

Newsletter

From our Principal

Kia Ora koutou katoa

Dear parents, caregivers, students & friends

Welcome back to term two – the longest term of the year with 11 weeks. Although it may have appeared that term one was a busy term for students, this term also has many activities and students will need to ensure they are balancing their school work with the many out of school activities they are involved in.

As we begin the term our focus is on ensuring students are in correct uniform and also they have the correct gear for their classes. Our focus for the whole term is RESPECT – respect for others, respect for ourselves, respect for the environment.

At this time I would like to thank everyone for their contribution to our school during last term. At the reunion over the holidays, our visitors were most impressed with the look of the school and also the students they met. Well done.

Quote: All successful people, men and women re big dreamers. They imagine what their future could be, ideal in every respect and then they work every day toward their distant vision, that goal or purpose. Brian Tracy

Philip Keenan, Principal

Board of Trustees Elections

The BoT elections have been successful and the new board was announced on Tuesday 6th April. The parent representatives for the next three years are: Mr Bryan Bailey, Mr Jim Cooper, Mr Stephan Dyer, Mr Alan Frost and Mrs Fiona Howatson. The staff representative is Miss Angela Roberts. The student representative, Miss Kelly West will continue until the student elections in September.

Alan Frost
Chairman, SHS BoT

Reminder

Junior report evening
Thursday 22nd April 7pm in
the school assembly hall.

Congratulations

- ◆ To all students who entered into the recent Kidzshow Art competition run by the Percy Thompson Gallery. Sarah Cooper was the winner of the competition but it was pleasing to see a number of students work in the exhibition.
- ◆ To all students who participated in the rugby and netball tournaments over the holiday break. It was pleasing to see a number of non-playing students in support of these teams.
- ◆ A big thanks to the students who assisted with the Old Pupils Association reunion over the Easter weekend. Feedback received has commented on how are students were very knowledgeable, friendly and willing to assist.
- ◆ To all students, both past and present that will graduate from university study during the next month. Please let the school know of your success so we can celebrate with you.

The next newsletter will be issued in week 5 - 17th May 2010. The school blog & website are updated regularly with new information.

Uniform

Thank you to all those parents/caregivers who have outfitted their student in the correct uniform. We are in winter uniform (term 2 & 3) and would appreciate it if you could ensure as they leave in the morning they are correctly dressed. It is timely, however, that we remind you of a few points regarding the uniform:

- Students can wear sandals in term 1 and term 4. Sandals must be black, have a back strap and no adornments.
- Boys must be clean shaven.
- Make-up is **not** permitted for Y9 - 12 students.
- Students are able to wear a single pair of plain sleepers or studs in their ears. No other facial piercing is permitted.
- Tattoos must be covered at all times.
- Students' hair is expected to be clean and tidy. Extreme hair styles or colours are not permitted.



If you have any queries about your student's uniform please contact the school for clarification.

If for medical or other reasons your child must wear non-regulation uniform items then they must bring a note signed by a parent/caregiver. This must be taken to Mrs Potter/Mrs Gall/Mr Smith for a uniform pass. Failure to do so may result in the confiscation of the item.

We realise that cost can be a problem. If you are having difficulties obtaining the correct school uniform please contact Mrs Potter or Mr Keenan.



Newsletters by email

If you would like the newsletters emailed then please email mail@stratfordhigh.school.nz with NEWSLETTER in the subject line. Newsletters in term two will be published in week 5 and 9.

Designer Ball Gowns

Want a one-of-a-kind ball gown. No-one in the same dress. Have your gown made by a young fashion designer, starting her own label. Contact Haley Hagley on 027742 4966 or haley-uka-lee@hotmail.com for the chance to be unique at the 2010 ball.



Pre-Season Netball Tournament

On Saturday 17th April four netball teams travelled to New Plymouth for the pre-season tournament. School A had two wins, a draw and one lose. They ended up second in their grade. 4A had three wins and one loss. They also ended up second in their grade. 3A and School B performed very well but were unable to achieve a win. All the teams respected Stratford High School, very well. Thank you to all the players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters for a very enjoyable day.

Netball Notes

The regular netball season starts this Saturday. All teams (except for Stingers who have a bye) are playing this weekend. Information and times will be posted on the sports notice board. Uniforms will be issued to students before the end of the week. Coaches will also be organising practices, it is important that all players turn up. Fees invoices have been sent home to all parents and are due to the student office by Friday 30th April.

Yarrows bread bags - we are still collecting these for money for netball. Currently we have enough for one month but we need 1250 for the remainder of the season. Please hand clean, dry bags into the student office for counting. The top form each term receives a prize.



IT Suite

The IT suite at the people's Activity Centre will be open from 3pm Mon - Fri..

- ◆ Free broadband internet
- ◆ Printing services
- ◆ Pool table & comfortable waiting area
- ◆ Youth nurse available from 27 April @ 2pm

School Rugby

School teams were involved in two exchanges over the holidays with SHS hosting both events. On the first Monday (5th April) Thames High School brought their 1st and 2nd fifteens down for a Taranaki tour. Our 2nd fifteen lost a close game but played very well. The final score was 24 -19. The first fifteen had a great battle and ran out the winners with 25 points to 14. Many good contacts were made and the Thames team members enjoyed their stay.



The second event was the **Jack Porter Tournament**. We hosted three visiting teams over two days. We lost in extra time on day one to Waiopahu College 35 – 32 in a very close game. Day two saw SHS defeat Tararua College 15 – 6 in another close battle. Central Hawkes Bay College were the winners of the 2010 tournament. These games should see the boys ready for the local competition which starts on Saturday 24th April. Thanks to all the helpers who made this a successful tournament.



Jack Porter 2010 Tournament Team

Selected by: Graeme Parkinson, Chris Drummond, Clinton Hancock, Hori Davidson

Front row: Casey McGrattan (CHBC), Anthony Fuauli (WC), Corbin Taylor (CHBC), Willie Paia'aua (WC), Jackson Clince (TC)

Middle row: Liam Quinlivan (CHBC), Tejay Oliver (CHBC), Travis Taylor (CHBC), Brett Richards (TC), Hamuera Metekingi (TC), Jono Ellmers (CHBC), Andrew Hunger (SHS), Jack Espin (SHS)

Back row: William Redward (CHBC), Tama Nepe-Apatu (CHBC), Ben Carpenter (CHBC), Nico Lowry (CHBC), Sam Hinton (SHS), James Jeffares (SHS), Henry Marchant (SHS), Mowhia Kerehoma-Cook Vice Capt.(WC)

Absent: Aaron Buckland Capt.(SHS)

Coming Events - Term Two - 2010

Students are encouraged to participate in Interhouse events for points for the school trophy. Parents are also welcome to attend any TSS events and we ask that you contact Mrs Kofoed, Sports Coordinator if you are able to assist with managing or transporting students. The calendar for term two is below. Some dates of events and activities may change. Please keep an eye out for newsletters, the school blog or high school corner.

Day Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY SUNDAY
WEEK 1	19 April - Day 4	20 April - Day 5	21 April - Day 6	22 April - Day 1	23 April - Day 2	24-25 April
19 April - 25 April	Term 2 begins Staff mtg Fire drill this week	Assembly House Leaders mtg Newsletter	YTS 9.00-10.00am EVERY WEDNESDAY	Deans Assembly Vic. Uni. P5 Junior interviews 7.00-9.00pm		Sunday - ANZAC Day
WEEK 2	26 April - Day 3	27 April - Day 4	28 April - Day 5	29 April - Day 6	30 April - Day 1	1-2 May
26 April - 2 May	Rhythm Interactive Yr9-10 2.10-3.15pm	Assembly	Massey / UCOL Tertiary Discovery Day 10-2pm	UOSWFSS - Hall 2-9pm House Assembly	Waikato Open Day	Sunday -- TSS Girls Football TSS Girls 7-a-side rugby
WEEK 3	May 3 - Day 2	4 May - Day 3	5 May - Day 4	6 May - Day 5	7 May - Day 6	8-9 May
3 May - 9 May		Assembly Sports Ambassadors at SHS	Sports Co-ordinators mtg at SHS 1pm	Student Council mtg p3		Aotea Regional Kapa Haka Comp - Wanganui Sunday - TSS Netball
WEEK 4	10 May - Day 1	11 May - Day 2	12 May - Day 3	13 May - Day 4	14 May - Day 5	15-16 May
10 May - 16 May		Assembly		Poutama Form time Manu Korero - NPGHS	Pae Rangatahi - NPBHS	Smokefree Rock Quest heats Sunday - TSS Duathlon
WEEK 5	17 May - Day 6	18 May - Day 1	19 May - Day 2	20 May - Day 3	21 May - Day 4	22-23 May
17 May - 23 May	Staff mtg	Assembly Newsletter Junior Sports Seminar	SHS Cross-country	Agric. First Aid 8.30am-5.00pm Airforce p5	Agric. First Aid 8.30am- 5.00pm TSS Golf Girls - Manaia Boys - Te Ngutu	TSS Mountain Biking
WEEK 6	24 May - Day 5	25 May - Day 6	26 May - Day 1	27 May - Day 2	28 May - Day 3	29-30 May
ASSESSMENT WEEK						
24 May - 30 May	C.C.'s mtg	Captains & Elite Sports Seminar	TSS BMX Marfell Park 4.30pm Waikato Uni Liaison-p2		Taranaki Maori Teachers Hui - Hawera	
WEEK 7	31 May - Day 4	1 June - Day 5	2 June - Day 6	3 June - Day 1	4 June - Day 2	5-6 June
31 May - 6 June		Smokefree Stage Challenge Assembly Department mtgs		Deans Assembly TSS Cross-country - Hawera		
WEEK 8	7-Jun	8 June - Day 3	9 June - Day 4	10 June - Day 5	11 June - Day 6	12-13 June
7 June - 13 June	Queens Birthday holiday	Assembly ERO visit TPU this week		Student Council mtg p Poutama Assembly	Junior classes Rotation 2 ends	TSS Squash - Okato
WEEK 9	14 June - Day 1	15 June - Day 2	16 June - Day 3	17 June - Day 4	18 June - Day 5	19-20 June
14 June - 20 June		Attitude Day Newsletter Assembly Department mtgs		Poutama Form time Grad2 Reports posted	Top 8 [Yr 9] Science Trip	SHS BALL
WEEK 10	June 21 - Day 6	June 22 - Day 1	June 23 - Day 2	24 June - Day 3	25 June - Day 4	26-27 June
21 June - 27 June	SHS Badminton this week Staff mtg	Assembly	Mid year Reports posted	Yr12 Photography Star Course	Yr 12 Photography Star Course	Taranaki Smokefree Rock Quest final Sunday - Monday Taita Exchange
WEEK 11	28 June Day 5	29 June Day 6	30 June Day 1	1 July Day 2	2 July Day 3	3-4 July
28 June - 4 July	Taita Exchange	Assembly Department mtgs	Senior Report Evening 4.00-7.00pm		End of Term	

Relay 4 Life 2010

On March 20th & 21st Stratford High School had 90 students and 10 staff participating in the annual Cancer Society fundraiser Relay for Life, held at the Pukekura Raceway. 2010 was the third year Stratford High has been part of the big event, and this year having the biggest team so far.



It all started late in 2009 with students Dylan O'Neill and Tracy Kivell along with teacher Maria Potter taking on the role of leaders for the 2010 relay. Having all experienced cancer with family members, the leaders were inspired to make 2010 the most successful year yet.

Preparation began with interested students signing up late last year, and recruiting year nines as they began this year. As term one began, we got straight into fundraising. Each student was given raffle tickets to sell and a sponsorship sheet, with a minimum target of \$20. We also held a sausage sizzle at the school swimming school, raising \$150 to add to our total.

After initially having 120 students sign up, we narrowed it down to a final 90 the week leading up to the big event. We also had a few leader changes, with Henry Marchant and Sam Mako being added to the mix. With four camp sites, we had four battens to travel round the track and so we came up with the 'Buddies system'; each group took turns at taking the battens around the track at allocated times. Students sorted themselves into groups of four, and came up with some creative names. Groups were given at least three slots of fifteen minutes during the 24 hour event. Also in their groups, members had to bring one of four food items for our shared meals.

The day arrived and although overcast, the rain mostly stayed away. The bus load of students arrived, and we set up camp. At 12 it was time to start the relay, beginning with the survivors' lap of hope. This year we had student Heather O'Neill and principal Mr Keenan taking part. While groups took turns at their rostered times, there was plenty for others to do. The relay idol was popular once again. Stratford students entered several acts, with the dance team winning 2nd place, unable to retain last year's first place. Also popular was the midnight movie on the big screen, this year screening Mamma Mia.

The candle ceremony held at darkness fell was a moving, emotional time. Personalized candle bags lined the track, and silence fell as participants remembered loved ones they had lost. All participants joined the track for the last 30 minutes of the event. At 12pm the relay finished with the closing ceremony. This included an announcement of \$113, 666 raised so far, with more to come.

At the following weeks' school assembly the raffle results were announced as 1st (\$100) Emma Phillips, 2nd (Ipod docking station) Paula Stieller and 3rd (Bear speaker) Annie Tapper. Also students Johanna Phillips and Amy Taunt were presented with a box of goodies for equally raising the most sponsorship, with \$205 each. Most importantly, the amount raised was announced. In 2008 \$2260 was raised, in 2009 - \$2959, but this year we gathered an amazing \$5180, with donations coming in still.

So thank you to all those involved, students, staff and the community who donated money. It is a great event for a worthy cause that everyone can relate to. I encourage everyone to get involved in the future.

Tracy Kivell

We are attempting to put more photos on the school website but if you have any please send them to the school email address.

