



## Room 15, 18, 19 and 20 Newsletter Term 4 2017

### Welcome back

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome back to Term 4.

We hope you all had a great break and that the children are re-energised and ready to get back into their learning for Term 4.

This term is going to fly by. It is a 9 week term and we have so much to fit into it! Please keep an eye out for important notices in your child's bag or keep up to date on our school website <http://stratfordprimary.school.nz/> or our facebook page.

Please come in and see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions throughout the term. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

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### Important Dates

#### Week 1

Monday 16th October– First day back

#### Week 2

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October– Labour Day (no school)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Interviews

#### Week 4

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Life Education begins

#### Week 6

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Swimming starts

#### Week 7

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Reports go home

#### Week 8

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Junior swimming parade (Year 2s in Room 15)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – School swimming sports

#### Week 9

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Final assemblies

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Last day (half a day)

### AIM High Expectations

We are continually teaching our students the importance of our AIM High values. These include achieving to the best of their ability, being inquisitive and participating at school and showing manaakitanga (respect) towards themselves, others and the environment.

### Bits and Pieces

#### Parent Interviews – 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October

If you have not yet booked a time to see your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible. This can be done online or through the office.

#### Hats

As the weather becomes warmer and the sun becomes more familiar, the students will need to wear a sunhat during breaktimes. Please ensure you apply sunscreen to your children before school if you feel they need extra protection from the sun. Students who do not have a hat to wear by week 2 will be required to play in the designated shade areas. We thank you in anticipation for your support.

#### Swimming

Swimming will begin in week 6 of this term. All students are expected to participate in swimming. If for any reason, your child cannot take part, please send a note to their classroom teacher. They will also need to bring NAMED togs, towel and goggles (swimming cap optional) in a suitable, waterproof bag on their swimming days (to be advised).

#### Library

Library times for our classes this term remain as:

**Room 18:** Monday 11:30-12:30

**Room 20:** Tuesday 11:30-12:30

**Room 19:** Wednesday 11:30-12:30

**Room 15:** Thursday 10:00-11:00

A reminder that children will not be allowed to issue and take home books unless they have a waterproof book bag.

# Learning in Term Four

## Home learning

For home learning, your child will have reading, spelling and basic facts to learn. Student's home learning books will go home on a Monday and need to be brought back to school each Friday for marking. We encourage the students to take responsibility for their home learning. They need to ensure they take home a reader each night (there are plenty available) and that they ask their teacher for their next basic facts and spelling sheet when they have mastered the one they have. If your child requires extra home learning, please see your child's classroom teacher. We understand that both students and parents are busy but ask that you do your best to help your child with their home learning. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Numeracy

This term the students will be continuing to develop strategies to help solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also be learning about time and volume and to read tables and graphs.



## Target Time

Target time is an incentive to encourage students to complete work. Each Friday, the students who have completed their work from the week will participate in activities run by the teachers. This is to promote our students to manage themselves and develop good work habits.

## Te Reo/Tikanga Maori

This term, we will be incorporating part of our Te Reo focus with our inquiry unit. We will be learning about Whare Tapawha. This will focus on how we are our best when we take care of the whole of ourself. The students will also be learning Maori vocabulary for body parts and emotions.



## Literacy

As usual, the students will be busy this term with guided reading sessions with their teacher, buddy reading, shared reading and other independent reading activities. They should be bringing home books to read to you most nights. This term, we will be learning how to write different types of poems as well as explanations



## Inquiry

Our inquiry focus this term is "Better Me". This unit will explore what we each need to be the best that we can be. The students will investigate what their bodies need to stay alive. We will learn about the importance of exercise and healthy eating as well as how a lack of these things can affect our emotions. We will talk about the importance of good friendships and relationships. This will tie in with our visit from the Life Education truck.

