

SPS Year 7-8 Newsletter

Term One, 2024



Nau Mai, Haere Mai, and welcome to Term one!

After a long Christmas break it is great to see all of the students back at school. Welcome to new families and students, we hope you have made a great start to S.P.S.

Our teaching team for 2024 is:

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We have an extremely busy term ahead of us, including camp, technology week, and school athletics. Keep an eye on Seesaw this year as it will be our primary point of contact for notices and updates.

It was great to see lots of whānau on the goal setting day last week. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's teacher to organise a time to meet.

Whānau Day is on the 9th of February at 11:30 am. All whānau are invited to come along and join in with our celebration of being back at school!

A reminder that students need to have hats and drink bottles at school. We are a sunsmart school and encourage students to protect themselves from getting sunburnt.

Our school wide focus for learning this year are writing and mathematics. Families can support the learning at home by regularly checking Seesaw and commenting on the work posted, talking about the learning goals students are working on, and keeping in contact with the classroom teacher for any questions you may have.

Homework in the senior school will be based on earning points for the Aim High Achievement Bands. Information about this will be coming out to parents soon.

We are looking forward to this year, let's have a fantastic 2024!

School Lunches this year

This term, all tamariki will be on the school programme. Should you find that this is not working for you or your child, please let your classroom teacher and the office know so that they can be removed from this programme.



Important Dates!

Week 1 29 - 2 Feb

- * Goal Setting
- * Top Team Day

Week 2 5 - 9 Feb

- * Waitangi Day
- * Whānau Day

Week 3 12 - 16 Feb

- * Vaping Education, NZ Police

Week 4 19 - 23 Feb

- * Americana
- * Camp Meeting
- * Turnbull Cup Swimming

Week 5 26 - 1 March

- * Te Wera Camp. Rooms 3 and 4 Mon-Wed, Rooms 1 and 2 Wed - Fri.

Week 6 4 - 8 March

- * TOD Friday: No school

Week 7 11 - 15 March

- * Taranaki Anniversary: No school
- * Kapa Haka Starts

Week 8 18 - 22 March

- * Technology week

Week 9 25 - 29 March

- * Good Friday: No school
- * Athletics Day

Week 10 1 - 5 April

- * Easter Monday/Tuesday: No school

* Whānau Phone Calls.
Teachers will be calling parents to reflect on the term and set goals for Term 2.

Week 11 8 - 12 April

- * ANZAC Assembly