

SPS Year 7-8 Newsletter

Term Three, 2026.



Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Welcome to Term three! The halfway point of our school year has arrived and we have a very busy term ahead of us. Highlights of this term will include the Manukorihi Sports Exchange, our Wearable Arts Evenings, a Sports Exchange in Hawera, and Parent/Teacher conferences.

Please make sure you have signed up for Parent/Teacher conferences, these are being held on Thursdays in Weeks two and three. Information was sent home at the end of Term two regarding conferences, please contact the school office if you need the information again.

This term, we have some sports exchanges, which gives the students opportunities to represent Stratford Primary in a range of different sports. We will be hosting Manukorihi for our traditional sports exchange, and travelling to Hawera for the Netball/Football/Rugby tournament. We also have our school Cross Country this term. We will be training for Cross Country during the first six weeks of term. Cross Country will be in Week six.

This term, we have the return of a Wearable Arts evening. The students will be working towards this all term. They will explore different cultures, and creating a piece of art to represent their chosen one. We will have two evening shows in Week nine where Whānau can come along and see our creations on the catwalk in the school hall!

Our technology programme (Huranga Whānui) will continue this term. The students will get to experience cooking, dance, and arts during the term. Huranga Whānui will be on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

We look forward to meeting parents during the interviews. As always, if you would like to contact your child's teacher please feel free to email them.

Our teaching team this term will be:

Room 1 = Mr Zeylemaker: finnz@sps.kiwi.nz

Room 2 = Ms Todd: jot@sps.kiwi.nz

Room 3 = Miss Chubb: angelac@sps.kiwi.nz

Room 4 = Ms Taylor: suzannet@sps.kiwi.nz

Room 1 and 2 support = Mrs Dobson: greerm@sps.kiwi.nz

Room 3 and 4 support = Mr King: garethk@sps.kiwi.nz

Important Dates:

Week 1:

Tuesday 21 - Pōwhiri for new families at 9:10, Huranga Whānui begins.

Thursday 23 - Kapa Haka starts

Week 2:

Thursday 30 - Whakapiri morning, book fair, Parent/Teacher conferences - School finishes at 2:00

Friday 31 - Manukorihi Sports exchange at S.P.S

Week 3:

Thursday 6- Parent/Teacher conferences- School finishes at 2:00

Week 4:

Friday 14 - LEAD conference in New Plymouth.

Week 5:

Monday 17- ePro8 internal competition

Friday 21 - Football/Netball/Rugby sports exchange in Hawera

Week 6:

Wednesday 26 - Kapa Haka festival at War Memorial hall

Friday 28 - School Cross Country

Week 7:

Monday 31 - Teachers Only Day, no school

Tuesday 1 - ePro8 competition

Friday 4 - AIMS games

Week 8:

Wednesday - Central Cross Country

Week 9:

Wednesday 16, and Thursday 17 -

Wearable Arts show in school hall

Friday 18 - Tough Kid challenge at SHS

Week 10:

Wednesday 23 - Taranaki Cross Country TBC

Friday 25 - Final day of Term 3.