



February 2026 Year 7–8 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and whānau,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. We are looking forward to working alongside your children and supporting them through a busy and exciting year.

Year 7–8 Team

- **Sam Broadmore** – Classroom Teacher & Team Leader: *Room 17 (Monday–Thursday)*
- **Eileen Mueller** – Classroom Teacher: *Room 17 (Friday)*
- **Alison Roper** – Classroom Teacher: *Room 16 (Monday–Thursday)*
- **Charlotte Warner** – Classroom Teacher: *Room 16 (Friday)*
- **Rachael Laming** – Classroom Teacher: *Room 15 (Monday–Friday)*
- **Matt Finnigan** – Associate Principal, Year 5–8

Term One Inquiry: Leadership, Community & Emergency Services

This term, students will explore leadership alongside learning about emergency services and their roles in emergency situations, both locally and globally.

Curriculum Focus

- **Mathematics:** Using *Maths No Problem*
 - Year 7: Number
 - Year 8: Algebra and Measurement
- **Reading:** Treaty of Waitangi and Emergency Services
- **Writing:** Developing the tools of effective writers to create clear, engaging texts

Leadership Week

Week 5: March 2–5

Students will participate in a range of leadership experiences. Previous activities have included leading junior classes, team challenges, and Adrenalin Forest. This year, we also aim to work with members of our local emergency services through a leadership lens.

Home Learning Programme

Home learning consists of three parts:

1. **Reading** – 20 minutes, four times per week
2. **Steeple Rock Challenge** – Five compulsory challenges across the year
3. **Inquiry Task** – One hour per week investigating real-world events (starting locally and broadening over time)

Weekly instructions will be provided. All home learning this term is to be completed in a **home learning book**.

Enrichment Programme (Fridays)

Morning – School-based enrichment

Coding, Art, Cooking, Debating/Movie Making, Volleyball, Badminton

Year 8 only: Fabrics Technology, EPRO8

Afternoon – Rongotai College

Music, Science, Hard Materials, Art, Drama, Spanish

Each rotation lasts five weeks

Leadership Opportunities

Students will be advised when applications open. Some roles require an email application; others require an expression of interest only.

Applications open Next week

Junior Associate, Fitness Leader, Food Tech Monitor, Librarian

- **Junior Associates (Y8 priority):** All year – Apply to Mr Broadmore
Support Year 1–2 classes (15 mins after lunch, Mon–Thur)
- **Year 3–4 Leaders (Y7–8):** All year – Apply to Mr Broadmore
- **Lost Property Monitors:** Assist Ms Gregory (Room 1)
- **Fitness Leaders (Y7–8):** Design and run Monday fitness sessions
- **PE Shed Monitors:** Term by term
- **Librarians:** Assist in the library (Belinda)
- **Starting School at 5 Speakers (Y8 priority):** Terms 1 & 3
- **AV Tech Engineers (Y8 priority):** Hui support (training provided)
- **Food Tech Monitors:** Daily support (Ms Miller)
- **Enviro Kid:** Weekly meetings (TBC)
- **EPRO8 Team:** Engineering competition team
- **Hui Presenters (Y8 priority):** One-off role
- **Hui Performers:** Ongoing opportunities
- **Lit Quiz:** Term 1 (TBC)
- **Kapa Haka Leaders:** All year
- **Talent Quest Committee:** Term 4

Ngā mihi nui,

The Year 7–8 Team