



Friday 17 November 2017 (No. 19)

Dear Parents, Whanau, and Caregivers

The end of term is fast approaching. This can be a stressful time for families with work pressures, as we get closer to Christmas. School also gets incredibly busy. Over the next four weeks Year 8's will have orientation for high school, there is school swimming including swimming sports, Road Patrol Rewards Day, the Year 7-8 Triathlon and end of year assemblies. The list could go on! My advice to everyone is let's all work together to get through this busy time so we can celebrate a great year at Stratford Primary School.

AIM High: Achieve, Inquire, Manaakitanga:

It has been a fantastic week for our Enviro Team. Not only have the new chickens turned up but the school was assessed yesterday towards receiving Silver Status as an Enviro School. A huge thank you to Marlene and her team for all their hard work.



Yesterday students welcomed our enviro visitors to SPS with a powhiri.

Over the last month students have been working on showing Manaakitanga towards teachers by greeting them by saying their name. I have been really impressed with how students have been doing this. The challenge now is to keep doing this on a daily basis. We have also talked about the importance of getting back to class on time after breaks and only wearing our hats outside. Parents can help reinforce these points by educating students about the importance of showing manaakitanga in their actions.

Important School Dates Term 4:

Mon 20 Nov	Swimming begins
Thurs 23 Nov	Year 7/8 Social
Fri 1 Dec	Reports go home
Thur 7 Dec	Year 7/8 Triathlon

Fri 8 Dec Swimming Sports

End of Year Assemblies

Wed 13 Dec	Year 1-2 9.15 - 10.00
	Year 3-4 10.15 - 11.00
	Year 5-6 11.30 - 12.30

Thurs 14 Dec Full School, Year 8 farewell 1.00

Fri 15 Dec Last day - School finishes at 12

School starts on Monday 29 January 2018.

School Reports:

Teachers have been working hard to complete end of year reports. These will be sent home on Friday 1 December. A couple of reminders:

- ✓ If you child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) they will not bring home a report because their IEP includes their report information.
- ✓ Students in Room 13 will either receive a report or a Mutukaroa Meeting. Mrs Sonia Rova will let parents know.
- ✓ Please take this opportunity to discuss the report with your child. As the first teacher in a child's life, parents play a crucial role in their learning development. Having a positive conversation around the report will help instill confidence in your child for the future.

Board of Trustees News:

The last Board of Trustees meeting for 2017 will be held on Monday 11 December. Parents and whanau are welcome to attend. For a school agenda please contact the school office or visit the school website for further information about the BoT:

<http://stratfordprimary.school.nz/our-school/board-of-trustees/>

2018 Staff Update:

Our roll continues to grow. At the moment we are sitting on 424 students, which is an increase of over thirty pupils from this time last year. As a result the Board of Trustees are looking to appoint an additional classroom teacher for the Year 3-4/Year 5-6 area. Further information about this will be communicated to parents in the near future.

Stationery Lists:

Before the end of the school year, students will receive a stationery list, which will show their year level, teacher and classroom for 2018.



Have you noticed the drilling along the main street of Stratford? Look out for Naki Cloud in the near future when high speed internet comes to Stratford.

Camps for 2018:

A reminder to parents that you must be Police Vetted to attend camp next year. This process takes a while to complete through the police system so please contact the office as soon as possible.

Room 14 and 15 Building Work:

Near the end of the year, Room 14 and 15 will be moving out of their classrooms as major work will be started to repair the roof. Room 14 will move to the Wharenuui and Room 15 will move to the Library.



A reminder to parents, please do not drive into the staff carpark or drive down the side ride to get to the junior classrooms.

Head Lice:

Unfortunately it is that time of year again. Be vigilant and keep checking your child's hair. It can take several treatments to eradicate them.



We are just sitting below our goal of 90% attendance for the year. This means that in a 10 week term each child is only away for 5 days. Parents and whanau, let's ensure our children are at school over the next 4 weeks.

Kind regards, Jason Elder, Principal

SPS TUI'S ENVIRO NEWS:

We are a Silver Enviroschool!

On Thursday the 16th of November, 2017 our Enviro Silver reflection team were working with Lauree Jones, Taranaki Enviroschool Coordinator & Facilitator and Robyn Irving, National Enviroschools Sustainability Facilitator.



The students had to.....

- Reflect on the things happening at our school.
- Take the visitors on a tour
- Evaluate the evidence collected from staff and students
- Look at the five guiding principles and the silver reflection paragraph, and decide if SPS were working at this level of sustainable learning
- There were lots of analysing data, looking at evidence and discussions around our school environment.

WE DID IT



SPS is a Silver Enviro School!!!!!!!!!!

A big thank you to our SPS leaders, Marissa and Masyn, Danni, Michael, Zeta, Addison, Eliza, Cruze and Hayley our BOT representative. It was through hard work that we achieved our goal.

SPS Learners are curious, innovative and engaged