

# SPS Year 7-8 Newsletter

## Term four, 2025



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4!!

This is the first term that we will be running our modified timetable for the Senior School. Classes will be split into Year 7 and 8 groups, and will have maths lessons in these groups. Students will only be out of their homerooms for 1 hour each day. We will work hard to make this transition as smooth as possible, please talk to your child about these changes and how they are feeling about them.

This term we have swimming each Wednesday from Weeks 1 to 9 at the town pools. Students will need goggles, togs, and a towel. We will not be contacting families if gear has been forgotten so please check on Tuesday nights.

Our Pakiki focus this term will be on the roles of people and organisations in government, and how the Treaty Of Waitangi has shaped our country.

In Week 6, our Year 8 students who are going to Stratford High School next year have a transition day. They will spend the day at the High School following a Year 9 student around to become familiar with how things work.

Our sporting opportunities this term include Touch Rugby, Swimming Sports, and the Senior School Triathlon.

The Senior Social is always a popular event in the calendar. This year we have social in Week 8 on Thursday 27th of November. We will start practising for this early in the term so everyone is ready to waltz the night away!

In the last week of term, we have our Big Day Out. Using money raised during Build a Business, the senior syndicate will bus into New Plymouth, spend the day at the aquatic centre, and enjoy pizza for lunch!

This can be a very testing term for tired students, teachers, and parents alike. Please keep in touch with your child's teacher if there are any concerns or questions.

Our teaching team remains:

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### Important Dates

Week 1: 6-10 October

- Summer hours start
- Powhiri for new families
- Swimming starts, every Wednesday this term except Week 10.

Week 2: 13-17 October

- Shakeout day

Week 3: 20-24 October

- Teacher only day on Friday

Week 4: 27-31 October

- Monday Labour Day
- Social dance practice starts

Week 5: 3-7 November

- Tech week

Week 6: 10-14 November

- Year 8 Orientation day at Stratford High School

Week 7: 17-21 November

- Swimsafe course for Year 7-8
- Christmas parade
- Year 7-8 triathlon

Week 8: 24-28 November

- Thursday night - School Social
- Swimming sports

Week 9: 1-5 December

- Year 8 students Vs Teachers basketball

Week 10: 8-12 December

- Tuesday, Big Day Out!!
- Year 8 leavers assembly, Wednesday 1:00 in the school hall.
- Friday, school finishes at 12:00 for the final day.