

## Newsletter

### From our Acting Principal

Kia Ora koutou katoa

Dear parents, caregivers, students & friends

As we approach the halfway point of term one it is amazing what has already occurred in our school thus far. By this I mean the many weekend activities that our students involve themselves in and appear able to do around their studies. TSS beach volleyball, Hillary Challenge, cricket, Kapa Haka live in, TSS senior touch. Last week we had a very successful school swimming sports and it was good to see the participation and the support given to houses. Tomorrow, Tuesday is our athletic sports and hopefully the enthusiasm shown at the swimming sports will continue and flow over into this event. Parents and friends are very welcome to attend.

A school wide focus for SHS is the setting of goals by students and this process has

begun with Poutama sheets being issued to students. We hope that you will be able to come on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> to the Poutama interviews and assist us in helping your child set goals for 2010. The key to success of this is the partnership between school and home. If we work together and support each other, our young people get a huge advantage. Please stay in touch with what is happening at school and do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything you want to discuss. Together we can ensure that students fortunate enough to attend SHS continue to receive the best possible education.

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you’ll never cease to grow”. Anthony J D’Angelo

**Philip Keenan**  
**Acting Principal**

### Newsletters by email

If you would like the newsletters emailed then please let the office know your email address or email the school

[mail@stratfordhigh.school.nz](mailto:mail@stratfordhigh.school.nz)

### Contacting the school

- If you need to visit your child at school (or a teacher) please come to the main office and allow us to find the person you require.
- If you need to contact your child urgently do not text them but ring the school and we will get the message to them.

## Reminder

Teacher only day – Friday  
5<sup>th</sup> March

Taranaki Anniversary Day –  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

### Cellphones

#### PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CELLPHONE AT HOME!

Cell phones are not to be seen at school. We follow a ‘**no=show**’ policy. If we see a cell phone at interval or lunchtime it will be confiscated and returned at a later date. If a student is seen using one in class, it will be confiscated and a parent will be asked to come and collect it. In a learning environment they are a complete disaster.

Furthermore they have become a target for criminals. Cell phones which are stolen or lost cause a huge amount of work and we cannot spend anymore time following up missing cell phones. Students who bring a phone to school do so at their own risk. We will not be spending any more time chasing up lost or stolen cell phones. We ask parents to support us in this and ensure that cell phones are left at home.

## 2009 NCEA Endorsement

We celebrated our 2009 NCEA success by presenting badges/bars to those students who gained Endorsed with Merit or Endorsed with Excellence in the NCEA examinations.

Endorsed with Merit (50 Merit Credits – Silver bar):

Level 1: Leanah Anderson, Taylor Bailey, Siobhan Chapman, Katelyn Craig, Monique Dodunski, Bailee Harrison, Stuart Hicks Joseph Hunger, Joanne McKay, Dylan O'Neill, Hayley Old, Emily Paterson, Adrian Pitman, Kelly Shearer, Natasha Sinclair-Taikato, Teresa Sou, Tim Stanners, Trent Swan, Kate Thomas

Level 2: Gemma Alexander, Nicola Duthie, Stephanie Frost, Emma Henderson, Benjamin Higgs, Christian Howatson, Karen Hughes, Tracy Kivell, Erica Phillips, Brittany Powell, Samuel Rine, Sarah Robertson, Kelly West, Emma Wyss

Level 3: Andrew Single, Alice Walsh

Endorsed with Excellence (50 excellence credits – gold bar):

Level 1: Sarah Cooper, Aimee Schumacher, Melissa Watts

Level 2: Anya Al'boT, Olya Al'boT, Henry Marchant

When looking at individual students who were borderline, there is a very strong correlation between attendance and success, especially at Year 12 and 13. As the work gets more difficult it is really important that students are in class and doing the work both at school and at home.

	2008	2009
Level 1 %	70.3	70.2
Literacy %	81	84
Numeracy %	95	96
Level 2%	61.3	57.9
Level 3%	55.6	53.1

## NCEA News

The Stratford High School NCEA handbook for Students and Parents will be issued to all senior students this week. The booklet covers the basics of how NCEA works and all of our school's policies and guidelines. Parents should make sure that they read this booklet and it should be kept either in a student folder or at home for the duration of the year. Any enquiries regarding NCEA – contact Wayne Smith

## School photos

Class photos were taken on Friday 26 February. Photos will be available to view on [www.trodge.smugmug.com](http://www.trodge.smugmug.com) with order envelopes available from the student office. No payments to be made to the school.

## Uniform

Thank you to all those parents / caregivers who have outfitted their student in the correct uniform. We would appreciate it if you could ensure as they leave in the morning they are correctly dressed.

In the last newsletter we indicated the sandals that were acceptable at school and have indicated to the students whose sandals do not fit the criteria that we would like this issue addressed by anniversary weekend. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any queries please contact the school.

## HPV Vaccinations

The Public Health Nurses will again be offering school secondary school aged girls the opportunity to have GARDISAL, the HPV vaccine in a school based programme this year. If you would like your daughter vaccinated please ask her to collect a form from the Student Office and return it to the Student Office prior to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Alternatively if you wish to discuss it before making your decision please phone the Public Health Nurse; Linette Davidson 765 8840.

## Board of Trustees' Elections

The SHS Board of Trustees elections for the BoT will be run earlier than usual this year because the BoT would like a new board in place before the new Principal takes office. If you have skills to offer and are interested in being part of a proactive board to help run Stratford High School, this is your opportunity to put your name forward. Any queries can be answered by Mr A Frost at ph: 0275 549150 or [BoT@stratfordhigh.school.nz](mailto:BoT@stratfordhigh.school.nz)

Mrs P Seator is the Returning Officer for the SHS BoT elections in 2010. All parents should have received a nomination form in the post. If you have not please contact Mrs Seator to confirm your address details. Important dates for parents to be aware of are:

- Nominations close on 12 March
- The election date is 26 March if needed

## Updated Details

If your contact details have changed please remember to update them at the student office.

The next newsletter will be issued on 15 March 2010. The website is updated regularly with new information.

## Swimming Sports 2010

While the 2010 Swimming Sports once again provided a real spectacle of colour and noise, it was disappointing to note that the spectators found it very difficult to be quiet for the start of events and this did prove quite annoying. However, the competitors and spectators took part in good humour and with a great deal of 'House' spirit.

Congratulations to all involved especially the Student House Leaders for your organizational efforts and encouragement.

Adrian Pitman had a field day winning all seven Senior Boys events while Rebecca Johnston won six of the Senior Girls titles with Sarah Cooper chiming in with a first and six seconds. In the Intermediate Boys races, Andrew Oliver and Matt Simpson had a real battle for the title with Andrew just holding on. The Intermediate Girls title went to Brittany Kivell with five wins holding off a determined Sarah Rohe.

The Junior Boys title went comfortably to Ryan Cooper with six wins and in the Junior Girls, year nine student Mirrhon French proved too good for the more experienced Laura Vernon.

A good day with some stirring performances, particularly Ryan Cooper who set the only new record in the Junior Boys backstroke with a new time of 18.72 seconds. A full results listing will be placed on the school website this month.



### Triathlon

The 2010 SHS triathlon was an outstanding success with record entries and some really tight finishes. Congratulations to all competitors who endured some very warm and humid conditions in good spirits. A little disappointing that there was only 1 junior girl, 1 junior boy and no intermediate girls entered. Thankfully our senior students were able to make it a successful day.

### RELAY RESULTS

Boys Team: 1<sup>st</sup> William Arnold, Paul Haenga, Scott Caskey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis Marchant, Blake Cheer, Simon Terry  
3<sup>rd</sup> Zac O'Dowd, Daniel Frost, Curtis Boyde  
Girls Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Kelly West, Dale West  
2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Vernon, Abigail Johns, Anna

Crawford  
Mixed Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Rohe, Jarvis Gotty, Andrew Hunger  
2<sup>nd</sup> Olya Al'bot, Rebecca Johnston, Andrew Johns  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alana Mako, Nicole Booker, Cameron Johnson  
Form Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Laura Thompson, Cody Bibby, Bellakinza Bevan-Ward (Lr)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ezekiel Oliver, Dayle Bailey, Rainor Daymond (Wr)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Terangimarie Eru, Kieran Watt, Navarre Blake (Lr)

## INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Junior Boys : 1<sup>st</sup> Alex Taikato (Am)  
Intermediate Boys : 1<sup>st</sup> Matt Simpson (Tr) 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Stanners (Mc) 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Espin (Am)  
Senior Boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Sam Hinton (Am) 2<sup>nd</sup> Adrian Pitman (Tr), 3<sup>rd</sup> Trent Swan (Ty)  
Senior Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Kelly Bishop (Ty), 2<sup>nd</sup> Anya Al'bot (Ty), 3<sup>rd</sup> Kelsi Bayly (Am), Tracy Kivell (Tr)  
The Bunning Family trophies for the fastest male and female triathletes went to Sam Hinton and Kelly Bishop respectively.



## House Leaders

House leaders were announced at assembly on Tuesday in preparation for the swimming sports on Wednesday. This year the house leaders are:

Amess: David Walsh, Woody Bradley, Amber Goble, Sarah Robertson  
McAllister: Samuel Rine, Kelly Shearer, Ngatini Gawler  
Trimble: Rachel Weren, Tracy Kivell, Lacy Morton, Robert Self  
Tyrer: Jesse Smythe, Terangimarie Eru, Anya Al'bot, Kelly Bishop

Look out for the photo and profile on the school website later this term.

## Student Council

The student council reps were also announced on Tuesday. The following students will represent their houses:  
Tyrer: Monique Dodunski, Hamish Walker, Harmony Blake, Lewis Marchant  
McAllister: Tim Stanners, Alison Matthews, Malissa Alexander, Jessica Short  
Trimble: Sian-Marie Utton, Brad Savage, Tyler Stachurski, Miria Kiddie  
Amess: Melissa Watts, Astyn Buckland, Ella Robinson, Alex Taikato

## Summary of main fees and charges

There are two types of school fees.

The activity fee is a donation and we will receipt those who do pay for tax purposes.

All other fees are for the purchase of course related materials which students have or will receive (subject fees are also due and we would appreciate prompt payment so that materials can be purchased).

There may be other requirements eg; English workbooks, which are listed on the stationary list.

Parents who require financial assistance should phone or write to Mrs Potter or Mrs Gall. All requests for assistance will be treated in confidence.

General activity fee	\$95 per student \$190 per family of two or more students				
<b>Class material / subject charges</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Year 12</b>	<b>Year 13</b>
Accounting			\$15	\$30.50	\$32.50
Art	\$6				
Biology				\$25	\$25
Chemistry				\$38 \$17 – AME Bk	\$42
Design Metal		\$30	\$60	\$60	Own materials
Design Fabric			Own materials	Own materials	Own materials
Design Wood		\$30	\$60	\$60	Own materials
Economics			\$25		
Electronics		\$30			
English	\$14	\$14			
French		\$15	\$20	\$20	
Graphics	Optional items A3 Carry case \$15, A3 clear file - \$12				
History					\$12
Mathematics	\$15	\$15	\$20 – NCEA \$10 – US	\$20 – NCEA \$10 – US	
Maths with Calculus					\$20
Maths - Statistics and Modelling					\$20
Painting			\$13 – paints; \$25 pastels		
Photography \$250 camera bond if needed				\$100 printing	\$150 printing
Physical Education				\$55 – tramp \$25 workbook	
Physics				\$23	\$24
Science	\$23 for both years		\$20 – NCEA \$21 – Eco Sci		
Social studies	\$2				
SPEC			\$25		
Year 9 Topec	\$45				

### Attendance / Lateness

We are having a school wide focus on attendance / lateness to school and class over the next few weeks. We would like to ask all parents if they could assist the school by ensuring that their sons and daughters comply with all school regulations, particularly with regard to attendance and punctuality. The first criteria for success at school is regular attendance. The second is to work hard. We expect all of our students work to the best of their ability.

The school would like to work in partnership with parents on attendance and this is why we have procedures to monitor attendance.

1. all students must be in school by 8.40 am and in

class by 8.45 am.

2. if your child is late they report to the student office with a note explaining their lateness.
3. if the bus is late, we will issue a late note.
4. if your son or daughter is sick, please phone the office. If your child is sick it is important that they bring a note (particularly Y11 to 13) when they return to school and this should be shown to all their teachers.

### Signing out.

If your son/daughter needs to leave school early, they must have a note signed by parent/guardian. The student then gets this countersigned by a member of the Senior management Team and takes it to the student office when they leave.