



# Year 7&8 Team Newsletter

## Term 3 2018

### Term 3!

We have another very busy term ahead for Year 7&8. You have the opportunity to book a Parent Interview for Week 3 (see the school newsletter for booking details); we look forward to discussing the progress your child has made with you.

If you need to contact a teacher, please email to make an appointment, or teachers are available from 8.30am in classrooms if you want to pop in. Our Year 7&8 staff are:

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### Term 3 2018 Curriculum:

<p><b>Literacy:</b> <b>Oral language</b> - continued focus on clarity and fullness of expression in all interactions <b>Reading</b> - Comprehension of texts at appropriate levels. <b>Writing</b> - skills focus through a range of writing contexts linked to our topic, Inventors and Innovations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Writing processes - giving and responding to feedback, editing and revising (realising that my first draft is not my final piece of work!)</li><li>- Use of a wide range of specific vocabulary</li><li>- Independent use of paragraphing</li></ul>	<p><b>Maths:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Each maths class will work on the goals that have been set for students, including continued reinforcement of fractions and decimals.</li><li>- Measurement and Geometry concepts</li></ul> <p><b>Integrated Topic:</b> <b>Inventors and Innovations</b> <i>What are the inventions that have changed the world? What are the pros and cons of innovations?</i> This topic will be supported by a visit to the Waikato Museum.</p>
<p><b>Religious Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prayer, Liturgical Celebrations - Assumption</li><li>- Strand: Sacraments</li><li>- Caritas Social Justice Week</li></ul>	<p><b>PE/Health/Fitness:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Road Running / Cross Country</li><li>- Badminton</li></ul>
<p><b>Te Reo:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Whaikairo (maori carving)</li></ul>	<p><b>Rotations:</b> Students rotate through "hands on lessons" during Terms 2&amp;3: Theatre Sports, French, Art, Dance, Health &amp; Pilates</p>

## RE Focus:

Our **Value Focus** this term is The Fruit of the Spirit - **Joy - Hari**

*We take delight in the world and celebrate our successes and those of others.*

*The joy of the Lord is your strength.*

**Liturgical Year:** There are several liturgical celebrations we will learn more about this term, including:

- Monday 6th August: Transfiguration of the Lord - Feast day
- Wednesday 15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: SOLEMNITY

This term in RE students will:

- *Use different prayer styles to pray about everyday life situations.*
- *Focus on what happens in the different parts of Mass and the traditional prayers*
- *Gain a deeper understanding of each of the Sacraments*
- *Learn about how, through the Eucharist, people are strengthened to go out and serve others.*
- *Consider Social Justice through the work of Caritas.*

*John 6:35*

*"Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

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## Weekly Home Learning in Term 3

Regular weekly home learning for Year 7&8 in Term 3 is:

### **Maths:**

**1) Maths Buddy Weekly Revision** – this is a set of questions at your child's level which they complete online weekly. It is expected that students will write their strategies/working out in their homework book. Ask your child to show you this – they can access their scores too.

**2) Number knowledge ladders** – students can work on these progressions independently. They can be accessed through the Learning tab on the school website.

**Reading:** It is important all children **read daily at home for at least 20 minutes**. A good idea for reading is <http://kiwikidsnews.co.nz>, to raise awareness of national and international news. Students do a weekly current events quiz based on this and may have classroom tasks set at times also.

**Spelling:** The best way to support your child at home with spelling is to help them work through learning the lists of irregular spellings that are found on our website under the Learning tab.

***Speeches - if your child has opted to do a speech, this will need to be worked on at home as well as at school***

On top of this, students may be expected to complete work they do not complete in class in their own time if this is appropriate.

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## ***Speeches***

Last term a notice was sent home about our approach to speeches in Year 7&8 this term. Not all students need to write a speech as it will not be the focus of class work, but the opportunity to present a speech and enter the Waikato Full Primary Speech Competition is offered. If you missed the notice, it is on our website under News - Team Newsletters and Notices. Students wishing to present a speech will have their first "Speeches Club" session this Thursday.

Later in the Term the Year 8 students also get the opportunity to enter our Bible Reading Competition - details to come.

## ***Science Fair***

We have been really impressed with the learning that took place in Science last term; students now have a clear understanding of the principles of fair testing. The “showcase” of this learning process is the presentation of science fair boards.

### **Students need to deliver their science boards to the hall between 8.00-8.45am on Thursday 26 July.**

Remember that log books need to be displayed with the board also. Judging will take place between 9.00am and 12.30pm. The exhibition will then be open to parents and students from 12.30 – 2.30pm on Thursday, and 9am-11.00am on Friday. We ask that boards be left at school until Wednesday 1 August so that students can reflect on their achievements in class.

We would like to thank our judges from the Science Departments at St John’s College and Sacred Heart College.

Students who are selected to represent us at the NIWA Waikato Science Fair (Friday 24 & Saturday 25 August) will be advised on Monday 30 July.

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## **Educational Visits Term 3**

### **Museum Visit - Inventors and Innovators:**

Monday 6 Aug - 9am-12pm - Rms 2&4 / Thursday 9 Aug - 9am-12pm - Rms 1&3

Students will take part in the education programme run by the museum to support our topic.

### **Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra**

Wednesday 22 August - at the ACTiVate Church Depart 10.30am, return 12.30pm.

Both of these visits are within school hours, transport is by bus, and no separate permission forms will be sent home. Please contact a class teacher if you have any questions.

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### **Term 3 Costs:**

The additional costs for Year 7&8 syndicate for Term 3 will be added to your account:

- Waikato Museum - Inventors and Innovators Education Programme - \$8.00 entry & \$2.00 bus = \$10.00 total
- Badminton Lessons with coaches from Waikato Badminton - 3 sessions - \$3.00
- Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra - \$5.00 entry plus \$2.00 bus = \$7.00 total

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### **Mobile Phones:**

If your child brings a phone to school, it needs to be turned off and handed in to the teacher on arrival at school, to be collected at the end of the day. If your child needs to contact you during the day, this will be via the class teacher or office. The school can accept no responsibility for loss or damage of phones. Students are not to take photos or be on social media on the school grounds before or after school. ***Please consider whether your child really needs to bring a mobile phone to school.***

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### **Uniform Reminders:**

Our Year 7&8 students are great role models. Please remember:

- \* No jewellery except **one** small pair of studs or sleeper earrings
- \* No make-up or nail polish
- \* Plain hair ties in school colours
- \* Students need their PE gear at school every day.

## Important Dates for Year 7&8 - Term 3 2018

<b>Week 1</b>	Wednesday 25 July	Badminton Lessons
	Thursday 26 July	9am Science Fair judging in the hall - bring science boards to the hall from 8.00am 12.30-2.30 Science Fair exhibition open to parents and classes visiting
	Friday 27 July	9.00-11am Science Fair exhibition open to parents and classes visiting Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am
<b>Week 2</b>	Tuesday 31 July	ICAS English CathMaths:4.30-6pm CIS Maths Competition at Marian School School Photos of Groups (Choir, Kapa Haka etc)
	Wed 1 August	Badminton Lessons
	Friday 3 August	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday 6 August	9am Rms 2 & 4 - Museum - Inventors and Innovators
	Tues 7 August	Parent Interviews 2pm - 7pm
	Wed 8 August	Badminton Lessons Parent Interviews 3pm - 5.30pm AIMS Parent Meeting 6pm
	Thursday 9 August	9am Rms 1&3 - Museum - Inventors and Innovators
	Friday 10 August	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am
<b>Week 4</b>	Tuesday 14 August	ICAS Maths
	Wed 15 August	9am Whole School Mass
	Friday 17 August	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am
<b>Week 5</b>	Wed 22 August	Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra performance - 11am. Bus departs 10.30 6-8pm Spelling Evening for Parents
	Thursday 23 August	Yr 4-8 Cross Country at Porritt Stadium
	Friday 24 August	NIWA Waikato Science Fair - Hamilton Gardens Pavilion Create @ Fairfield Intermediate
<b>Week 6</b>	Friday 31 August	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am
<b>Week 7</b>	Wed 5 September	CIS Cross Country - Kihikihi Domain
	Friday 7 September	Postponement date - CIS Cross Country - Kihikihi Domain Create @ Fairfield Intermediate
<b>Week 8 AIMS GAMES</b>	Wed 12 September	9am - Yr 7&8 Syndicate Mass
	Friday 14 September	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am
<b>Week 9</b>	Wed 19 September	WFPS Cross Country - Te Aroha New Students Liturgy - Rm 2 hosting
	Friday 21 September	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am
<b>Week 10</b>	Wed 26 September	9am Whole School Mass 6.00-7.00pm Choir Concert
	Thursday 27 Sept	6.00-7.00pm Choir Concert
	Friday 28 Sept	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am Term 3 ends

Thanks for your ongoing support , Tracy, Rhonda, Kylie, Steffan, Ann, Aleise & Lisa - The Year 7&8 Team