



Year 1 and 2 Stratford Primary School

Term 4 Newsletter 2017

We welcome all new and existing whānau to our School and Junior Syndicate. We are excited to be back at school for Term Four. We have an action packed term and the teachers are excited to get it under way. Keep your eye out for some scarecrows that may pop up.

What's on?

Theme - This term, in conjunction with Jono Erwood - Community constable, we will be looking at the Kia Kaha anti bullying programme. This will include visits to each class by Constable Jono.

Maths - Our focus continues to be developing number knowledge and strategies. This term the children will also explore Statistics.

Writing - The children are continuing to generate writing from their own personal thoughts, feelings and from language experience activities at school.

The Arts - We are creating a range of artworks to enhance our outside environment. Most classes will also attempt to create a scarecrow. This will be displayed on site in conjunction with the Garden Festival.

P.E - We have Sport Taranaki working with the junior syndicate in weeks 1-5 with a focus on Cooperative games. Swimming will commence in week 6.

Te Reo - Mihi, daily greetings, commands and numbers continue to be an ongoing focus.

Health - We will be visited by the Life Education Bus in weeks 4-6.

Discovery Time

We would appreciate the collection of boxes, bottle lids, cardboard cylinders, newspapers, magazines and any other materials that we can upcycle at the art and craft table.

Each class in the Junior Team will continue to have Discovery Time on a Friday. We are going to have a range of exciting activities for the children. Any offers of assistance would be welcomed and would allow us to make cooking, hands on science, woodwork and other activities an option. This would make our Discovery Time even more amazing. For safety, we do need extra hands and eyes so please let Deborah Campbell or Sonia Rova know if you can help.

If you have any musical, artistic or scientific abilities then we need you..... The children (and teachers) would love you for it!

Any donations of old or unwanted toys are also gratefully appreciated.

Important Dates

Week 1 - 16th - 20th October

Kia kaha programme starts

Week 2 - 23rd - 27th October

Monday - Labour Day - no school - 23rd October

Tuesday and Thursday - school finishes at 1pm
for parent interviews

Friday - Pie Day

Week 3 - 30th October - 3rd November

Week 4 - 6th - 10th November

Life Education starts

Week 5 - 13th - 17th November

Week 6 - 20th - 24th November

Swimming starts

Friday - Pie day

Week 7 - 27th November - 1 December

Swimming

Reports and books go home

Week 8 - 4th - 8th December

Swimming

6th December - Year 1 & 2 Swimming Parade

Stationary Lists to go home

Week 9 - 11th - 15th December

11th December – Final assembly

15th December - School finishes at lunch time

Library



Rooms 14, 11, 10 and 9 have library on a Friday. Room 13 has library on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child returns their book in their book bag on this day. Children are able to re-issue a book if they would like to keep it for another week but must bring the book back to school, in order for us to do this. No book bag means **no** issue that week as we endeavour to protect and preserve the wonderful range of books we have.

Nga Mihi	Kia ora	Hello/Thank you
	Tē nā koe	Formal greeting to one person
	Tē nā kōrua	Formal greeting to two people
	Tē nā koutou	Formal greeting to many people
	E noho rā	Goodbye (from a person leaving)
	Haere rā	Goodbye (from a person staying)
	Hei kō nei rā	Goodbye (less formal)
	Ka kite anō	See you again (informal goodbye)
	Mōrena	Good morning
	Ata Mārie	Good morning
	Pō Mārie	Good night
	Haere mai	Welcome, come in, enter
	Nau mai	Welcome
	Nga mihi nui	With best wishes

Developing Independence

This term there will be a real focus on children developing their independence in preparation for swimming and also class or syndicate changes for next year. The children are encouraged to pack and unpack their own bags, collect their belongings at the end of each day and also dressing themselves. We would appreciate as much co-operation with this as possible.

School Swimming

Swimming starts in Week 6. Each class will be allocated different days and times and this information will be sent home closer to the time. We will require parental assistance walking to and from the pools. Please see the class teacher if you are able to help.

We do encourage independence around changing into our togs and we would appreciate if you could practise this at home prior to swimming starting.

With regards from the Year 1 -2 Team:

Sonia Rova & Melissa Stone, Room 13

Bronwyn Bazeley, Room 14

Leah Wilson, Room 11

Greer McQuay & Donna Bridgeman, Room 10

Kate Mills, Room 9

Melissa Stone, Mutukaroa Co-ordinator