



Year 1 and 2

Stratford Primary School

Term Four Newsletter 2026

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 number strategies. This term, the children will explore Money. We will also look at Fractions particularly halves and quarters. For Measurement, we will be focussing on Time and Temperature.

Writing - The children are continuing to generate writing from their own personal thoughts, feelings and from language experience activities at school.

The Arts - Some of the Junior classes will also create a scarecrow. This will be displayed on site in conjunction with the Stratford Scarecrow Trail. Towards the end of the term we will create Christmas Art and Crafts.

P.E - We are focusing on Water Safety. Swimming will commence in Week One and will run for the term. We have Mattie from Sport Taranaki working with each class. This will be based around the Perceptual Motor Programme.

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.

Pakiki - Our unit is called 'Being a Scientist'. Watch this space for some exciting science experiments. We will also look at ways to reduce waste in our environment.

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.

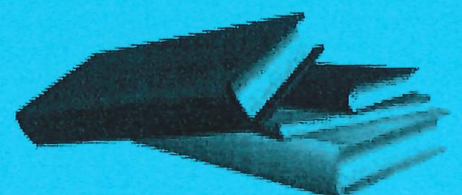
150 books- Whole school assembly - certificate and book.

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 - 12 - 16 October

Monday - Cricket Skills with Taranaki Cricket
Tuesday 9.10am - Powhiri to welcome new whanau
Tuesday - Swimming
Thursday - Mattie from Sport Taranaki

Week 2 - 19 - 23 October

Tuesday - Swimming

Week 3 - 26 - 30 October

Monday - Labour Day NO SCHOOL
Tuesday - Swimming
Wednesday - Puanga Festival for Teina Roopu
Friday - Stratford Scarecrow Trail starts

Week 4 - 2 - 6 November

Tuesday - Swimming
Thursday - Mattie from Sport Taranaki
Friday - Gumboot Friday

Week 5 - 9 - 13 November

Tuesday - Swimming

Week 6 - 16 - 20 November

Tuesday - Swimming

Week 7 - 23 - 27 November

Tuesday - Swimming
Friday - Stratford Christmas Parade

Week 8 - 30 - 4 December

Tuesday - Swimming
Thursday - Mattie from Sport Taranaki

Week 9 - 7 - 11 December

Tuesday - Swimming, Reports and IEPS go home
Friday - Colour Run Fundraiser

Week 10 - 14 - 18 December

Wednesday - School finishes at 12 noon for 2026

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 11 - Tuesday
Room 10 - Wednesday
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