

To Our year 7 and 8 Parents, Caregivers and Elim Whānau

We have a very exciting beginning to Term 3 in English. All our students will be given the opportunity to showcase their talents by performing oral presentations. The format will follow the criteria outlined by the Rehu Tai Speech Festival of Oral Language. Some of our students participated in the local Cluster and Auckland finals last year. However, every student that attempted the presentation, even at a school level, made a brave attempt and we commend their efforts.

We would appreciate as much assistance and support as possible from the parents and caregivers please. While all the teachers will be assisting, preparing and practicing the oral presentations during English lessons at school, this often isn't conducive to some students' optimal learning environment.

Students would be required to check in and gather ideas both at school and at home. The initial speech will be written in the students' English Books at school. Please bring any notes that are written at home to school every day to use in class.

2026 Theme

Our Roots, Our Voices, Our Future

When we know who we are and where we come from, we can achieve anything.

Whakatauki

*Purapura Korari, Ka ruia e te hau
The seeds of the flax bush are dispersed by the four winds*

There are Four Options for Presentation (Three minutes each)

- Traditional Speech (may use cue cards)
- Spoken Word
- Flashtalk
- Rap (may have digital or percussion backing)

A Guide

- Cue cards can be used for the speech only
- Rap, Spoken Word and Flash Talk may use a microphone if they wish to
- Rap can have a digital or percussion backing
- 10% of the total points are deducted for being 30 seconds under or over time
- 10% of the total points are deducted for presentations that do not meet the theme criteria
- 10% of the total points are deducted for presentations that need to restart

<u>Term 3: Week 1</u>	<u>Term 3: Week 2</u>
1. Explore ideas for presentations/ Choose the presentation type/ Start gathering ideas	1. Teacher check-in and support: all students are on track.
2. Continue to gather ideas/start writing speech in English Books	2. Begin practising presentations aloud in class to their peers or practising as individuals.
3. Finalise ideas and start finalising the writing of the speech	3. Continue practising presentations aloud in class to their peers or practising as individuals.
4. Final day to practise/tweak the written speech/presentation.	4. Finalising presentations of speeches in class to prepare for class assessments in Week 3.

Elim Rehu Tai Oral Presentations class presentations: Week 3. (3rd - 7th August)

Elim Rehu Tai Final School Competition will be held in Week 4. (11th - 14th August)

Cluster Rehu Tai Oral Presentation Finals: Bucklands Beach Intermediate. (Friday 21 August 8.30am - 11am.)

Thank you on behalf of the Year 7 and year 8 English Teaching Team (Mrs J Cherry, Mrs L Granat and Mrs L Glass)

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