

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. We have some exciting events planned for the term including visitors coming into the school. Please refer to the long-term plan for more information.

Integrated Studies

Over this term, we will be focussing on our refreshed school values of Akoranga (striving for success by learning together and from each other), Responsibility (making good choices, owning our actions. And caring for our environment), Manaakitanga (showing respect, support and kindness to each other), and Perseverance (believing in ourselves and continuing to try, even when it gets hard). We will be sharing and discussing what these values mean to us, and considering how we can display them in our daily lives.

Alongside this unit, we continue our health and well-being programmes. This includes KiVa - our bullying prevention and intervention programme. 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. We also continue to learn about Zones of Regulation - which focusses on students recognising and dealing with emotions- and Pause, Breathe, Smile- a specific tool to regulate our emotions using mindfulness.

The Arts

New Zealand Symphony Orchestra

On Thursday 23 May, 5 members of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra will visit the school and work with some Year 3 and 4 students. They will then present, to the Year 2 classes, a piece of music based on the best-selling book 'Dogs Don't Do Ballet' by Anna Kemp. They will tell the story of Biff - a dog who loves to dance despite everyone telling him that he can't. As Biff the dog goes on his journey they will hear some of the most famous ballet music ever written by Tchaikovsky, Delibes and Herold. Told by Rachel Leach and 5 NZSO musicians.

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 8 May (postponement day, Thursday 9th 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. Steeple Rock Challenges are shared on a designated day of the week (generally Fridays), and depending on the number of students wanting to share, children may need to wait a week for their turn to share.

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 that students have something warm and waterproof, if we were to evacuate the school.

Ngā mihi

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