

# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Term 3 - 2024



### Kia ora and welcome to Term 3!

Can you believe we are halfway through the school year already!? The year is flying by!

We had a wonderful Term 2. It was great to be able to host some hotly contested sports exchanges. The Netball, Football and Rugby teams competed well. Our Chess Team had a great challenge versus Puketapu also. Our mixed Rippa Rugby team were superb, winning their Taranaki wide grade! Don't forget to keep an eye out for the What Now episode screening later in the year too! I know Mr Hight is excited to see his maiden appearance on primetime television 😊!

This term we have several important events! We are aiming for 100% attendance through the whānau interview process. School photos, Cross country, EPRO8 and the book fair will be all popping up across the term also!

We look forward to connecting with everyone this term and getting stuck in to a heap of learning!

Kind regards,

Year 5/6 teachers



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### Important Dates!

**Week 1 22 - 26 July**

\* Exchange with West End (Tues-Away)

**Week 2 29 - 2 Aug**

\* Whānau Interviews (Tues)  
\* Kapa Haka starts (Thurs)

**Week 3 5 - 9 Aug**

\* Parent Interviews (Tues)

**Week 4 12 - 16 Aug**

\* EPRO8 Internal Event (Tues)

**Week 5 19 - 23 Aug**

\* Class Photos (Tues)  
\* Sport Photos (Thurs)

**Week 6 26 - 30 Aug**

\* Cross Country  
\* EPRO8 Interschool (Wed-Fri)

**Week 7 2 - 6 Sep**

**Week 8 9 - 13 Sep**

\* Central Cross Country  
\* Book Fair (Thurs)

**Week 9 16 - 20 Sep**

\* Māori Language Week  
\* Kapa Haka at War Memorial (Wed)

**Week 10 23 - 27 Sep**

\* Taranaki Cross Country (Wed)

*If teams are to make Winter Sport Finals - these dates will be communicated to whānau as soon as we know.*



## What are we covering in the classroom this term?

Resilience in PE    Basic Facts    Algebra    Earth's Subsystems    Fractions  
Report Writing    Research Skills    Māori Language    Cross Country

## How can you help at home?

We encourage all whānau to simply talk to their children about their learning. Practicing *times tables* and basic facts at home will benefit your children greatly! These tools will help them to unlock larger mathematical strategies. Daily reading is a great way to increase reading mileage. Discuss tricky and unfamiliar words that might pop up. Reading a range of text types – books, current events, recipes – will be of great benefit also.

## **Cross Country**

This term we have our annual Cross Country event. Before the event, we will engage in some training. We love to see students pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and giving it a good go.

For some, it's about the challenge and the race. For others, it's about giving it a go a feeling good!

We look forward to seeing whānau supporting on the day!



## **Reminders!**

Please send your children to school with warm clothing. The colder months are well upon us. Our Winter hours continue with school finishes at 2.35pm.

A late class is available if students need to remain at school until 2.55pm. Please contact the school office for more information.

Last term, we had many students arriving at school very early in the morning, and in some cases before staff. We ask that students arrive **no earlier than 8.15am** to school.

## **Year 5/6 Inquiry Learning...**

This term, we will be learning about the Earth's Subsystems.

*Biosphere – Geosphere – Atmosphere – Hydrosphere*

We will be exploring their interdependent nature and how they interact with one another. Do we have any experts in the community? We'd love to hear from you if so!

## Are you on the School App?

The School App is the quickest and easiest way to stay up-to-date with what is happening across the school year. All notices, reminders and any important information are shared via this platform.

Please search, download and follow the prompts to find Stratford Primary School.

