



Year 1 and 2

Stratford Primary School

Term Four Newsletter 2024

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. Please look out for the scarecrows that will pop up around school. Remember that children must have a sun hat at school to wear.

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. Some of the Junior classes will also create a scarecrow. This will be displayed on site in conjunction with the Stratford Scarecrow Trail.

P.E - We are focusing on Water Safety. Swimming will commence in Week One and will run for the term.

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

Health - Our focus for this term will be on water safety.

Pakiki - We will be focusing on sustainability and ways to look after the environment.

READING CHALLENGE

As part of our initiative to get tamariki reading in our syndicate, we constructed the Reading Challenge together. We have been overwhelmed with how many tamariki are achieving these targets.

The challenge was put in place to foster good reading habits and also to encourage a love of reading with whanau.

50 books- Junior assembly - certificate, book mark, pencil, visit to Mr Elder

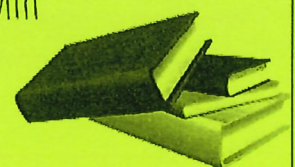
150 books- Whole school assembly - certificate and book

250 books- Child can choose another adult to come and read to the class

350 books- Certificate

500 books- Whole class trip to the Stratford Town Library.

We sincerely thank you for the continued support we have received with this challenge. The results have been outstanding. Ka pai tamariki ma.



Important Dates

Week One - 14-18 October

Summer Term begins, School finishes at 2.55pm.
Thursday - Swimming starts

Week Two - 21-25 October

Thursday - Swimming

Week Three - 28-1 November

Monday - Labour Day - No school
Thursday - Swimming
Friday - Stratford Scarecrow Trail begins, Gumboot Day

Week Four - 4-8 November

Thursday - Swimming

Week Five - 11-15 November

Thursday - Swimming
Sunday - Christmas Homes for Hope Room 13

Week Six - 18-22 November

Thursday - Swimming

Week Seven - 25-29 November

Thursday - Swimming

Week Eight - 2-6 December

Tuesday - Reports go home
Thursday - Swimming
Friday - Stratford Christmas Parade

Week Nine - 9-13 December

Thursday - Swimming
Friday - Term 4 ends at 12.00 noon

Library



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

Room 9 & 10 - Tuesday

Room 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 as we endeavour to protect and preserve the wonderful range of books we have.

Developing Independence

The tamariki are doing a fantastic job with entering school on their own. This has enabled them to take responsibility and pack and unpack their own bags. They are able to collect their belongings at the end of each day. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

School Swimming



Swimming starts in Week One. All of the Junior school will swim on a Thursday. 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:

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