

## Year 7 & 8 Newsletter Term 4 2017

### Welcome to Term 4

Term Four has hit already! Firstly thank you to all the parents who have organised times for student/parent/teacher conferences. We hope to see all of you next week! If there is an issue getting in, please get in touch with us so we can arrange another time.

This term is again a busy term with a lot of events on the calendar. Along with a focus on NZ Geography and Kiwiana we will again be leading a unit on puberty. As this is a new subject for our Year 7's and can sometimes be a tricky subject to talk about at home and at school we will be sending you out a copy of the content we intend to cover in this unit. You will see these copies come out to you in the next week. School speeches are also on this term. See the back for dates of upcoming events.

We have many opportunities to get outside in the coming few weeks with swimming and triathlon training so can you please support your child with having the correct gear. Its also beginning to get warmer and it's time to get hats out again. "No hat, no play".

We look forward to catching up with all of you over the term to celebrate the children's successes in sport, social and prizegiving.

Regards from the team  
Have a great Term.



Seniors enjoying Production time last term.

Clockwise from left Fat Sam's gang, Blousey and Bugsy (Kelly Armitstead and James Anglesey), Dandy Dan's gang, Talulah (Elliott Gernhoefer) and her dancers, and Tallulah with Fizzy (Alex McGeoch).







## Notes on swimming

Please ensure your child has appropriate swimwear for swimming;

- Boys: board shorts or swimming shorts
- Girls one piece togs. Rash tops are also acceptable. Hair is to be tied back in the pool or with a swimming cap.

Goggles are a very helpful tool for ensuring breathing technique is taught and practised correctly.

We are very fortunate at Stratford Primary to be able to fund swimming tutors along with our teachers at the pool. We realise that some children are not confident in the water and will be reluctant to swim. Please encourage them to take part as it is part of our Health and PE curriculum.

If your child is not taking part in swimming they will need a signed note from you with a reasonable explanation why your child cannot swim.

Children who do not swim during swimming time will not be able to swim on Big Day Out later in the term.

### SENIOR SWIMMING TIMETABLE

#### WEEK 6 20 - 24 November

MONDAY 20th		TUESDAY 21st
LARGE POOL		LARGE POOL
10.30 -11.00	2	3
11.00-11.30	3	4
11.30-12.00	4	1
12.00-12.30	1	2

#### WEEK 7 27-30 November

MONDAY 27th		TUESDAY 28st
LARGE POOL		LARGE POOL
10.30 -11.00	2	3
11.00-11.30	3	4
11.30-12.00	4	1
12.00-12.30	1	2

#### WEEK 8 4-7 DECEMBER

MONDAY 4th		THURSDAY 7th	FRIDAY 8th
LARGE			
10.30 -11.00	2	Year 7&8 Triathlon	Swimming Sports
11.00-11.30	3		
11.30-12.00	4		
12.00-12.30	1		

## COMING UP

Week 1 Social Practice starts

Week 2 Labour Day (Monday 23rd Oct) Student Lead Interviews (Tues 24th Oct & Thursday 26th Oct), Puanga Festival (Thursday)

Week 3 Class Speeches

Week 4 Life Ed, Syndicate Speeches, Tech starts (Wednesday 8th November)

Week 5 School Speech Finals (Thursday), Life Ed

Week 6 Swimming starts see the timetable above. 7&8 Social (Thursday 23rd Nov)

Week 7 Tough Guy/Gal Challenge (Fri 1st December ), Swimming

Week 8 Swimming, Triathlon (Thurs 7th December),Swimming Sports (Friday 8th Dec)

Week 9 Big Day Out (Wed 13th), Senior Prizegiving (Thursday 14th Dec), Last Day (Friday 15th Dec)