

# SPS Year 7-8 Newsletter

## Term Two, 2026



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This term we will have some changes in the teaching team for the senior syndicate. We welcome the return of Mr Zeylemaker to S.P.S. Mr Z will teach in Room 1 from Week 4 onwards, while Mr King will come out of his home room position to work in rooms 3 and 4 in a specialist teacher role, while maintaining Team Leader responsibilities. Ms Taylor will be the homeroom teacher for Room 4 now that Mr Dingle has departed.

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Any students who have signed up for basketball will be playing on Friday nights. A timetable and venue list will come out so everyone knows where to go.

This term, we start winter hours. This means a shorter lunchtime and an earlier finish. The school day will end at 2:35pm for Term Two and Three.

We have an opportunity to have golf coaching sessions at school in weeks 4 and 5. There is no cost for these sessions.

Kapa Haka continues this term each Thursday.

Our Pakiki units this term will focus on ecosystems, and the diverse cultures of New Zealand. We will integrate lessons in reading and writing into these units of work. Added to this, we have speeches later in the term. Class speeches will be held in weeks 8 or 9, with the syndicate finals on Thursday of week 9.

In week 3 we have the opportunity to have Alice from the Blake foundation come in and take a session using VR headsets. We will use these IT tools to explore our moana and how we can help keep it clean and pristine.

Please remember that we have our school assembly each Friday at 9:15am in the school hall, all Whānau are welcome. This is where we hand out our class awards, and also the C.V. Achievement Band awards.

This will be a long term, with 11 weeks of learning ahead of us. Please keep in contact with your child's teacher if any worries pop up during the term.

### C.V. Achievement Bands

We will continue to focus on achieving our credits on our C.V.s to achieve the bands in the four different areas. Students are encouraged to earn points in the areas of academics, service, arts and cultural, and sports.

It is also possible to earn points with tasks at home. Information will be sent out to parents and students on Seesaw with details on how to do this.

### Important Dates!

#### Week 1:

20-24 April

Tuesday - Pōwhiri for new families

Immunisations

Friday - ANZAC assembly

#### Week 2:

27-1 May

Monday - ANZAC day

#### Week 3

4-8 May

Tuesday - Blake VR activity

Friday - Taranaki golf

#### Week 4

11-15 May

Friday - Taranaki golf

#### Week 5

18-22 May

#### Week 6

Friday - Teacher Only Day

#### Week 7

1-5 June

Monday - King's Birthday

#### Week 8

8-12 June

#### Week 9

15-19 June

Tuesday - Class photos

Wednesday - Sports and cultural photos

Thursday - Senior syndicate speech finals

#### Week 10

22-26 June

Tuesday - Reports go home

Thursday - School speech finals

#### Week 11

29-3 July

Tuesday - Huranga Whānui exhibition

Friday - Final day of term.