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Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to all our new students and their families to Seatoun School and the Year 7/8 team.

### **Staff**

We welcome you all to the Seatoun Year 7/8 Team. It was a pleasure meeting parents and learners at our 'Meet the Teacher' day on Friday. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Our Home-School partnership plays a huge part in helping us to do the very best job we can for our learners. Also, a big welcome back to Y7/8 for Alison Roper-Caldbeck who will be our 5th Y7/8 teacher this year.

Jacinda Paice	Classroom teacher Rm 10
Alison Roper-Caldbeck	Classroom teacher Rm 11
Lucille Richardson	Classroom teacher Rm 12
Rachael Laming	Classroom teacher Rm 13
Sam Broadmore	Classroom teacher Rm 14
Ken Hodson	Classroom teacher Rm 14 on Fridays
Lorraine Boennic	Learning Assistant (Teaching Accelerated Learning in Mathematics - ALiM)
Angela Boulieris	Learning Assistant (in class support in Rm 14 Tuesday/Friday)
Pip Troy	Learning Assistant (in class support in Rm 14 on Monday)

### **Term One Inquiry - Mana Moana**

We are very excited about our Term One Unit of Inquiry which looks at our impact on our local waterways. Learners will be engaging with experiences that open them up to viewing our local waterways from a māori perspective as well as learning about the science behind these waterways. The end goal is for students to think about innovative ways to contribute to positive action.

Other topics this term are Kiva; Pause, Breathe, Smile and digital citizenship.

### **iPad BYOD Programme**

There is considerable information on our [website](#) about this initiative. There is also a Year 7&8 information evening, which includes information on digital literacy, on **Monday 22nd February**, where any questions can be answered.

Key points are:

- The school will manage this process, students just need to bring a charged iPad to school.
- iPad must be in a case, that includes a cover; without a case it will not be used.
- Students will bring their devices to and from school each day. Devices will need to be charged at home.
- All devices are enrolled in [Jamf School](#), our mobile device management platform (MDM). This is how we will load required apps, give filtered access to the internet, restrict social media at school etc.
- We run a comprehensive digital literacy programme with learners in Term 1 and refer back to this throughout the year.

### **Support/Extension**

Lorraine Boennic will continue to provide support or extension programmes for identified students. The use of their hours is reviewed regularly. We will notify you very shortly if your child is involved in a support or extension programme.

### **Enrichment**

Every Friday the children engage in a full day enrichment programme. They go to Rongotai College in the morning, where they rotate around music, science, hard materials, art, drama, Spanish, **French (is Alison doing this class?)** and IT. Then in the afternoon, they come back to school and move on to: Music, Sphero coding, Art, fabrics technology (just Y8's), debating/movie making, hard materials (just Y8's), cooking and EPRO 8.

### **Leadership Opportunities**

This is a major part of what we offer at Y7/8. As it stands the current positions available are: Junior Associates, fitness leader and conservation leader, Enviro leader, librarian monitor, audio engineer, Hui presenter (Y8 only), art and kitchen monitor, House points and Yummy sticker monitor, School Rep for the "Starting School at 5" evening, technology assistant and talent

quest organiser (Term 3-4). Other opportunities may also come up during the year. Last year a group of students ran morning tea all inclusive games of touch rugby. Another group ran a Dungeons and Dragons club. These are all authentic and meaningful opportunities for your child. All year 8s will be expected to take part in at least one leadership activity or responsibility during the year.

### **Y3-8 Athletics Day**

This event takes place Week 10, Monday 12 April. The postponement date is Thursday 15 April.

### **Leadership Camp**

This year the Y7-8 syndicate will be running a 3 day, 2 night leadership camp at Paekakariki Holiday Park. More details will be released over the following weeks. The dates for this are March 16th-18th. Approx cost \$80-\$90.

### **Home-Learning Programme**

Later this week a Home-learning slide will be shared with your child which outlines the 3 elements of our home-learning programme. There have been changes to last year, so check it out.

### **Weekly Release Teachers**

All teachers have eight days release per year for professional development, team meetings, testing, assessment, records etc. Teachers sometimes have release for extra responsibilities eg Management, Curriculum leaders.

### **Contacts**

Teacher's check emails regularly and we strive to reply as soon as possible. We can be reached in class from 8.30-8.45am. Please send an email or note if you would like to arrange a meeting.

### **Weekly Teacher Meetings**

Monday	8.10-8.30am	Admin Meeting
Tuesday	7.30-8.30am	Senior Leadership Meeting (Sam)
	3.10-5.00pm	Staff/Team Meeting
Thursday	3.10-4.30pm	Planning/Team Meeting

### **PAT Testing Week 5: 8-12th March**

Attendance is important over these weeks as these tests provide valuable information for teachers; informing future learning pathways and next steps.

### **3 Way Conferences (Learner - Teacher - Parent) - Friday 26 March**

As a result of feedback received as part of our self review, in 2020 we have enhanced our reporting practices. The first change is the introduction of this 3 Way Conference. These will be 20 minute conferences where we will confirm the first set of learner goals for the year and share some of our standardised assessments. For Years 4-8, this will be [Progressive and Achievement Tests](#) known as PAT's. The school operates differently this day, and your child is to only come to school for their interview time.

### **Self-Management**

All students are actively encouraged to take responsibility for:

1. Checking that they have all they need for school each day and caring for their property, including clothing
2. We recommend arriving at school between 8:30 and 8.45 a.m. This helps students to settle well for the school day.
3. Wearing a school sunhat and sunscreen whenever outside, and appropriate footwear/clothing for daily PE fitness.

### **Sunsmart**

Please remember all children need a named sunhat in their house colour in terms 1 and 4. It is important for children to apply sunblock before school and it is recommended that you send a roll-on sunblock to school with your child.

### **School Lunchboxes**

Our school policy is no juice and no lollies. We have students who are highly allergic to nuts so request that children do not bring peanuts or cashew nuts to school. We want to reduce waste and litter and would much appreciate litterless lunches. Please name containers as we continue to have many unclaimed lunch containers at the end of each day.

### **Lost Property**

Please name all school clothes and hats so that they can be returned to their owners. Property that has not yet been claimed can be found on the racks outside the library.

Kind regards,

The Year 7-8 Team.