



Friday 10 August 2018 (No.13)

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

School will be closed next Wednesday (15 August) due to the teachers strike. A letter was sent home earlier this week from the Board of Trustees explaining why the school will be closed and why the teachers are striking. If you did not receive this letter refer to the school website, facebook page or contact the school office for a copy of the letter.

Parent/Child/Teacher Interviews:

Parent interviews are Tuesday (14 August) and Thursday(16 August). Please remember to book a time, you can do this online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using code e8mus. Alternatively please see the office and we can book a time for you.

- A reminder to parents and whanau whose students have had an IEP, they do not need to book a time.
- *School will finish on Tuesday and Thursday at 1pm as interviews start at 1.30pm.* School is still open for instruction so if you are unable to collect your child at this time please contact the school office. This will ensure students are supervised until parents and whanau can collect them.

Board of Trustees News:

Next board meeting will be held on Monday 17 September 2018 starting at 5.30pm.

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

AIM High: Achieve, Inquire, Manaakitanga:

Assembly is an important part of the school week as we come together as a community to recognise and celebrate student achievements. We expect students to show manaakitanga throughout assembly by listening, not talking over speakers and contributing to school singing.

Staff were disappointed with how students behaved at last Friday's assembly. As a result we had an additional assembly on Monday to remind students about expectations. Parents and whanau can support staff by explaining why we have these expectations in place and why it is important to show manaakitanga during public gatherings.

Assembly time has now changed to Friday at 9.15am. This will support our younger students as they can find it difficult on a Friday afternoon.

News from the Digital Team:

A new Google website has been developed by this team to support students, parents and whanau. The site has lots of cool ideas to support students being safe on the internet. It also includes information about:

- Year 1-2
- Privacy and Security
- Relationships and Communication
- Cyberbullying and Digital Drama.

The site is now live and linked to the school website as the team iron out any bugs and missing links. Parents and whanau are encouraged to visit this site.

Go to:

<http://stratfordprimary.school.nz/parentswhanau/digital-curriculum/>

Or visit <http://stratfordprimary.school.nz/> and go to the section labelled parents/whanau → Digital Curriculum.

Attendance GOAL: 90% and we are just below at 88.39%

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%).



Important Dates:


- Tuesday 14 August Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wed 15 August Teacher Strike Day (school closed)
- Thursday 16 August Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 16 August Cross Country 11am-1pm

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 whānau 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.

PRODUCTION:

Production is in week 10 (26th & 27th September 2018). 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:

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.

These products are helping us to fundraise for our enviro projects.



SCHOOL PHOTOS:

Photolife will be sending the shoot key/s to us at some stage this term (no date has yet been confirmed). Below is a reminder of how you can order the photos once you receive your shoot key.

The shoot key will enable you to preview your child/children's photographs, and then you can order them right on the spot. (A credit card or internet banking

facility will be required for this option). If you do not have access to the internet there are a few other options, see below.

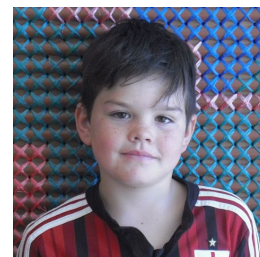
If you are unable to order online, you can:

1. get a payment envelope from the office and select which photos you would like to pay for.
2. If you have a Visa or Debit card, you can call photolife with your shoot key code and pay that way.
3. With your shoot key, you can call photolife and deposit the money into Photolife's account and use the details they give you.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to our talented students on their recent sporting achievements.

Football: Molly Gernhoefer Taranaki Girls Under 12's.
Marley Sampson Taranaki Girls Under 10's. Jay-jay Gavan Taranaki Boys Under 10's.



Left to right: Molly Gernhoefer, Marley Sampson and Jay-jay Gavan

Rugby: Vili Rova (left) and Jake White (right) Roller Mills Squad



Kind regards:
Jason Elder, Principal

Community Notices:

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



SPS CARE GROUP:

We are always looking for ways to help our wider school community.

If you would like to join this voluntary group please search SPS Care Group on facebook and request to join. Alternatively we accept any non perishable items at the school office.

This group was set up to assist those in need, who may require a little boost from time to time.