

## Class days and times...

All classes resume this week. There is no need to re-enrol. Our enrolment process rolls over from term to term. Class days and times remain the same unless you have requested something otherwise. If you do need to change times or venues because of a schedule clash this term, please let us know. We have plenty of other class times and options that will be suitable.



## Speech Examinations...

Term 3 is our exam preparation term. Exams take place around all NZ locations at the end of Term 3 and start of Term 4. SPEECH NZ examinations are a fantastic feature of our GIANT LEAPS Speech & Drama and Public Speaking programmes. All of our students are supported and encouraged to participate in speech exams. Speech exams are optional - but highly recommended. SNZ exams involve students preparing a programme of their work for assessment. Your child's teacher will be helping to select and prepare the chosen material during class time. Exams provide a goal for each student to work towards as a concrete measure of their achievement. SPEECH NZ provides a very high standard and internationally recognised qualification. Upon successful completion of examinations students will receive a badge or certificate to mark their progress through the grades. If for whatever reason you opt for your child NOT to do the formal examination, they will prepare the same material as their peers and be internally assessed by their drama teacher at no cost to you. For more information on SPEECH NZ go to [www.speechnz.co.nz](http://www.speechnz.co.nz)



## Term 3 teaching plan and content...

Over the next 10 weeks students will be refining all of the teaching objectives set out in the NZ speech syllabus. These skills include the following.

1. Prepared and impromptu speech and drama and performance skills.
2. Speech writing and delivery
3. Poem recital
4. Characterisation and monologues
5. Reading aloud with prepared and sight reading
6. Creative improvisations, role play, and mime

## Speech and Drama exercise books...

It is more important than any other time that students bring their speech and drama books to class in Term 3. Speech and Drama books are our primary source of bridging the communication gap between classes and home. In your child's speech and drama book you will see their exam content and preparation feedback. You will also find information about important dates coming up including deadlines for exam entry fees. If you child needs a new or replacement speech and dram book please be sure to tell your child's teacher so we can get this arranged early in the start of term.

## Literacy Boost...

It is well known that New Zealand children are falling behind with their reading and spelling skills. There are literacy skills required in Speech and Drama classes but no child will be excluded from participation if they have difficulties with this area of their development. Our teachers will support any child with literacy challenges to access the speech NZ curriculum and we can request individual variations if required. We are very lucky at Giant Leaps that we also have a team of five Speech Therapists and Structured Literacy practitioners. If you would like individual support for your child, then just talk to your teacher and they will put you in touch with someone from our specialist team. You can read more about the benefits of structured literacy here:

<https://www.giantleaps.nz/literacyboost/>