

## Year 7/8 Newsletter Term 1, 2022

10 February 2022  
Newsletter 1



Dear Parents, Caregivers, and whānau,

Welcome back everyone to the start of a new school year.

### **Staff**

In the Year 7/8 team we have the following staff working full time or in a part time capacity.

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| Sam Broadmore - classroom teacher       | Room 11 (Monday - Thursday) |
| Ken Hodson - classroom teacher          | Room 11 (Friday)            |
| Lucille Richardson - classroom teacher  | Room 12 (Monday - Friday)   |
| Rachael Laming - classroom teacher      | Room 13 (Monday - Friday)   |
| Angela Boulieris - Teaching assistant   | Room 11 (Monday - Friday)   |
| Hazel Rostron-Wood - Teaching assistant | Room 12 (Monday - Friday)   |

### **Term One Inquiry - Early Voyagers**

This year we will spend the first month focusing on classroom/school culture and student well being. This will be through the KiVA programme, Pause Breathe Smile programme, Digital Citizenship, and class team building. For the rest of the term we will begin a school wide inquiry into the early voyagers to Aotearoa. This unit will also be in conjunction with a unit that has been developed by Worsler Bay Yachting Club. This is a unit that will be continued into part of Term 2 and we are really looking forward to lots of amazing learning linked to local history, science and technology, and matauranga maori.

### **Key Dates for Early Voyagers**

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| Week 7 | 14th-17th March Sailing Day at Worsler Bay |
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### **Home-Learning Programme**

Home Learning is made up of three components.

1. Reading for 15 minutes 4 times a week
2. Steeple Rock challenge which is compulsory in the Y7/8 syndicate. This is 5 challenges over the course of the year.
3. The third component changes depending on the topics covered in class. Week 2 (this week) is learning your pepeha and turning it into a video to share with your class. Week 3 is a set of learning activities. Speak to your child about the home learning for the week.

### **Enrichment**

Every Friday the children engage in a full-day enrichment programme. In the morning they have their school based enrichment: Music, Sphero coding, fabrics technology (just Y8's), debating/movie making, Art (just Y8's), cooking and EPRO 8. Then in the afternoon they go to Rongotai College where they rotate around music, science, hard materials, art, drama and Spanish. Each rotation is 4 weeks.

### **Leadership Opportunities**

This is a major part of what we offer at Y7/8. As it stands many of the current opportunities are on stand by, while we are under the red light restrictions. Once these are lifted we will endeavour to offer the following: Junior Associates, fitness leader and conservation leader, Enviro leader, librarian monitor, audio engineer, Hui presenter (Y8 only), art and kitchen monitor, House points and Yummy sticker monitor, School Rep for the "Starting School at 5" evening and technology assistant. Other opportunities may also come up during the year. Last year a group of students ran morning tea all inclusive games of touch rugby. Another group ran a Dungeons and Dragons club. These are all authentic and meaningful opportunities for your child.

**Self-Management**

All students are actively encouraged to take responsibility for:

1. Ensuring their ipad or BYOD is fully charged for the start of each school day
2. Being sunsmart, and managing the wearing and storage of face masks.

**Other Key Dates in Term 1**

| <b>Week 4<br/>Tuesday 22 February</b>   | <b>Week 7<br/>14-17 March</b> | <b>Week 10<br/>4-6 April</b> |
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| Digital Citizenship Parent Information Evening<br>(Parents for Yr 5-8 students) | Worser Bay Sailing            | 3 Way Conferences            |

Ngā mihi,

The Year 7-8 Team.