

Seatoun School Year 7-8 Syndicate News

Term 3 2022



Thursday 28th July

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Welcome back to somewhat frosty but jam-packed term of public speaking, over acting, singing, swimming and coding!

The Term 3 programme overview is attached.

Here are some key points about the upcoming term:

Literacy: We begin the term by getting straight into our speech writing unit. Students will be analysing well written speeches so they can ultimately write and perform their own. Students will perform their speeches in week 5 of this term. Representatives from each class will be chosen for whole syndicate semi finals. Finally 8-10 students are selected to speak during Speech & Poetry Night on Thursday 1 September.

The Performance Revue: This term the year 8 students will be putting on an evening revue. A selection of light hearted plays and pantomimes to perform to the community in the final week of the term. It is likely that Y7's may also be able to be a part of this, however, priority will go to Year 8, as the Y7's will get their shot next year when we take on another full school production!

We will need parent help to make costumes and paint sets with our students, so stay tuned for further communication around this later this week.

Mathematics: The maths focus this term will be Geometry and Measurement. Students will engage in a range of practical and written tasks around the concepts of area, volume, perimeter, angles, and shape properties. They will apply these skills to a set of practical projects throughout the term.

Kapa haka and te reo Māori: This will happen each Monday afternoon across the syndicate. We will sing waiata and take part in games and activities that help to reinforce our use of te reo! Starting week 2.

Y7/8 Responsibilities: As it stands we have junior associates in all classes across from Y1-4. Students have applied for and been chosen for our Starting School at 5 evening, Librarians and enviro leaders are doing a great job and we've just chosen new food tech monitors. Our PE shed and fitness monitors are of tremendous value. The talent quest is scheduled for the end of this term and we will need students to help organise and run that. Finally, the hui AV team is now up and running.

Home-learning:

1. **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.
2. **Reading: 20-30mins at least 4 times a week.**
3. **1hr Weekly Home Learning task, which relate to maths project work, changes each week.**

EOTC Week in Term 4: This is a great time for all students. From November 28th - December 2nd. The Y7's head off around Wellington for a range of localised activities, as well as spending at least one night away at Makahika. The Y8's head back down to Mistletoe Bay for their annual 4 night camp. A popular Steeple Rock Challenge is to have students earn a portion of their EOTC costs which are approximately \$250 for the Y7 week and approx \$350 for the Y8 week.

We have high numbers of parents apply for the Y8 camp, so it is unlikely we will be able to take everyone. We aim to make that difficult decision this Friday, so if you applied you will hear the following week.

Many thanks,
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