

# Seatoun School Year 7-8 Syndicate News

## Term 3 2019

Thursday 25th July

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

**Welcome back to a jam-packed term of public speaking, coast saving, dancing, problem-solving, debating and trips to the aquatic center!**

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

***Firstly a massive welcome to Jacki Howlett, who replaces Charles Daily in Room 3, for the rest of the year. We are very lucky to have you on board!***

**Home-learning: 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. 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.

**Maths Home-learning:** 1 hour of any maths practice a week. This could include tutoring, Otago problem-solving practice, Mathletics or other online options.

**Reading:** 20-30mins At least 4 times a week.

**Fortnightly tasks:** These will be set from week 6, once speeches are done and will be available on the school website.

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

**Literacy:** We have begun our speech writing unit. Every child will be given a timeline, criteria, structure and other information. Speeches need to be ready to share from Monday 19th August (Week 5).

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

**Swimming:** This term we head off to the aquatic centre for 9 sessions. The sessions are on Tuesday and Thursdays, but are sporadically placed throughout the term. Please check the Swimming Signmee for those dates. The first session is on the 8th of August.

**Enrichment STEM teaching:** This term we are lucky to have Jacinda Paice leading specialised STEM (Science, technology, engineering and math) sessions with our syndicate. Each class will receive 10, one hour sessions this term, each Wednesday for the first 5 weeks and then Tuesdays after that.

**Kapa haka:** Has been moved to Thursday morning. The structure will also be changing to allow other activities such as stick games, poi dance, the teaching of te reo as well as haka and waiata.

**Y7/8 Responsibilities:** There is an opportunity for Y8 students to apply to be Junior Associates, fitness leaders, technology helpers, PE monitors and AV coordinators (new role running the new hall audio/visual set up). Librarians, Enviro leaders, cooking helpers, kitchen monitors and band members have already been assigned.

### **Community Action Day - Parent Participation**

We would like to thank all parents who attended our Community Action Day this morning. The children were very excited that you were able to experience first hand the environmental actions that we have been working on. In addition, the opportunity that every learner in the school got to plant a native species on the surrounding reserve will provide a strong future connection to the school.

**EOTC Week in Term 4:** Is a great time for all students. From December 2nd - 6th. 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. A popular Steeple Rock Challenge is to have students earn a portion of there EOTC costs which are approx \$200 for the Y7 week and \$300 for the Y8 week.

Many thanks,

Sam Broadmore, Jacinda Paice, Rachael Laming and Jacki Howlett.