

## Year 0, 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 3 2024

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Newsletter 3



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 will be supporting the children to achieve their goals that were set in the conferences at the end of last term.

This term, Helen Taylor will welcome many new entrant children at the start of the term. To support the programme in this classroom Susan Kliffen will be running a literacy programme in the mornings, in the Orca room. The Orca Room is a space on the mezzanine by the office. She will also continue to teach in Room 8 but mainly in the phonics and maths programme.

We continue to have the support of Learning Assistants across the Junior school. Karen Millar supports in Room 5, Hope Di Maio supports in Room 8, Hannah Scott-McNeill supports in Room 7, Vicky Wang supports in Room 8. Pip Troy and Hazel Rostron-Wood are also working in some rooms at times.

### **Term 3 Learning Focus**

The main focus for our inquiry learning this term is a science inquiry about “What Makes Things Change or Happen? The children will be undertaking a range of kitchen science experiments where they can observe, describe and compare the physical and chemical properties of common materials and changes that occur when materials are mixed, heated or cooled. Underpinning the inquiry will be to develop children's understanding of science and to appreciate that scientists ask questions about our world that lead to investigations and that open-mindedness is important because there may be more than one explanation. Children will build their language and develop their understanding of the many ways the natural world can be represented.

Towards the end of the term, we will be creating artworks and continuing to work with our older buddy class. The artworks will represent our new values of Manaakitanga, Responsibility, Perseverance and Akoranga. We will also be busy preparing our Calendar Art to support the FOSS fundraiser.

### **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 drums, cooking, green screen, art and craft, games and science activities on offer for the children.

### **Beach Visits**

Our beach visits on a Friday afternoon were very successful last term and we thank all the whānau who came along to support us. We will be continuing with these this term on the 9 August and 20 September. Look out for the notice on HERO if you would like to come and supervise.

### **Mathematics**

In Numeracy, we will continue to develop Addition/Subtraction and Multiplication/Division concepts. During the term, the strand focus will be measurement. This will involve measuring volume, length or weight. Year 2 classes will also cover shape as a geometry focus.

### **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 can do, with the parent help provided.

Ngā mihi nui,

Susan Kliffen, Cath Colwill, Bex Quinn, Liz Irving, Ben Haddock, Helen Taylor