

# Seatoun School Year 7-8 Syndicate News

## Term 2 2018

Newsletter #1

Thursday 9th May, 2018

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Welcome back! The Term 2 programmes for Y7/8 are attached.

### **The Science Term!**

We are all super excited about getting stuck into science this term. We have already started our 4 week rotation of Physics, Biology, Earth Science and Chemistry. In week 5, we move on space with a trip to the Carter Observatory. In week 6, we look into the animal kingdom and visit the zoo to explore habitats and species. Through the term Eleanor Stephanidis will be taking all classes for 10 weeks of fair testing and inquiry into science.

### **Homelearning**

**Maths:** 1 hour of maths per week. This could be mathematics, or other maths including after school tutoring, online learning or paper based practice.

**Writing:** The written home learning for the term has been added to the school website and shared with all of your children.

**Reading:** at least 20mins 4 nights a week.

**Steeple Rock Challenge** It was a pleasure to see such a variety of quality challenges shared with classmates last term. Just a reminder; 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.

**Support** Letters will be sent home to parents of students receiving extra support/extension next week.

**Cross-country/Fitness** Training is well under way for the school cross-country, which is next week on the 15th. Children have been practicing over the past couple of weeks.

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

**ICAS (Australasian) tests** will be starting this term, please check the long terms plan attached for dates. Students will be given a copy of previous tests before the sitting date.

**EOTC** Education Outside the Classroom programmes happen at the end of Term 4. Although this is a long way off, we encourage the Year 7/8 students to start saving now as a Steeple Rock Challenge. Approximate costs will be: Y8-\$300, Y7-\$200. Adult helpers will be required for all programmes.

**Y7/8 Responsibilities** Last term Y7/8 students ran lunch time art and dance for junior students. Junior Associates supported junior programmes, Kindergarten, PE shed and kitchen monitors did a great job and librarians and the enviro team also kicked off. This term will be choosing fitness leaders to add to the list of responsibilities.

We look forward to a great term ahead!

Rachael, Charles, Jacinda and Sam.



