

Newsletter

From our Principal

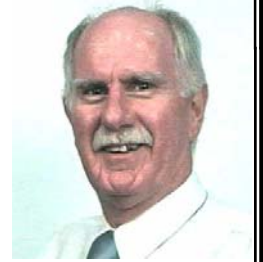
Kia Ora koutou katoa
Warm greetings to all parents and caregivers

The term is well underway and it appears that winter may have arrived especially the rain which hopefully is helping the farmers out. We are half-way through term 2 and winter sports have started. It is great to see the number of students involved in this aspect of school life. Thank you to the many parents who are supporting the school's sports teams by coaching, managing, assisting with transport and watching.

At the beginning of the term a number of students were involved in activities around ANZAC Day – all represented SHS with pride and it was great to see them in a number of roles. Already this term our students have participated in Pae Rangatahi, Manu Kōrero, Interhouse indoor soccer and Smokefree Rockquest, with events like World Vision Famine and Rock'n'Rave to Youth Week activities to come.

Next week another aspect of school life will be undertaken by our senior students – examination week. This week needs to be taken seriously as it is a chance for students to see how they are progressing and also to get feedback from their teachers. Although some subjects do not have examinations there are opportunities for students to come

into school to complete projects, catch up on unfinished work or do some work in art and technology areas. Use the time wisely and we ask parents to ensure that this occurs.



Over the coming weeks students will also be involved in Stage Challenge (dress rehearsal is at the Variety Concert on 27th May), school cross country, school ball, the annual Taita exchange and at the end of the term we have a senior parent teacher evening. Certainly school is a very busy place but it is important that we do not forget what schools are about – educating our young people.

This year the Board of Trustees will be involved in writing a strategic plan for SHS and it is important that the school community is involved. More information will be sent out but one avenue of information and direct involvement is the SHS PTA.

Parents and caregivers are invited to the school farewell to Maria Potter on Friday 22nd May, commencing at 2pm in the school hall. On Monday 24 May the staff will be taking Mrs Potter to Opunake High School for an official handover.

*"Learning is not a spectator sport." Anon.
Philip Keenan, Principal*

Many thanks



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Stratford High School for their support during my time here as Deputy Principal. Whilst I am excited about the new opportunity I will be facing, I am very sad to be leaving. I have loved working with the staff, students and whanau of this school and can honestly say, you will be sorely missed. Thank you for the opportunities you

have given me to grow both professionally and personally.

I am looking forward to hearing great things about Stratford High School and its staff and students – continue to make the most of all the opportunities that are presented to you.

He aha te mea nui o te ao He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

What is the greatest thing in this world it is people, it is people, it is people

Ka kite ano

Maria Potter

The next newsletter will be issued in week 9 2010. The school blog & website are updated regularly with new information.