



Year 1 and 2

Stratford Primary School

Term One Newsletter 2025

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.

This term, we continue on the School Lunch 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.

We are excited to be back at school for Term One. We have an action packed term and the teachers are excited to get it under way.

What's on?

Theme – We will be learning about belonging to a group and our responsibilities within a group. We will learn about Waitangi Day. We will investigate computers and what they do.

Maths – Our focus continues to be developing number knowledge and strategies. We will also look at measurement - specifically length. Basic Facts will be in our daily routine. To help your child at home please check out the Junior Numeracy Challenges. These can be found in their Home Learning books.

Writing – The children are continuing to generate writing from their own personal thoughts, feelings and from language experience activities. We encourage parents to please discuss any experiences you may have out and about. This will enhance your child's oral language. You are welcome to call into class and read their amazing work.

The Arts – We are creating a range of artworks to enhance our rooms. This term, these will be focused on our themes - All About Me, Belonging to a Group and Waitangi Day.

P.E – We will be working on daily fitness activities and a unit on Play Based P.E.

Te Reo – Daily greetings, mihi, karakia and waiata continue to be an ongoing focus. We will also be learning about the Treaty of Waitangi.

Play Based learning will be incorporated into all our Junior Classes.

What does Play Based learning look like:



Literacy and numeracy are fundamental aspects of our Junior Programme. Opportunities to use literacy and numeracy skills occur naturally through play and we also have daily explicit teaching time. During play, the teacher may be teaching individuals or small groups (literacy and numeracy) or will be acting as a facilitator to support the skills or focus that the students are exploring. Children choose their own play activities, using materials and resources that are in or outside the classroom. Many activities expand into more in-depth learning.

HOME LEARNING

Home Learning books will begin to come home by Week Three. There is a brief explanation at the beginning of the book outlining our syndicate expectations.

Books will contain a reading log, sight words, spelling words, basic facts and a hundreds board. A new poem is also added each week.

We do ask that parents support the class teacher by ensuring book bags and home learning books come to school daily.

Important Dates

Week 1 -27-31 January

Monday 27th - Goal setting Interviews
Tuesday 28th - School starts, Powhiri
Friday 31st - Top Team Day (9:30-11am)

Week 2 - 3-7 February

Wednesday 5th - Whanau Day - School Hangi
Thursday 6th - Waitangi Day - school closed

Week 3 - 10-14 February

Home Learning begins

Week 4 - 17-21 February

Friday 21st - Americarna

Week 5 - 24-28 March

Week 6 - 3-7 March

Thursday 6th - Tryathlon (Years 0-6)
Friday 7th - Teachers Only Day - school closed

Week 7 - 10-14 March

Monday 10th - Taranaki Anniversary - school closed
Kapa Haka starts

Week 8 - 17-21 March

Week 9 - 24-28 March

Wednesday 26th - School Athletics Day

Week 10 - 31-4 April

Week 11 - 7-11 April

Friday 11th - Last day of Term One

Library



This term, we have new days for library visits. They are;

Room 13 - Monday

Room 10 - Wednesday

Room 11 - Thursday

Room 14 & Room 9 - 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** books issued that week.

Communication with school

There are a variety of places to find information from school;

*Newsletters

*School App

*Facebook

*Class Seesaw

*School Website

*School phone 0800 000 352 or 765 6938

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. Children without hats play in the shelter shed at playtime and the library during lunchtime.



Home Learning challenge

The Junior Team are continuing to focus on Reading this term. This is to encourage reading within our homes and classrooms.

We do ask for regular support and guidance with this.

We will be issuing a sheet for each child to complete. On completion of the sheet please see the class teacher.

Existing students will continue from where they left off.



With regards from the Year 1 -2 Team:

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Joey Patterson, Room 11

Nicole Bellringer, Room 9

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