

Senior School News

Term 2, 2025



Newsletter #2

Thursday 1st May, 2025

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Welcome back! After an exciting and action-packed first term which included Rongotai Enrichment, Innovation and Leadership Week, we are looking forward to settling into Term 2. The Term 2 programmes for the Senior School are also included as a separate attachment.

No Compulsory Science Fair this year

As we now cover Science as a regular part of our classroom programme with both Mr Finnigan and at Rongotai, we have decided to move away from completing a Science Fair as a compulsory part of our programme and instead take this opportunity to study Ancient Civilisations. The Science Fair can be completed as a Steeple Rock Challenge, and the opportunity to go to the NIWA Regional Science Fair will still be available. If your child would like to take part in this, please email their teacher.

Ancient Civilisations: During this inquiry, we will explore day-to-day life, research innovations, and examine the rise and fall of empires from around the world. Ancient Rome, Greece, and Egypt will be among the civilisations studied, as will a range of others. If your child enjoys this topic, a research project could be a great Steeple Rock challenge to share with their classmates!

Homelearning

Reminder:

1. Reading: at least 20 mins 4 nights a week.
2. Complete 5 challenges by the end of the year, with a minimum expectation of 1 per term.
3. The final element of the home learning programme will be an individual study of an Ancient Civilisation, which will need to be completed and presented by the end of the term. More information on this project will be sent out via Hero over the course of the next week.

Cross-country/Fitness: Training has already begun! Students must bring appropriate footwear and be prepared to run every day until our School Event on Wednesday next week!

Secondary School visits: A little heads up for Y8 parents that secondary schools often have their open days during this term, so check out the websites of schools that you are interested in and take your child along. Rongotai College is the only school that offers to transport students to and from their "Rongotai Experience". Check their website for more details.

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The Senior Team.