

# SPS Year 7-8 Newsletter

## Term One, 2025



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.

We welcome Miss Angela Chubb, and Mrs Erin Webb to our teaching team this year.

Our Teaching Team for 2024 is:

**Room 1** - Mr Gareth King (Team leader)

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**Room 3** - Miss Angela Chubb

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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, reach out to your child's teacher for support with this.

Whānau Day is on the 5th of February at 11:30 am. All whānau are invited to come along and join in with our celebration of being back at school! More information will come out about this shortly.

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 sunburned. Our summer hours are 8:45 to 2:55. Please make sure your child is not at school before 8:15 in the morning.

We will be working hard in all areas of the curriculum this year. We will be incorporating the new resources for the teaching of mathematics this year. Families can support students 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. We will share information about Achievement Bands early in the term.

We are looking forward to this year!



### **School Lunches this year**

We will have a new provider for our school lunches this year. Information will come home about lunches as soon as we have it.

### **Important Dates!**

#### **Week one: 27-31 January**

Monday 27 - Whanau connection day

Tuesday 28 - Powhiri for new staff and students

Friday 31 - Top team day

#### **Week two: 3-7 February**

Wednesday 5 - Whanau day with hangi

Thursday 6 - Waitangi Day

#### **Week three: 10-14 February**

Monday 10 - Camp meeting at 4:30

#### **Week four: 17-21 February**

Camp Week

#### **Week five: : 24-28 February**

Wednesday 26 - Turnbull Cup swimming

#### **Week six: 3-7 March**

Thursday 6 - Assembly

Friday 7 - Teacher Only Day

#### **Week seven: 10-14 March**

Monday 10 - Taranaki Anniversary Day

Thursday 13 - Kapa Haka starts

#### **Week eight: 17-21 March**

Technology Week

#### **Week nine: 24-28 March**

Wednesday 26 - Athletics Day

#### **Week ten: 31-4 April**

#### **Week eleven: 7-11 April**

Wednesday 9 - ANZAC Assembly

Friday 11 - End of term 1