

Seatoun School Year 7-8 Syndicate News

Term 3 2023



Thursday 20th July

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Welcome back to somewhat frosty but jam-packed term of public speaking, performing, swimming, and geometry...ing.

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 Finals Night in week 6 (date to be confirmed). We will also be learning about NZ histories. Experiences will include a field Trip to Pukeahu on 22nd Aug.

The Performance: Seussical The Musical: This term the school will be putting on Seussical the Musical. A musical of epic proportions! The Y6-8 students have taken the majority of the lead roles and rehearsals are already well under way! Every student will be a part of this opportunity either on stage, or behind it.

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

Swimming: Swimming lessons begin Week 2, every Monday this term. With School swimming sports in Week 3 and EZ in Week 5.

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. 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: This will tie

EOTC Week in Term 4: This is a great time for all students. From November 27th - December 1st. The Y7's head off around Wellington for a range of localised activities, as well as spending at least one night away at Makahika. Then from the 4-8th of December, 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 \$400 for the Y8 week.

Many thanks,

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