

# Seatoun School Year 7-8 Syndicate News

## Term 3 2018

Thursday 2nd August

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

**Welcome back to a jam packed term of rockeering, public speaking, debating and trips twice a week to the aquatic center!**

**The Term 3 programme overview is attached.**

### **Homelearning:**

**Steeple Rock Challenge:** The expectation is for all Y7/8 students to complete 5 challenges by the end of the year, with a minimum expectation of 1 per term. TRUMP challenges will be shared during the last week of each term. The challenge needs to be well prepared, should be 2-3 minutes long and should include evidence of some kind. Earning money towards our end of year camps is a way of helping your child to better appreciate these fantastic experiences.

**Mathletics:** Completing 1000 points or 1 hour of mathletics a week. This will support the students learning in our current Geometry and Measurement unit.

**Fortnightly tasks:** An overview of the homelearning tasks for this term are on the website under the **Curriculum** tab.

### **A few notes on Curriculum:**

**Literacy:** We are in full swing with writing speeches. Every child has been given a digital booklet with a timeline, criteria, structure and other information. Speeches need to be ready to share from Monday Week 6. Debating will be run along side this.

**Wonder Project:** As a bit of a follow on from our amazing science unit in Term 2, we are part of the Wonder Project, which is a 5 week unit where the kids learn about what it takes to get a rocket into space. An expert visits each class once a week to answer student questions and to facilitate the session. The project will end with an inter-school competition to see who can build the most effective pressure powered rocket!

**KiVa:** The KiVa program continues this term, with focuses on respect, fostering positive relationships and understanding and valuing different points of view

**Y7/8 Responsibilities:** These roles have already been filled, but will continue this term: Librarians, Enviro leaders, PE monitors, cooking helpers, kitchen monitors and band members.

Applications for Junior Associates, and Fitness Instructors have already been collected and these will be announced on Friday to the syndicate. Starting School at 5 Parent Meeting speakers and Annual Appeal organisers and coming up later this term.

Roles that children can ask for: Playing an instrument at fortnightly huis and being lunchtime monitors. The role of hui presenter is offered to every Y8.

**EOTC Week in Term 4:** Is a great time for all students. From December 3rd - 7th. The Y7's head off around Wellington for a range of localised activities, as well as spending at least one night away. The Y8's head back down to Nydia Bay for their annual 4 night camp.

Many thanks,

Sam Broadmore, Jacinda Paice, Rachael Laming and Charles Daily.