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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 9, 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 7, Hope Di Maio supports in Room 7 and 5, Vicky Wang supports across Room 6, 5, 8 and 9. Pip Troy will return later in the term and be supporting in Room 6.

Term 3 Learning Focus

This term has a strong creative focus. We will each be creating, choreographing and performing a class dance performance for our Seatoun Dance Production. There will be performances in week 9 of the term (**9 - 12 September**). Our classes have already started their creative dance development in Term 2, when they participated in a series of energetic and fun dance workshops with Jari from Dance Curriculum. More details about this performance will come home later in the term. We also have a Health focus this term and the Life Education van will be visiting from 15 to 22 August. The theme for this inquiry is Inside our Bodies.

Formal Enrichment Programme

The Formal Enrichment programme will be running on Weeks 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. Although we have had a wonderful response from parents and we have lots of interesting activities, we would be keen to have 4 more parent volunteers to help us out. There are lots of great activities that the children will be involved in, ranging from glockenspiels, cooking, green screen, art and craft, games and science activities.

Beach Visits

The weather impacted our beach visits on a Friday afternoon last term. However, we thank all the whānau who came along to support us. We will be continuing with these this term, and the dates are yet to be confirmed. 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 be learning about Financial Maths - money.

Swimming in Term 4

A reminder that swimming will be happening every Wednesday 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.

Warm Clothes

Please remember that all children need a jacket every day at school this term. We always try to get outside every day.

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, Helen Taylor, Liz Irving, Ben Haddock and Bex Quinn.