

# SPS YEAR 7-8 NEWSLETTER

## TERM 2, 2022



### Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to Term Two 2022

An extra special welcome to the new students that have joined the SPS Senior Syndicate this term!

We have an exciting Term ahead! In this newsletter there are some important dates on the second page, please keep these handy for future reference.

After missing out last term due to the impacts of COVID on staffing, we are happy to be having our technology/design back on from Week Two!

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### Our School Values

Across the school, we are continuing to talk and learn about our school values. The students will be unpacking these further and self-assessing themselves as the term goes on.

To be Respectful  
To be Resilient  
To be Self Confident  
To be a Curious Learner

We envision these values to not just be used at school, but at home and in the community too.



### Congratulations!



Mr Dingle has been appointed as an Across School Lead for the Kahui Ako!

Miss Jo Todd will be teaching Room 4 every Wednesday and Thursday while Mr Dingle is out of class.

Welcome Miss Todd!

## Te Reo Maori and Tikanga

This term, we are having a focus on increasing the use of day-to-day Te Reo phrases in our classrooms.

In the first few weeks, we will focus on substituting 'good morning' with, 'Kia ora', and 'ata marie'. We will keep adding to our kete of phrases across the term.



## **HOME WORK!**

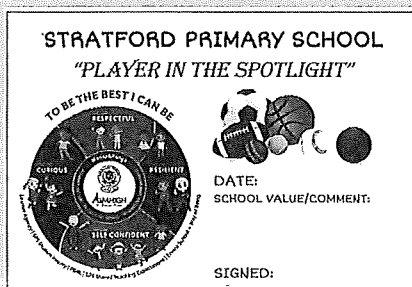
From Week Two, our students will have basic facts, spelling and reading homework made available to them. It will not be compulsory. However, students that engage and regularly return homework to their teachers will be rewarded with Academic Credits to work towards their Achievement Bands.

## Winter Sports!

Most Winter sports are getting underway! It is important that you keep in contact with coaches if your child is unable to attend a game. Draws will be updated throughout the term, so keep an eye out!

This year, we have introduced our 'SPS Player in the Spotlight' award. Students that are displaying school values within their team will have a chance to receive these awards: tidying up the changing sheds, collecting in the team gear, being a supportive team member, or having a great game! Students that receive one of these, or a player of the day award for their club team will go into the weekly draw at assembly to choose a prize!

We look forward to celebrating all our students sharing their success over the Winter!



## Dates for this Term

Week 1 2-6 May

Week 2 9-13 May  
Phone interviews (Mon-Wed)  
Tech  
Kapa Haka starts (All term)

Week 3 16-20 May  
Anti-Bullying Week  
Pink Shirt Day (Friday)  
Tech

Week 4 23-27 May  
Shakespeare Day (Friday)  
Tech

Week 5 30-3 June  
Teacher only day (Friday)

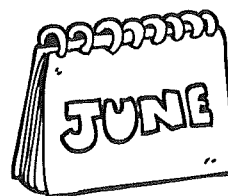
Week 6 6-10 June  
Queens Birthday (Monday)  
Tech

Week 7 13-17 June

Week 8 20-24 June  
Matariki (Friday)

Week 9 28-1 July  
Reports to go home (Friday)

Week 10 4-8 July  
End of Term!



## **Some of the learning we will be doing this term...**

Inquiry/Science/History → Matariki and astronomy

Maths → Basic Facts and algebra

Reading → Research and note taking skills

Writing → Poetry and structured report writing

Phys Ed → Invasion games (modified netball/basketball)