

Thursday 17th July 2025,



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Kia ora and welcome back to Term 3. We have an action-packed term of learning happening in the Year 5-6 team. For the first 6 weeks of this term Mrs Imrie (Rm12) is on leave recovering from knee surgery, and we are really lucky to have Mrs Jacinda Paice in Room 12 for Monday - Wednesday, and to have Mrs Catherine Miller for Thursday - Friday.

Inquiry Learning

This term, we will have our whole-school dance unit, culminating in a dance production held over two evenings in Week 9. For the first part of Term 3 we will also be doing a small environmental inquiry that follows on from our Entrepreneur Unit. The profit from market day was \$2,043.30 and has been earmarked for an environmental project at Seatoun School and nearby Oruaiti Reserve. We will focus our learning on understanding our coastal environment and developing a plan of action to improve and preserve it. We will be visiting Oruaiti Reserve on Wednesday, 23rd July, to learn about the environment and to do some planting with Tom Mayo, our local park ranger.

Poetry Unit

During Term 3 every student in Year 5-6 will be memorising and presenting a poem to their class. This is an important part of our oral language learning and progresses towards presenting a speech, which will be part of the learning when your child is in the senior school. The poem can be written by another author or it can be written by the students themselves. It should be of a length that will take at least 30 seconds to present orally. We will be learning about clarity, projection, pace, expression, confidence, eye contact, facial expression, appropriate gestures, and memorisation. Some representatives from each class will compete in a team-wide recital, and from there, judges will choose some finalists to present as part of the Poetry and Speech Evening on Thursday, 28th August. The classroom teacher will support your child in finding a poem and building confidence to speak to a small audience.

Term 4 Camp

Our biannual camp to El Rancho is on Wednesday, 22 October, until Friday 24 October. The camp includes transport to and from El Rancho, many outdoor and indoor team-building and individual challenges, food, and accommodation. This camp will cost \$290 per student.

If you would like to be considered as a parent helper for this camp then please email Matt to register your interest. matt.finnigan@seatoun.school.nz

Thank you for your continued support.

Ngā mihi,
Year 5-6 Teaching Team