

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2 and a special welcome to new children and their whānau, who have joined our school community this term. Please refer to the long-term plan for more information.

Integrated Studies

The focus for the term will be a science inquiry about “How do the moon and sun affect the Earth?”. We will be using the “I-cycle” (inquiry cycle) to find answers to this question and other questions the children generate. The junior I-cycle starts with building wonder in the children and developing questions, then increasing knowledge which leads to understanding. The final part of the cycle is the “so what” which is when students make connections with how their learning impacts them and any actions they can take.

School Values

We will continue to be focusing on our school values of Perseverance, Responsibility, Akoranga (striving for success from learning together and from each other) and Manaakitanga (showing respect, support and kindness). We will be sharing and discussing what these values mean to us and considering how we can display them in our daily lives.

Physical Education

Cross Country

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, 7th May (postponement day Thursday 8th May). Parents are welcome to come and watch.

PMP Perceptual Motor-skills Programme

As part of our Wednesday enrichment programme, we will be running the PMP (Perceptual Motor-skills Programme) this term. PMP is a programme designed to help children develop their fine and gross motor skills through activities based on coordination, balance, locomotion and memory. The sessions will run weekly on Thursday mornings for 8 weeks. **We are looking for parents who can support us with this.** If you can help or would like to know more, please contact: Bex Quinn (rebecca.quinn@seatoun.school.nz)

Swap around/Enrichment Programme

This term, the Year 1/2 swap around/enrichment programme will be operating. It is where children experience a variety of curriculum areas and work with teachers from across the team. On a Wednesday afternoon, the Year 1 and 2 students will cover: Fitness circuits, food technology, dance, drama and ball skills.

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 would also be essential if we were to evacuate the school.

Ngā mihi nui,
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