



Year 1 and 2

Stratford Primary School



Term Two Newsletter 2024

Bula, Kia ora, Hallo, Kamusta, Heliyan Phijuan Mein, Talofa, Namaste, Dia Dhuit.

We welcome all new and existing whānau to our School and Junior Syndicate. We are excited to be back at school for Term Two. We have an action packed term and the teachers are excited to get it under way. Please keep the children dressed warm as winter approaches. Remember that short lunches start this term and school will finish at 2.35 pm.

What's on?

Theme – We will be exploring Volcanoes and learning about how they are formed. We will also be learning about Cows and making silage. In the later part of the term, Constable Pip will come in and our focus will be on Road Safety.

Maths – Our focus continues to be developing number knowledge and strategies. We will also look at 2D and 3D shapes. Fractions will also be a focus.

Writing – The children are continuing to generate writing from their own personal thoughts and feelings and from language experience activities.

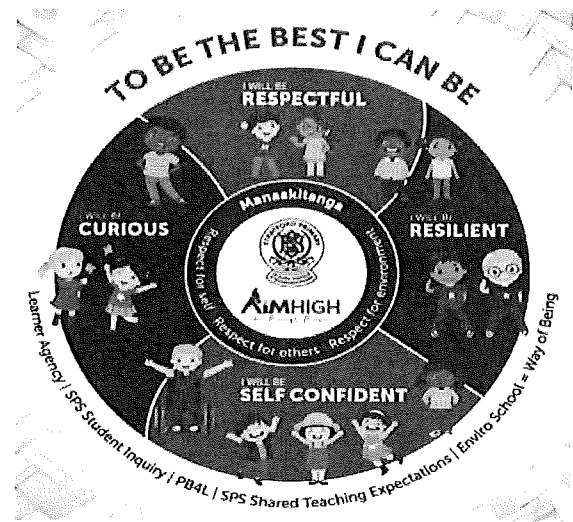
The Arts – We will be creating a range of artworks to enhance our rooms. These will be generated from within the Volcanoes, Moo to You and Road Safety units.

P.E – We will be working on Winter Sport ball skills, co-operative games and daily fitness.

Te Reo – Daily greetings, mihi, karakia and waiata continue to be an ongoing focus. We will continue to go to Kapa Haka each week.

Play based learning will continue to be incorporated into all our Junior Classes.

Our school values



At school, we are constantly referring back to our school values. In class, we unpack each value and what it looks like, sounds like and feels like.

Each term, we focus on one value. We believe it is very important to make connections between our values at home and school.

This term, we are focussing on Resilience. We are resilient learners by;

- Asking for help
- Staying calm
- Trying a different way
- Trying again
- Having a 'can do' attitude
- Knowing how to get unstuck
- Being positive

What values do you have within your home that are important? How do they align with our school values?

Important Dates

Week 1 - 29-3 May

Monday - Term Two starts (9.00-2.35pm)

Thursday - Kapa Haka Starts

Week 2 - 6-10 May

Week 3 - 13-17 May

Week 4 - 20-24 May

Week 5 - 27-31 May

Friday - Teachers Only Day - No school

Week 6 - 3-7 June

Week 7 - 10-14 June

Monday - King's Birthday - No school

Week 8 - 17-21 June

Week 9 - 24-28 June

Friday - Matariki Day - No school.

Week 10 - 1-5 July

Wednesday - Reports go home

Friday - Holidays start



Reminders

Please pack a spare change of clothes in your child's bag in case of accidents.

Toys are not permitted at school. We ask that these stay at home. They are often misplaced or broken and are becoming increasingly harder for class teachers to manage.

Please send book bags to school daily.

Library



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

Room 9 - Tuesday

Rooms 10 - Wednesday

Rooms 13 - Thursday

Room 11 & 14 - Friday

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.

Hats and water bottles

We encourage children to drink water during the day. Children are not encouraged to leave the classroom to get a drink from the water fountain. Having named water bottles saves time and confusion. It is also an expectation that every child wears a hat to go outside. These need to be named and it is a good idea to keep one at school all week.



With regards from the Year 1 -2 Team:

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Karen McDonald, Room 14

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