

Year 7-8 Team News

Term 2, 2022

Newsletter #2

Thursday 5th May, 2022

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Welcome back! The Term 2 programmes for Y7/8 are also included as a separate attachment.

Please note the form to sign up to help for leadership week 23-26 May, at the bottom of this letter.

The Science Term!

We are all super excited about getting stuck into science this term. We start the year by exploring the thing that our city is renowned for... wind! We won't just learn about it. We will play with it, harness it and explore it. Throughout the term we will explore all 4 major areas of science; Physics, Biology, Earth Science and Chemistry, in preparation for our science fair next term.

Homelearning

Reminder: The home learning remains 1 hour a week. This may be something specifically set for that week, or a general practice task.

In addition to this reading: at least 20mins 4 nights a week.

Steeple Rock Challenge It was a pleasure to see such a variety of quality challenges shared with classmates last term. Just a reminder; the expectation is for all Y7/8 students to complete 5 challenges by the end of the year, with a minimum expectation of 1 per term. Challenges will be shared during the last week of each term.

Cross-country/Fitness: Training will begin soon for the school cross-country which is planned for Tuesday May 17th. Children will be practicing over the next few weeks, so please ensure your child has appropriate footwear.

KiVa: The KiVa program continues this term, with focuses on respect, fostering positive relationships and understanding and valuing different points of view

Y8 Responsibilities Senior Responsibilities will ramp up again this term with Y8 Junior Associates now being an option! A Junior Associate is a senior Y8 student who will work alongside the teacher in junior classrooms for 15mins after lunch Mon-Thur. An email will be sent out later this week with details around how students can apply for a position.

Read-A-Thon

It is tremenos to see so many students taking an active part in this important event and fundraiser. All our data projectors are getting close to the end of thier life, so we hope lots f funds are raised to purchahse new screens for each classroom.

Secondary School visits: Just 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.

Leadership Week! - Sign up to help!

From 23-26th of May we are running a leadership week for our tamariki. This involves learning about the different forms of leadership, then practicing this by designing and running activities for younger students. The students will complete team challenges and push themselves at **Adrenaline Forest on the Thursday!** The final element of this week is our Masterchef Challenge, which is the ultimate team work challenge that involves a high level of planning and execution.

We need parent help!: In order for the Master Chef Challenge and the Adrenaline Forest to go ahead, we need supervision. Both of these events are on Thursday the 26th May.

The Masterchef Challenge: Will be 2-3 hours on Thursday evening. From around 4:30 through to around 7pm. We will need one parent per group. Each group will be 3-5 students. These groups will be mixed across classes.

Adrenaline Forest (Porirua): We will need at least 3 parents per class. You can supervise from the bottom if you don't want to go up. This will take most of the day. We aim to be back at school around 2:30pm.

[Sign up here](#) *Thank you in advance! We can't do this without you:)*

Ngā mihi,

Sam, Rachael and Lucille.