



## Year 1 and 2

# Stratford Primary School

Term Four Newsletter 2025

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 to wear at school.

### What's on?

**Maths** - Our focus continues to be developing number knowledge and strategies. This term, the children will also explore Money.

**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. We also have Constable Pip in to revisit crossing the road safely.

**Pakiki** - We will be focusing on what a 'need' is and what a 'want' is. We will look at how we get what we need and want.

### 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 whānau.

50 books- Junior assembly - certificate, book mark, pencil.

150 books- Whole school assembly - certificate and book.

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

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 1 - 6 - 10 October

Summer Term begins, School finishes at 2.55pm.

Monday - Pōwhiri: New Whānau at 10.00am

Tuesday - Swimming starts

Friday - Constable Pip ROAD SAFETY

#### Week 2 - 13 - 17 October

Monday- Cricket lessons

Tuesday - Swimming

Thursday - Shakeout NZ Day

#### Week 3 - 20 - 24 October

Tuesday - Swimming.

Thursday -Possible Strike Action for Teachers - School closed for instruction. Parents will be informed via School App, Facebook and newsletter.

Friday - Teachers Only Day - School closed

#### Week 4 - 27 - 31 October

Monday- Labour Day - School closed

Tuesday - Swimming

Wednesday - Puanga Festival for Teina Roopu

Friday - Stratford Scarecrow Trail starts

#### Week 5 - 3 - 7 November

Tuesday - Swimming

#### Week 6 - 10 -14 November

Tuesday - Swimming

#### Week 7 - 17 - 21 November

Tuesday - Swimming

Sunday - Homes for Hope

#### Week 8 - 24 - 28 November

Tuesday - Swimming

#### Week 9 - 1 - 5 December

Tuesday - Swimming

Tuesday - Learning Journey Reports and IEPs to go home

#### Week 10 - 8 - 12 December

Thursday -Leavers Assembly at 1.00pm

Friday - school finishes at 12.00pm

### 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 Tuesday. 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.

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

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

Sonia Rova (Team Leader), Room 13

Joey Patterson, Room 11

Nicole Bellringer, Room 9

Cath Uhlenberg, Room 14

Jayla Berge, Room 10

Melissa Stone, Mutukaroa Co-ordinator