme

This term, Jacinda Paice is working with the Year 3/4 team, running a Technology programme every Tuesday. She will be offering the children opportunities to design, create and test a range of technology briefs, such as making marble runs, and electrical circuits. Each class will have an hour per week with Jacinda.

Numeracy

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 this term is Statistics.

Steeple Rock Challenges

Thank you for encouraging your children to undertake new and exciting opportunities, through the Steeple Rock Challenges. It has been great to see such a variety of quality challenges shared with classmates so far. 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.

Stationery

A number of students are missing stationery items. In addition, we have noticed that a lot of the children have completed, or are close to completing, their draft-writing books, and will require a new one. Over the next couple of days, we will be sending home, with the children, individual notes about anything which requires replacement. We would appreciate it if the items could be replaced as soon as possible.

Working Bee

As you know, in Terms 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 undertook an Environmental Art project with some students from Wellington High School. This involved designing and painting some oars and mobiles which represent our local area, and will be used to display around the school and surrounding area. Some of the final stages of preparing the oars and mobiles for public display, remain to be finished. Over the next two Thursday mornings, 30th July and 6th August, we intend to have a “working bee” and would love a couple of parents on each of those days to work with a Learning Assistant and a group of children, to complete this task. If you are available to help on one of those days, please contact your child’s teacher or email catherine.miller@seatoun.school.nz.

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

Kind regards

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