



Year 1 and 2

Stratford Primary School

Term Two 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. We are excited to be back at school for Term Two. We have an action packed term. 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 what a force is - a push or a pull on an object. We will also learn about solid, liquids and gas. Materials can change when mixed, heated or cooled.

Maths – Our focus continues to be developing number knowledge and strategies. We will also look at 2D and 3D shapes. Fractions will 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 Hauora theme. What our bodies need to function well - sleep, food, water and exercise.

P.E – We will be working on the Perceptual Motor Programme. This is based on movement activities that helps to enhance their hand-eye and foot-eye coordination. A focus will also be Hauora - what we need to function at our best.

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

We will have a visit from the Life Education bus in Weeks Four and Five.

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 - 28-2 May

Monday - Term Two starts (9.00-2.35pm),
Powhiri 10am for new students

Thursday - Kapa Haka Starts, First Aid

Week 2 - 5-9 May

Week 3 - 12-16 May

Friday - Pink Shirt Day

Week 4 - 19-23 May

Friday - Life Education Bus

Week 5 - 26-30 May

Monday & Tuesday - Life Education Bus

Week 6 - 2-6 June

Monday - King's Birthday - No school

Week 7 - 9-13 June

Week 8 - 16-20 June

Monday - Matariki - No school

Tuesday - Learning Journey Reports and IEPs
to go home

Thursday - Build a business market night

Week 9 - 23-27 June

Monday - Curriculum Day - No school

Friday - Holidays start

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.



Developing Independence

The children are encouraged to pack and unpack their own bags each morning, collect their belongings at the end of each day and also dress themselves. To support this, we do ask that parents/caregivers wait outside the classroom until the bell goes.

Please send in a spare set of clothes daily as accidents do occur from time to time. We would appreciate as much co-operation with this as possible.

Library



This term, we will go to the library on the following days;

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 issue that week.

With regards from the Year 1-2 Team:

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