

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Welcome to Term 3.

We hope everyone enjoyed a happy and relaxed holiday and that you are all looking forward to the new term. A special welcome to our new students and their families, who started this week.

A huge thank you to the many parents who assisted us in Term 2 with the Year 6 camp, trips, sport events, transporting students, the disco and helping in the classrooms. Your support is greatly appreciated and assists us with the success of our team.

Writers' Quiz

Congratulations to our Writers' Quiz participants:

A Team – Cecilia Ma, Ana Pirini, Chenyou Song

B Team – Max Liu, Emilia Reghenzani, Yunmin Lee

Reserves: Paige McKechnie, Katherine Wang

Our A team won the competition in a very close and exciting finish. Thank you to Julie Low for training our successful teams.

Topics for Term 3:

Oral Language

Speeches and poetry recitation

Integrated Unit

Electricity

Technology

Taonga Carving - Mr Rankin

Physical Education

Gymnastics/ball skills

During Term 2 there were many opportunities for our students to participate in a range of activities outside the classroom.

Congratulations to the many students who were involved in kapa haka, the music festival, writers' quiz, the chess tournament, and in the soccer, netball, rugby and hockey teams.

You showed tremendous commitment to prepare for these events and your performances were outstanding.



Term 3 Dates

School Cross Country
25 July

International English
Competition 31 July

Somerville Intermediate
enrolment forms due 17 August

School Factathon
13 August (Fact sheets issued)

International Mathematics
Competition 14 August

Area Cross Country
14 August

Senior Speech Finals
4 September 9:00am

Gymnastics Competition
13 September

Area Mathex Competition
25 September

School Cultural Assembly
28 September

Fitness

Please help your child to remember their fitness gear. A change of shoes is recommended when they are doing their fitness run on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children are training for the school cross-country, which will be held on 25 July. You are welcome to attend this event.



Trees for Survival

Congratulations to our Year 6 students involved in raising seedlings over the past year. On 31 July they will plant over 800 native trees that they have successfully nurtured and grown.

Huge thanks to Penny Gibson and Kylie Coomes, who supervised the Trees for Survival project in 2017.

Mrs Gibson, Mrs Coomes and the students of Rooms 18 and 22 have recently planted new seedlings in the plant growing unit at the school. They will take care of the plants this year and will plant them out in 2019.

Growth Mindset

The teachers and students in the senior school have been using the Growth Mindset principles by Carol Dweck. Carol is a Professor of Psychology at Stanford University and her work is based on years of scientific research.

Growth mindset creates a passion for learning based on the belief that your capabilities can develop through your effort and practice. At Point View we value passion, commitment, learning and growth. We are encouraging our students to have self-belief, to challenge themselves by taking risks, build their resilience, and that success comes as a result of effort, learning and persistence. We are using the growth mindset language such as “not yet”.

Homework

The senior students need to be spending 30 minutes each night on reading, learning their spelling words and checking they understand the meanings of words, and basic facts learning.

We expect all Year 6 students to have quick recall of times tables before moving on to Intermediate.

English and Mathematics practice papers are available from Rooms 22 and 20 to prepare for the International Competitions this term.

Assemblies

Full school assemblies are on Fridays of odd weeks. Senior assembly will be on 17 August. Please join us at 9:00 in the hall.

The senior school English Speech Finals will be held on Tuesday 4 September at 9:00am in the hall. Families are welcome to attend.

Speeches

We have entered our students into the Auckland Speech Competitions for English, Mandarin, Korean and Hindi languages. Although it is a requirement for all senior students to enter the English Speech Competition, please encourage any speakers of the other languages to participate.

If you are able to help a small group of children with the other languages please contact Robyn Hibberd.

World Vision 20- hour famine

Thank you to the senior students who participated in the 20-hour famine in Term 2.

\$1623.70 was raised.

Awesome effort!

Senior Electives

Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist with electives. We have more spaces available if anyone is able to assist with a sport, craft or learning activity. Electives will start on 29 August and run on Wednesday afternoons until 26 September. Electives is a very popular programme for our senior school students.

If you are available to help please email Robyn Hibberd at r.hibberd@pointview.school.nz



Looking forward to a very enjoyable and productive term.

The Senior Syndicate

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