

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 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: Madison Taylor, Hannah Forgie, Trisan Hyunh, Bailey Liu, Hillary Zhong, Kevin Lin and Georgia Willats.

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.

Your performances were outstanding.

Topics for Term 3:

Oral Language

Speeches and Poetry

Recitation

Integrated Unit

The eye, fair testing

Technology

Woodwork - Mr Rankin

Physical Education

Gymnastics/Swimming



Term 3 Dates

International English
Competition 28 July

School Spell-a-thon
10 August

International Mathematics
Competition 11 August

Senior Speech Finals
14 August 9:00am

School Cross Country
19 August

Gymnastics Competition
2 September

Koanga Festival
Saturday 5 September

Area Cross Country
15 September

Mathex Competition
22 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 19 August.

Please contact Lisa Firth if you are able to assist at this event.



Trees for Survival

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who were involved in raising seedlings over the past year. On 5 June they planted over 700 native trees that they had nurtured and grown.

Huge thanks go to Karyn Bower and Claire Galvin who supervised the Trees for Survival project in 2014.

The students of Rooms 20 and 26 have recently planted new seedlings in the plant-growing unit at the school.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming will begin on Thursday 6 August for most senior classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve students' confidence and ability in the water. It also helps prepare our Year 5 students for Waterwise in Year 6.

Homework

The senior students need to be spending 30 minutes each night on reading, learning their spelling words and checking that 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 to Intermediate.

English and Mathematics practice papers are available from Rooms 22 and 25 to prepare for the International Competitions this term.

Assemblies

Full school assemblies are held on Fridays of odd weeks. Senior assembly will be on 25 September. Please join us at 9.00am in the hall.

The senior school English Speech Finals will be held on Friday 14 August at 9:00am in the hall. Families are welcome to attend.

Little Einsteins

Congratulations to our eighteen young scientists who presented at the science conference in the holidays. You had worked very hard to prepare for this and delivered superb presentations.

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.

\$2233.40 was raised for World Vision.

Awesome effort!

Senior Electives

Thank you to the two parents who have offered to assist with electives.

We have more spaces available if anyone is able to assist with a sport, craft or activity.

Electives will start on 5 August and run on Wednesday afternoons until 2 September.

Looking forward to a very enjoyable and productive term.

The Senior Syndicate

Ben Adye, Nicky Bates, Karyn Bower, Lisa Firth, Claire Galvin, Penny Gibson, Robyn Hibberd, Julie Low, Dave Pareanga, Sherri Rhodes, Kimberley Rivett, Anthony Wright