



## Year 1 and 2 Junior Syndicate Stratford Primary School

Term 3 Newsletter 2025

We welcome all new and existing whānau to our School and Junior Syndicate. We are excited to be back for Term Three. We have had some cold and wet weather over the holidays and can only hope that it improves. We have parent interviews this term. Please see below to book these. We will be learning about how to be Road Safe. We will also start planning our Class Scarecrows.

### What's on?

**Theme** - This term, for Pakiki we will be looking at the properties of some common materials. We will also be investigating how things are designed and made. One way we will explore this is through different Fairy Tales. We will also be learning about Road Safety.

**Maths** - Our focus continues to be developing number knowledge and strategies. This term, the children will also explore probability by investigating the likelihood of events happening. E.g. flipping a coin.

**Writing** - The children are continuing to generate writing from their own personal thoughts, feelings and from language experiences. We will also focus on retelling our Pakiki Fairy Tales.

**The Arts** - We will create some art pieces to support the different Fairy Tales we learn. We will be looking at scarecrows in preparation to creating our own class idea for the Stratford Scarecrow Trail. This will take place in Term 4.

**P.E** - Our focus will be on Cross Country and running. We have our School Cross Country on 1 August. We will also be creating a class dance for the Dance Expo.

**Te Reo** - Mihi's, daily greetings, basic commands, and days of the week will all continue to be an ongoing focus.



### Parent Interviews

Parent interviews will take place on Thursday 24 July and Thursday 31 July. School will close at 2.00 pm. Please ensure you have booked your appointment. If your child needs to stay at school until 2.55pm please let the teacher know.

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### Te Reo Maori

Alongside the whole school, the Junior classes have been learning a variety of different phrases.

We have been learning the following:

He whetū koe - You're a star  
He tino hoa koe - You're a great friend  
Tau kē tāu mahi - You're doing great work  
He tangata kaha koe - You are strong  
Kia mau! - Hang in there!  
Kia kaha! - Be strong, keep going!  
Kia toa! - Be brave!

We look forward to adding new phrases. Perhaps you could try some of these at home.



### Important Dates

#### Week 1 - 14-18 July

Monday - Term Two starts (9.00am-2.35pm), Powhiri for new whanau 10.00 am  
Thursday - Kapa Haka Starts

#### Week 2 - 21-25 July

Thursday - Parent Interviews, School closes at 2.00 pm

#### Week 3 - 28-1 August

Thursday - Parent Interviews, School closes at 2.00 pm  
Friday -Cross Country

#### Week 4 - 4-8 August

#### Week 5 - 11-15 August

#### Week 6 - 18-22 August

Tuesday - School Photos  
Friday- Teacher Only Day- No School

#### Week 7 - 25-29 August

Friday - Daffodil Day

#### Week 8 - 1-5 September

Thursday - Whakapiri morning

#### Week 9 - 8-12 September

Wednesday - Dance Expo  
Thursday - Dance Expo

#### Week 10 - 15-19 September

Maori Language week  
Friday - Holidays start

### Kapa Haka

Kapa Haka is on every Thursday in the wharehau. Years 1-2 all go along together from 2.10 pm. We sing a variety of waiata and it is a lot of fun. We welcome parents and whānau.

### Developing Independence

The tamariki are encouraged to pack and unpack their own bags, 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.

### READING CHALLENGE:

Thank you for your continued support with this initiative to get tamariki reading in our syndicate. We have had several children reaching the targets. The challenge was put in place to foster good reading habits and also to encourage a love of reading. The Junior Teachers have implemented the following;

50 books- Junior Assembly - certificate, pencil,  
Visit to Senior Leadership  
100 books - Certificate  
150 books- Whole School Assembly -  
certificate and book  
250 books- Visitor to read to the class  
300 - Certificate  
500 books- Whole class trip to the Stratford  
Town Library

We look forward to working  
together and supporting the  
children to achieve these.



### Reminders:

**Toys** - a reminder that children should not be bringing toys to school.

**Clothing** - we still have a lot of unnamed lost property. To prevent this can we please ensure that we name our clothing.

**Water bottles** - we encourage children to continue to bring these to school, however, please only fill with water.

### With regards from the Year 1 -2 Team:

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Joey Patterson, Room 11

Nicole Bellringer, Room 9

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Melissa Stone, Mutukaroa Co-ordinator