



Year 1 and 2 Stratford Primary School

Term Four Newsletter 2020

We welcome all new and existing whānau to our School and Junior Syndicate. We are excited to be back at school for Term Four. We have an action packed term and the teachers are excited to get it under way. This term is only nine weeks long. Keep your eye out for some scarecrows that may pop up.

What's on?

Maths - Our focus continues to be developing number knowledge and strategies. This term the children will also explore Algebra.

Writing - The children are continuing to generate writing from their own personal thoughts, feelings and from language experience activities at school.

The Arts - We are creating a range of artwork to enhance our outside environment. The junior classes will also attempt to create a scarecrow. This will be displayed on site in conjunction with the Garden Festival.

P.E - We are focussing on Athletics in weeks one to four. Swimming will commence in week six.

Te Reo - Mihi, waiata, daily greetings, commands and numbers continue to be an ongoing focus.

Health - Our focus for this term will be on mindfulness and our emotions.

Sustainable Backyards Trail

Stratford Primary School is very fortunate this year to feature in the Sustainable Backyards trail. This is an event run by Sustainable Taranaki. It celebrates local efforts in sustainability and inspires lifestyle changes towards being more sustainable.

This trail involves individuals, families, community organisations and schools opening their 'backyards' to the public. This is to provide a range of examples of what everyday people can do to reduce their impact on the environment and get involved in the community.

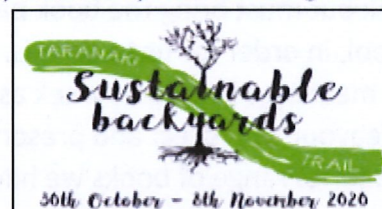
We invite and encourage our school families and community to come along. This is a great chance to share in the knowledge from the students and also to celebrate what we are doing in our space.

Opening Hours:

Fri 30 Oct. 10 am - 3 pm
Mon 2 Nov, 10 am - 3 pm
Tue 3 Nov, 10 am - 3 pm
Wed 4 Nov, 10 am - 3 pm
Thu 5 Nov, 10 am - 3 pm
Fri 6 Nov, 10 am - 3 pm

Tours, Talks & Demonstrations:

Property Tours: led by students throughout open days



Important Dates

Week One - 12th - 16th October

16th October - Shakespeare Day

Week Two - 19th-23rd October

23rd October - Teachers Only Day - No school

Week Three - 26th - 30th October

26th October - Labour Day - No school

Book Fair all week in the Library

29th October - Whanau Day

30th October - Athletics Day

Scarecrow/Sustainable Trail starts

Week Four - 2nd - 6th November

Scarecrow/Sustainable trail

Week Five - 9th - 13th November

Week Six - 16th - 20th November

Swimming

Week Seven - 23rd - 27th November

Swimming

Week Eight - 30th November - 4th December

Swimming

Reports and stationery lists to go home

Week Nine - 7th - 11th December

9th December - Junior Team BBQ

11th December - School finishes at lunch time

We need help....



We do require parental assistance this term with the following:

- Book room - putting books away
- Swimming

Please come and see a teacher/staff if you can assist.

Developing Independence

The children are encouraged to pack and unpack their own bags, collect their belongings at the end of each day and also dress themselves. We would appreciate as much co-operation with this as possible.

Library



This term we will go to the library with our buddy classes. New days for library are;

Rooms 10 - Monday

Room 14 - Tuesday

Room 9 & 13 - Wednesday

Room 11 - Thursday

Please ensure that your child returns their book in their book bag on this day.

Children are able to re-issue a book if they would like to keep it for another week but must bring the book back to school, in order for us to do this. No book bag means **no** issue that week as we endeavour to protect and preserve the wonderful range of books we have.

School Swimming

Swimming starts in Week Six. Each class will be allocated different days and times. This information will be sent home closer to the time. We will require parental assistance walking to and from the pools. Please see the class teacher if you are able to help.

We do encourage independence around changing into our togs and we would appreciate if you could practise this at home prior to swimming starting.

With regards from the Year 1 -2 Team:

Sonia Rova, Room 13

Bronwyn Bazeley, Room 11

Lucy Collins, Room 9

Morgan McSweeney, Room 10

Greer McQuay, Room 14

Melissa Stone, Mutukaroa