



Friday 27 July 2018 (No.12)

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Welcome back to the start of another great term at Stratford Primary School.

School ERO Report: The school ERO report has been posted on the school website. I encourage parents and whanau to review the report. The key strengths of the school were noted as being:

For sustained improvement and future learner success, the school can draw on existing strengths in:

- use of data to meet the needs of identified priority students and those with high and complex learning and or wellbeing needs.
- collaborative management of change and improvement by the principal and senior leaders that strengthens processes and practices in the promotion of equity and excellence.
- curriculum design and development that increasingly promotes positive student engagement in their learning.

The Board and School Leadership Team had already identified the next steps for Stratford Primary School, which were reinforced by the ERO team:

For sustained improvement and future learner success, priorities for further development are in:

- embedding processes and practices that are likely to improve outcomes for students to achieve equity and excellence.
- strengthening internal evaluation to better identify and understand the effectiveness of teaching on outcomes for students.

To read a full copy of the report go to:

<http://stratfordprimary.school.nz/our-school/ero-reports/>

AIM High: Achieve, Inquire, Manaakitanga:

Winter is still here. Can parents and whanau support students to come to school with the correct clothing. This includes shoes, socks, warm jerseys and trousers/tights etc. A number of children have come to school in barefeet or with only one layer of clothing.

Keeping warm will help to ensure students do not get sick when they leave their warm classrooms at break times.

Board of Trustees News:

Next board meeting will be held on Monday 6 August 2018 starting at 5.30pm.

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

Attendance GOAL: 90%

Our goal is to try and be at 90% for the entire term. Current figures show we are just below our goal at 88% (Girls= 88%; Boys= 89%).



NZEI Teacher Strike (Is the strike all day or couple of hrs?)

At the paid union meeting it was decided that all teachers will strike. We realise this will affect many families and we apologise for this inconvenience. If you would like to know more about why teachers are striking go to:

https://www.nzei.org.nz/NZEI/Media/Releases/2018/07/Primary_teachers_and_principals_vote_to_strike.aspx

School will be closed for instruction on the 15 August, we ask that you arrange alternative care for your child/ children. At this stage we are unsure whether this will be a half day or full day. This decision will be communicated in the next newsletter. Lookout for the orange forms going home soon.

Parent/Child/Teacher Interviews:

Parent interviews are coming up in a few weeks time. A reminder to parents/whanau whose students have had an IEP, they do not need to book a time.

Important Dates:

Monday 6 August Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm

Tuesday 14 August Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wed 15 August Teacher Strike Day

Thursday 16 August Parent/Teacher Interviews



Whānau Pakari

Are you worried about your child's weight?
Would you like help to create a healthy lifestyle for your whānau? **Whānau Pakari** is for you.

It is a **FREE** programme for children and teenagers 4-16yrs to be involved in. A dedicated team will provide information to your whanau about healthy eating, activity and healthy thinking for a better future.

For information please call or email:
Lisa, Healthy Lifestyles Co-ordinator:
whanaupakari@tdhb.org.nz or 753 6139 extn 8729
www.sporttaranaki.org.nz/health/whanau-pakari/

REMINDERS:

Winter Hours continue this term, where school starts at 8.55am and finishes at 2.35pm. Summer hours will start in Term 4.

NITS & CHICKEN POX:

Stratford Primary School uses Ministry of Health Guidelines around illness and infectious diseases. Below are some updates.

On our website is the conditioner method for Nit removal, please have a look. Unfortunately we all need to be vigilant to keep them away.

If your child has chicken pox, they must stay home UNTIL the blisters have crusted over. Once this has happened they are able to return to school.

Kind regards:

Jason Elder, Principal

Community Notices:



Thank you to Speedster for their continued support of our Breakfast Club. We appreciate your kind donation.

PRODUCTION:

Preparations are underway for our whole school production.

If you have any artistic talents, have any spare materials, can help make costumes or are free to help we would love to hear from you.

SPS TUI'S ENVIRO NEWS:

Supporting Plastic Free July

We are convinced that things need to change with the amount of plastic we are using each day and throwing away. Our oceans are choking with plastic and wildlife are dying everyday from eating plastic.

We need to try and help the planet by changing our habits.

Challenge yourself and see if you can cut down or eliminate plastic consumption for July.

Look at all places you're using plastic..... from deodorant to toothbrushes, to snack packaging and plastic wrap.

Try purchasing Plastic-free!!!

Reuse containers for packing lunches, try glass or metal containers.

Replace plastic wrap and try beeswax wraps.

Refuse plastic straws and join the movement to say "No straw, please".

Refuse single-use plastic bags and use reusable cloth bags.

Refuse takeaway coffee cups and take your own reusable cup to be filled.

Have fun going Plastic Free.



8 out of 10 of us are concerned about plastic ending up in landfill and polluting the oceans ...

THAT'S WHY
A MILLION+ PEOPLE
WORLDWIDE ARE
CHOOSING TO
BE PART OF **PLASTIC FREE JULY**



Enviro products for sale;

Eggs \$5.00 available from the school office.

Strawberry jam \$4.00 (large jar) \$3.00 (small jar).

Available from Room 20.

Boomerang bags (reusable) \$7.00 Available from Room 13. Please make sure you have the correct cash. Best times are before and after school.

Fundraising for our enviro projects.

WANTED:

Can you help?

The year 1 & 2 syndicate would love it if you can help out with any of the following items: (please take to class)

- Boxes
- Bottle lids
- Magazines
- Any materials that can be upcycled at the art & craft table
- Any unwanted or old toys in good condition