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**Y7/8 Term 4 Newsletter**

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a busy, but exciting Term 4.

**PROGRAMME:** Please refer to our Term 4 Long Term Plan PDF. Below are a few important things that you should know about some of the learning that's going on over the next 8 weeks.

EOTC (Dec 4th -8th): Firstly, a massive thankyou to all parents who put your hands up to help this term. Even if your services weren't required, we deeply appreciate the support. These events cannot go head without parent help.

Please ensure you complete the "Permissions and Disclosure" Google form that will be sent out via signmee in the next couple of days, if you have not done so already.

Y8 EOTC Week Overview: This year we return to Nydia Bay, where the students will enjoy 4 device free nights away. They will sleep in cabins, cooking their own food, learn about the native bush, study water safety and survival skills. They'll problem solve, paint, run, swim and kayak. The programme is designed to offer new experiences and opportunities to all the students regardless of their confidence or previous experiences. More information including a detailed itinerary and gear list will be given later in the term.

Y7 EOTC Week Overview: This year we are going to El Rancho for 1 night, the sorts of activities will be archery, horse riding bivouac making. They will sleep in cabins and the food will be catered. The emphasis will be on problem solving and developing resilience and having fun doing activities they may not often do. On the Wednesday, we will be doing activities around the school and Seatoun, and then on Thursday we will be travelling to Eastbourne to bike to Pencarrow lighthouse. Bikes will be provided for those who don't have one and then on Friday we will be going into Wellington and then rock climbing and rollerblading. More information will be given later in the term.

Year 8 Formal: This term our Year 8 students will complete 12 formal dance lessons. These will be on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 1:30-2:45. There is an additional cost of \$30 per child to cover these sessions. Payments can be made to the office.

While our Year 8 students are dancing, our Year 7 students will design each element of their formal night from the theme, down to the table setting.

Health: The Year 7/8 students will begin the "Positive Puberty" programme next week. A Signmee covering the contents of this programme was sent earlier this week.

We also continue with KiVa, where we discuss different forms of bullying, how to identify them and what we can do to prevent them from happening.

Support: Letters notifying parents of support/extension opportunities will be sent home in the next week.

Home Learning and Steeple Rock Challenges: Home learning will continue to Week 8 of this term. This includes fortnightly writing tasks and athletics.

Sunhats: Students know that named sunhats need to be worn everyday.

Kind regards

Jacinda, Charles and Sam.