



Year 1 and 2 Junior Syndicate Stratford Primary School

Term Three Newsletter 2026

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 Fire Wise. We will also start planning our Class Scarecrows.

What's on?

Theme - This term, our Pākiki (Inquiry) theme is 'Cause and Effect.' We will explore how events in the world can be triggered by human actions, or simply happen as a natural part of our environment. Alongside this, we will be learning about what defines an emergency, when it is appropriate to call 111 and how to stay safe by being 'Firewise.'

Maths - In Number, our focus continues to be developing strong number knowledge and problem-solving strategies. We will explore three strands this term also. In Geometry: The children will interpret and create simple maps, follow multi-step directional instructions, and explore grid references. For Probability: We will conduct simple experiments and learn to make logical predictions. In Statistics: We will be gathering data and learning how to use and understand tally marks to record information.

Writing - The tamariki will continue to generate text based on their own personal thoughts, feelings, and hands-on language experiences. To build deeper connections across our learning, we will also use our Pākiki theme as a regular prompt for our writing, allowing students to write about cause, effect and our upcoming safety topics.

The Arts - We will create some art pieces to support our Pākiki learning. 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 Four.

P.E - Our focus will be on Cross Country and running. All tamariki will participate in our school event. We will also be working alongside Mr Jacob with the Perceptual Motor Programme.

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 30 July and Thursday 6 August. School will close at 2.00 pm. Please ensure you have booked your appointment. If your child needs to stay at school until 2.35pm please let the teacher know.

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Code: 2swsb



Te Reo Maori

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

We have been learning the following:

Kia ora e hoa. Hello my friend.
Kei te pēhea koe? How are you?
Kei hea koe? Where are you?
Kei te kura au. I am at school.
Kei te harikoa au. I am happy.

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

Important Dates

Week 1 - 20 - 24 July

Monday - Term Three begins

Tuesday - 9.10am Powhiri for new whanau

Week 2 - 27 - 31 July

Thursday - Whakapiri Morning and Book Fair Celebrations, Parent Interviews (school finishes at 2pm)

Week 3 - 3 - 7 Aug

Wednesday - Last day for Book Fair

Thursday - Parent Interviews (school finishes at 2pm)

Week 4 - 10 - 14 Aug

Week 5 - 17 - 21 Aug

Week 6 - 24 - 28 Aug

Friday - School Cross Country, Daffodil Day

Week 7 - 31 - 4 Sept

Monday - Teachers Only Day - no school

Week 8 - 7 - 11 Sept

Week 9 - 14 - 18 Sept

Week 10 - 21 - 25 Sept

Tuesday - Firewise visits

Friday - Last day of Term Three

Kapa Haka

Kapa Haka is on every Thursday in the wharehau. Years 1-2 all go along together from 2.05 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.

Reminders:

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.

Toys - please keep these at home to avoid being lost or damaged.

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 and pencil

100 books - Certificate

150 books- Whole School Assembly - certificate and book

250 books- Visitor to read to the class

300 books - Certificate

500 books- Whole class trip to the Stratford Town Library

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



With regards from the Year 1-2 Team:

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