

Seatoun School Year 7-8 Syndicate News

Term 3 2024

Thursday 25th July

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to a somewhat frosty but jam-packed term of public speaking, swimming and cultural celebration!

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.

This term we are also learning about **Cultural Diversity**. The contributions that different cultures have made to NZ and the different perspectives involved around this topic. Why do people move across borders and what are the challenges they face in doing so?

Mathematics: The maths focus this term will be Algebra as well as continuing to develop our understanding of key mathematical concepts around decimals, fractions and percentages.

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!

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.

Swimming: Every Monday we head off to the Aquatic center for our weekly hour long sessions. So please help your child remember their togs, towel and goggles!

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

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