



Friday 8 December 2017 (No. 21)

Dear Parents, Whanau, and Caregivers

Next Friday is the start of a new beginning for our Year 8 students. They will start 2018 as young adults who enter secondary school. I am sure they will show lots of manaakitanga at their new schools as they work hard to achieve their personal goals. I wish them well for the future.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday period. From all the staff at Stratford Primary School, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

AIM High: Achieve, Inquire, Manaakitanga:

End of Year Prize Giving Organisation:

The end of year is fast approaching. Parents, whanau and caregivers are encouraged to attend. Here is the organisation for each syndicate's assembly:

Wednesday 13 December:

- Year 1-2 Assembly: 9.15am start, please be seated in the hall by 9.05am
- Year 3-4 Assembly: 10.15am start, please be seated in the hall by 10.05am or after the Year 1-2 Assembly
- Year 5-6 Assembly: 11.30am start, please be seated by 11.20am.

Thursday 14 December:

Year 7-8 Assembly with the major school prizes for 2017: The assembly starts at 1pm. Parents, whanau and caregivers are encouraged to be seated by 12.50pm.

Fri 15 December:

Last day – School finishes at 12.00 noon.
School starts on Monday 29 January 2018.

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/>

Stationery Lists:

Stationery lists will be going home next week. Keep an eye out in your child's bag for this.

Office Hours in January 2018:

The office will be open for enrolments on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd January, from 9.00 – 12.00 noon. The office will be closed Friday 26th as staff will be in meetings all day.

Room 14 and 15 Building Work:

Building work has started, please keep away from these buildings, until further notice. If anyone notices any health & safety concerns, please contact the office.

Camps for 2018:

- Year 3-4: At school
- Year 5-6: Vertical Horizons
- Year 7-8: Te Wera

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. **Final Police Forms are due by next Thursday (15 December)**

Farewell Miss Leah Wilson:

Miss Leah Wilson has her final day next Friday before she departs for Auckland to be closer to her partner. On behalf of everyone in the community I would like to thank Leah for her wonderful contribution to our little people in the Junior School. She has helped provide them with a positive start to their schooling.



Kind regards, Jason Elder, Principal

SPS TUI'S ENVIRO NEWS:



Year 5 & 6 Crazy Paving:

The Year 5 & 6 students enquiry learning: "To beautify our area by repurposing or upcycling materials".



Students have been busy creating, digging, levelling, scraping, sweeping !!



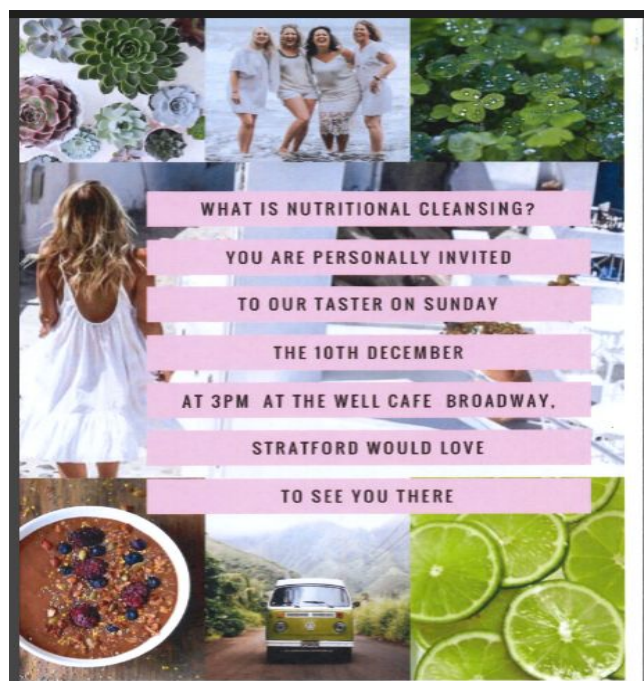
Watch this space for an exciting development in the future.



A big thank you to Firth for the sand and cement and also to Levina Gorton for the donation of pavers for our project.



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.



FUTURE LEGENDS HOLIDAY CLINIC

This is an opportunity for FDMC/SHGC students and students from the feeder schools to these Colleges and Stratford Cricketers to have a 3 day academy of cricket in the lead up to the resumption of the school season in Term 1, 2018.

Dates: January - Wed 24, Thu 25 & Fri 26, 2018

Venue: FDMC Turf, Field & Gymnasium

Session times: 10am – 12pm Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

12:30 – 3pm Years 7, 8 & 9

Cost: \$60 for Y1 – 6 \$100 for Y7 – 9

Structure/Timetable: Y1-6 Wed - Skills/Games

- Thu - Skills/Games
- Fri - Skills/Games
- Y7, 8 & 9 Wed - Skills
- Thu - Nets/classroom session/mental skills
- Friday - Scrimmaging/6-a-side games

Coaching groups will be determined on age & ability and your son/daughter will be placed in the group that challenges them best. **How do I register?** Please email

futurecricketlegends@gmail.com to register your son/daughter. Once your registration is received you will be sent further information about payment and a full registration form to complete for your child.

SPS Learners are curious, innovative and engaged