

Thursday 9 October 2025



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4. We had a great Term 3, where the Dance Production was a highlight. We have many further exciting activities planned for this term. We welcome all the new learners who are starting in Room 4 this term with Peggy Bruce. We also have two new Learning Assistants this term. We welcome Sofia Magallanes Leal, who is working 4 days a week in Rooms 6 and 5 and Zoe Gerondis, who is working on Thursdays in Room 5.

Integrated Studies focus

Our inquiry learning this term is an integrated focus on Science and Technology about Bridges. We will be asking the question: "What shapes make a strong structure for a bridge?" We will also be developing an understanding of the purpose of a bridge and the variety of ways bridges can be constructed. There will be lots of hands-on activities with the exploration of a variety of resources for making bridges. If any parents have expertise in this area, we would love to hear from you.

Across the term, we will be exploring celebrations: Diwali and Christmas. Please refer to the long-term plan for more detailed information about topics covered this term.

Perceptual Motor Programme

We are excited to be once again running our Perceptual Motor-skills Programme (PMP) on **Thursday** mornings starting in week 3. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help. We are still hoping for one or two more parents to volunteer to help, particularly from 10am to 11am. The children love this programme, which is designed to help children develop fine and gross motor-skills through activities based on coordination, balance, locomotion, and memory. Children need to wear comfortable clothes for movement and have shoes they can independently manage.

Sunhats and Jackets

In Term Four, children are expected to wear a school sunhat every day. It is also useful to put a named roll of sunscreen in your child's bag, as we will remind them to put this on for outdoor events and at lunchtime. It is also important to have a jacket at school every day.

Swimming

Swimming started well yesterday and will continue every **Wednesday** for the remainder of the term. Children need to be wearing clothing that they can easily and independently change, and shoes that slip on or are easy for them to independently fasten. Please have a small, separately wrapped snack in the swimming bags to take to swimming.

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) activities

Years 0, 1, and 2 plan to visit Seatoun Beach on the first sunny morning of the week, starting Monday, **15 December**.

Transition to Year 3 Meeting

On **Thursday, 4th December**, we will be running a meeting for parents of Year 2 students to discuss some practical ways in which you can support your child in the transition from Year 2 to Year 3. There will also be an opportunity to have questions answered. This will be a short, 20 - 30 minute meeting - beginning at 3.00 pm in Room 1. Childcare for your children will be provided in Room 6.

Thank you for your support.

Ngā mihi nui,

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