

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.

We are looking forward to having trips, swimming, sport events, speeches and electives this term.

We appreciate your help with supervision and transport for these events.

We are pleased to welcome Brittany Jude to our teaching team. Brittany will be teaching in Room 21.

Topics for Term 3:

Oral Language

Speeches and poetry
recitation

Integrated Unit

Bridges & Walls

Sea Heroes

Tread Lightly

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Technology

Bridges - Mr Rankin

Physical Education

Swimming/gymnastics



Cultural Week

In week 5 of Term 3 we will be celebrating the many different cultures within our school.

We hope you can attend the Cultural Assembly on Friday 27 August at 9:00am, when we will celebrate our diverse community.

Our school Kapa Haka group will perform at this assembly. Children are encouraged to wear their national costume.



Term 3 Dates

School Cross Country
29 July

Maritime Museum trip
28 July-Rooms 19 & 23
30 July-Rooms 20 & 24
4 August-Rooms 25 & 27
6 August-Rooms 21 & 22
11 August-Room 18

School Disco 6 August

Area Cross Country
17 August

Somerville Intermediate online
enrolments due 16 August

School Factathon
16 August (Fact sheets issued)

ICAS English Competition
16-20 August

Senior Speech Finals
8 September 9:00am

ICAS Mathematics
Competition
30 August-3 September

Area Writer's Quiz

Fitness

Please help your child to remember their fitness gear. A change of shoes is recommended when they are doing their fitness run on Wednesdays. The children are training for the school cross-country, which will be held on 29 July. You are welcome to attend this event held at Botany College.

Trees for Survival

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students involved in raising seedlings over the past year.

Many thanks to Mrs Coomes and Mrs Beukens and the students of Rooms 22 and 25 who will be planting 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 2022.

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 onto 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 20 August and 1 October. Please join us at 9:00am in the hall.

The senior school English Speech Finals will be held on Wednesday 8 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, Cantonese 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.

Senior Electives

Hopefully we will have parents and grandparents who will be able to assist with electives. We are very grateful for your help. Electives will start on 1 September and will continue on Wednesday afternoons until 29 September. Electives is a very popular programme for our senior school students.

Please refer to the separate notice which has been sent out.



Looking forward to a very enjoyable and productive term.

The Senior Syndicate

Nicky Bates, Meta Beukens, Karyn Bower, Kylie Coomes, Chris Coomes, Lisa Firth, Penny Gibson, Robyn Hibberd, Brittany Jude, Sherri Rhodes, Anthony Wright, Ali Yates