

5 May 2022

Year 1/2 School Newsletter Information



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. We have all returned to school refreshed and ready to learn. We are excited that we are beginning to return more to our regular programme with some cross team activities that the children particularly enjoy. We are trying to get our PMP (Perceptual Motor-skills Programme) running this term and are requesting parent help for a Tuesday and Thursday. Please see the note below. We hope all children will get to cook this term in the Food Technology Room. We have lots of other exciting activities planned for this term. Please refer to the long-term plan for more information.

Integrated Studies

This term, we will continue to work on our school-wide integrated unit about “Early Voyagers: Kōrinorino o Nga Tupuna (In the Wake of Our Ancestors)”. Below are some of the concepts we will be investigating:

Navigation- how early voyagers navigated across the ocean using stars

Tangata Whenua meets Taiwi- who Kupe was and why he is important in Aotearoa New Zealand; when, how and why tangata whenua and taiwi came to our place; what our local area was like 150 years ago

Our tūrangawaewae- where our place is in the world; when, how and from where our whānau come to Aotearoa; what are

some landmarks from the past in our local area; what are the origins and meanings of some local place names

This whole-school unit will culminate in a celebration of Matariki towards the end of the term.

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 Tuesday 17th May, (postponement day Thursday 19th May). [See Steeple Rock for a tentative timetable. Parents are welcome to come and watch.](#)

PMP Perceptual Motor-skills Programme

We are hoping to be run the PMP (Perceptual Motor-skills Programme) in Term 2. 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 generally run weekly on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons for 8 weeks. **This is a parent run programme, and we need plenty of parents to help,** for this programme to run successfully.

If you are able to help out on a weekly basis, here are the options:

Session 1: Tuesday 8.45am-9.55am (set up and class circuits)

Session 2: Tuesday 9.55am-11am (class circuits and pack up)

Session 3 Thursday 1.35pm to 2.45pm (set up, 2 classes, pack up).

If you are able to help or would like to know more please contact: susan kliffen (susan.kliffen@seatoun.school.nz) or 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 Thursday afternoon, the Year 1 and 2 students will cover: PMP, food technology, untuned musical instruments, 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 is also essential if we were to evacuate the school.

School Values

This term we will be focussing on **Self-Control** and **Honesty**. We will be sharing and discussing what these values mean to us, and considering how we can display them in our daily lives. It would be great if you could follow this up at home.

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