



Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. We have got a very busy term planned with lots of visitors coming into the school running special programmes. Please refer to the long-term plan for more information.

### **Integrated Studies**

We start the term with an inquiry into “ How to Keep Ourselves Safe”. This will incorporate a variety of programmes: Keeping Ourselves Safe, St John’s, Life Education and Firewise. [Keeping Ourselves Safe](#) is a programme developed in conjunction with the New Zealand Police. It consists of a range of resources, at an appropriate level for young children, to help them learn and apply safety skills when interacting with others. Constable Aaron Dann will be coming into school to talk with the children as part of this programme. More information for parents can be found on the [NZ police website](#).

To support our learning in this area, The [Life Education](#) Mobile Classroom will be visiting the school. There will be a **parent session on 10 May (2:30 - 3pm) in the Life Education Classroom**, if anyone would like to know more about the Life Education Programme. St John’s will also be in school running sessions on recognising emergency situations, how to get help and how to provide first aid before an ambulance arrives. Fire safety will be covered through the [The Firewise programme](#), provided by Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

Alongside this unit, we continue our bullying prevention and intervention programme, KiVa. Children, parents or teachers are able to make referrals to the KiVa team. There is more information about the Kiva programme on our Seatoun School website.

During this unit of work, there will be some activities that the children bring home for you to discuss with them. It is important that you talk with your child about what they have been learning, as this will reinforce the messages that we are giving at school and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

In the second half of the term we will be involved in a Sustainability Inquiry. Lorraine Boennic from Wellington City Council will be working with us on a [Zero Waste Education Programme](#). We’ll inquire into issues such as:

- Is that really rubbish?
- Recycling and composting
- Reducing and reusing
- Resource sustainability.

### **The Arts**

For the visual arts, we will be creating our visual pepeha. As discussed, we hope the children have been gathering items to represent where they come from and what they identify with. We would like it if these items could be brought to school over the next few days. This term, we will begin to do some performing arts activities in preparation for our Term 3 production. WE will be learning some songs, and on Thursday 1 June we have [Dance Curriculum](#) coming in and providing workshops to all classes across the school.

### **Physical Education**

We are currently practising for **cross-country** every day and children need to be wearing appropriate shoes and clothing for this. The cross-country event is on Wednesday 3 May. You should have received a Hero notice with more information about this. Our focus in P.E skills this term is Large Ball Skills.

### **Home Learning and Steeple Rock Challenges**

Home Learning day is Thursday- we test the previous week’s Spelling Words and Basic Facts, and select word and facts for the next week. It is your child’s responsibility to bring their Home Learning book to school, but a gentle reminder would be appreciated!

The Steeple Rock Challenge programme is going well. To help manage the sharing of challenges, please ensure the booklet is signed by both you and your child, and your child has practised what to say. We encourage children to bring challenges as they are finished (one at a time). Evidence of challenges can be brought to school, emailed to the class teacher or shared via Google Classroom.

### **Winter Clothes**

It will be important that the children bring a coat every day this term. With the onset of winter, we 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.

### **School Values**

This term we will be focussing on **Perseverance, Self Control and Positivity**. We will be sharing and discussing what these values mean to us, and considering how we can display them in our daily lives. It would be great if you could follow this up at home.

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