

Year 7-8 Newsletter Term 3 2020

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Newsletter 3



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back! We have an exciting term planned ahead with swimming, speeches, singing, cultural rotations and workshops. Plus experiences run by parents and outside agencies that support our unit on “Cultural Responsiveness”.

Term 3 Learning Focus

Term 3 has a strong cultural and creative focus. **Cultural Awareness** and **Creativity (through the Arts)** are the major conceptual lenses that will be explored through our schoolwide inquiry - **A CULTURAL CELEBRATION - engaging our senses through the Arts**



Formal Speeches - Learners will be engaging in the art of formal speeches. Each student will craft a 3-5 minute speech on a topic of their choice. Over the next couple of weeks they will learn how to engage, entertain, inform and persuade their audience using a range of literary devices. The learning will culminate in our exciting class and team's **Poetry and Speech competition evening (Tuesday 25 August - 6.30 - 8.30pm)**. This is a fantastic opportunity for our learners to see what their future learning looks like at Seatoun School.

Learning about Culture through the Arts - With a range of parents and outside agencies coming in to share their culture later on this term, our learners will grow their understanding of the different cultures that make up our unique community. These experiences will be shared through music, dance, art, storytelling and food.

Numeracy focus

Learners will continue to develop their Number Knowledge. This includes **Addition / Subtraction** and **Multiplication / Division** skills. Understanding **Place-Value, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages**. In addition our focus will also be on the Mathematical Strand of **Geometry and Measurement**.

Term 3 Swimming

The Year 7&8 Team will be participating in the Kilbirnie Learn to Swim programme. Our first session was a great success this week. Learners will participate on Tuesdays, throughout the term (**Dates: 21/7, 28/7, 11/8, 18/8, 25/8, 15/9, 22/9**) Our learners will follow a learn to swim programme and an excellent range of activities.

Don't forget your togs!

Steeple Rock Challenge

Thank you for talking to, and encouraging your children to undertake new and exciting opportunities. It was great to see such a variety of quality challenges shared with classmates last term. Remember, 5 challenges need to be completed and shared by the end of the year.

EOTC Term 4

Year 8 Camp: 23-27th November: The cost for the Year 8 camp has been confirmed at \$350 per student. Please ensure you have filled out the Permissions and Disclosure form for your child

<https://forms.gle/RHJ23FAAHYqB4roT9>

Year 7 EOTC week including camp (30 November - 4 December: 2): Cost to be confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you all back at school. If you have any questions regarding our programmes please don't hesitate to contact us directly or by email.

Best regards

The Year 7&8 Team.