

From our Principal

Nga mihi o Te wa ki a koe me to whanau – greetings to you and your family.

Welcome back to Term 3 and to another extremely busy and energetic term. We trust that parents and students enjoyed some quality time together and are refreshed and ready for the challenges of the term. We have a busy time ahead with a variety of activities occurring as well as the normal educational and extra-curricular activities continuing for our students. The number one priority this term is academic work as we head towards our internal school exams (week 8 6th September) and NCEA exams, which start on 15th November. Our school motto translates to “No reward without effort” and for the seniors this saying should be something they refer to constantly over the coming weeks to ensure they achieve the goals they have set themselves this year.

Over the holidays Mr and Mrs Walker took a group of rugby boys and parents to the Gold Coast to participate in a rugby tournament. Congratulations to the boys who were runners-up in the Under 19 Division and also represented themselves and our school in a fantastic way. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school. To Mr and Mrs Walker and the parents, our thanks for all the hard work done over the last year in organising such a fantastic experience for the boys. Later on this term Mrs Bullen and her group head to New Caledonia. Our students are certainly fortunate to be able to experience these adventures. Many of our students gained recognition over the holidays and we would like to celebrate your success so let us know what you have achieved.

At the end of term 2 we held our annual school ball. This was a fantastic night in which our students once again demonstrated a high level of maturity and self management. For many Year 13 students and international students this was their last opportunity to enjoy such an event

with their school friends. To the deans - Mrs Radich & Mr Smith, Tracy Kivell and the ball committee - well done and thank you for a wonderful night.

I would like to thank those families who have paid their school donation. Although not compulsory, the donation provides funds to help us meet the shortfall between what we want to provide for your children and what funding we get from the government. We are very aware of the current financial climate but hope that you will all support us.

As you start to make preparations for Term 3, please remember our uniform guidelines. Shoes need to be black leather lace up, that are able to be polished. I know that a few students will complain that these shoes are not fashionable, however to maintain our uniform standards and considering fairness to all students and families it is far easier for everyone if we stick to these guidelines. Canvas shoes and ballerina type shoes are definitely not acceptable. No doubt a few students will try to convince you otherwise.

This week is Māori language week and our students / staff have been involved in promoting the language. Whaea Tina, our HoD for Māori has organised a number of activities. It appears that many students and staff are prepared to have a go, which is great. We have had a Whakatauki (proverb) each day and the meaning behind them is a very powerful message for us all. Today's is Ko Te kai rapu, ko ia te kite – *He who seeks will find*. The remainder are on the school blog www.shsinfo-centa.blogspot.com

*Philip Keenan,
Principal*



NCEA

1. A reminder that financial assistance forms are still available from the student office. These must be filled in and returned to school as soon as possible so that we can forward them to NZQA to confirm your application. For those who do qualify, there is a substantial saving [\$20.00 instead of \$75.00 for one student / \$30.00 instead of \$150.00 for two students]. If you applied last year, you must make a new application for 2010.
2. At the end of Term Two, most students received their National Student Number Cards from NZQA and information on how to log on to the NZQA website. Those yet to receive them should see Mr. Smith.
3. Any students who plan to sit the external NZQA exams [in November-December] at another location other than Stratford High School need to let me know as soon as possible so that I can make the application by July 31st. In such circumstances, all exams must be sat at the alternative location.
4. If you have any general enquiries about NCEA, please ring me at school – 765 6039 extn 715.

Wayne Smith, Principal's Nominee

Student behaviour & dress

Students are expected to behave and dress in a manner which respects the rights of others and which enhances the school's reputation in the community. Stratford High School is a uniform school and school uniform is to be worn correctly at all times so that students can be identified as belonging to Stratford High School. This includes when the students are travelling to and from school. Students who do not wear correct uniform may be sent home. Appearance should be clean and tidy at all times.

Students are expected to abide by the school rules at all times. There are consequences for breaking these rules which may range from impositions through to detentions, withdrawal from classes to exclusion or expulsion. Poor behaviour interferes with the student's learning, the learning of others and the teacher's role in the classroom. It is a timely reminder that when students enrolled at the school, both they and their parent(s) signed an agreement that they would abide by the school rules. When students abide by this agreement, we can all give much more time and focus to raising achievement.



Uniform

Now that winter is well and truly here, it is important that students dress well in their uniform to keep themselves warm and dry. We are concerned that a number of students arrive at school poorly clothed. Some are wearing only a tee-shirt and school top on the upper part of their body. Temperatures are now decreasing and the weather is starting to become colder, especially in the mornings. Inadequate clothing is not conducive to a student's learning and to feeling comfortable about being at school.

At SHS we are very proud of our uniform. Can you please support our high standards of uniform as we believe that it fosters self respect and pride. A full description of our uniform guidelines is on the website www.stratfordhigh.school.nz and is available at reception in our front office. Please be careful when receiving advice from retailers about what is acceptable, especially school shoes. It is easier to check than have to repurchase.

Shoes: Plain black leather lace up or buckle shoes for Terms 2 & 3. All shoes should have a safe low heel and be kept polished. (Skate shoes, sneakers or slip-on of any sort are not acceptable).



The majority of homes have hot water cylinders: please assist us by ensuring students who have wet gear get it completely dried out overnight before they return to school.



Contacting the school

If parents need to contact their child we would appreciate if you could ring the school office and allow us to get a message to them rather than you texting your child.

Hosts needed for Aorere College

Aorere College will be visiting our region on 29th to 31st August and we are looking for billets. If you are interested could you please contact Mrs Cathy Trueman or Mrs Karen Pearse at the school. Thank you.



CPaBL

All Year 12 students have the opportunity to attend the Massey University and UCOL Open Days next Wednesday, August 4th. This is an opportunity to visit a University and a Polytech to see what these types of tertiary institutes can offer. This trip is at NO COST to our students and we would like all Year 12 students to go. Information and Permission slips have been issued.

Wayne Smith, CPaBL Team Leader



Junior House Badges

Junior students were awarded house badges for their involvement in the school in four areas this week at assembly. A maximum of 8 badges per house are awarded; two in each category of academic, sport, culture and participation.

Winners for July 2010 are:

Amess House: Hamish Booker (Academic), Kathleen Robertson (Academic), Curtis Boyde (Sport), Erin Rowe (Sport), Angela Frost (Culture), Daisy Higgs (Participation), Cameron Luckhurst (Participation)

McAllister House: Josh Hunger (academic), Jessica Short (Academic), Simon Terry (Sport), Rua Walker (sport), Robbie Howatson (culture), Malissa Alexander (culture), Grace Hunger (participation), Emily Howatson (participation).

Trimble House: Misty Hagley (academic), Sam Wyss (academic), Tatiana Rhodes (sport) Joshua Robins (sport), Rachel Martin (participation) Jarvis Gotty (participation)

Tyrer House: Jack Bennett (academic), Ila Earney (academic), Emma Campbell (sport), Ryan Cooper (sport) Alexandra Merson (culture), cameron Cox (participation), Shayna Heal (participation).



Yarrows bread bags - urgently needed by the netball teams to raise money for running costs. Drop clean bags into the student office for

Taranaki Hockey Representatives 2010

Congratulations to the following students of Stratford High School who were selected to represent Taranaki in hockey for 2010 in their respective age groups:

U15 girls: **Malissa Alexander, Lara Williams and Erin Rowe** (unable to attend national tournament due to injury) the girls finished a very credible 11th place at their national tournament in Napier.

Under15 boys: **Scott Williams, Kieran Harrison, Curtis Boyde, Ben Smith and Cory Kieft** finished 17th place down in Carterton. U18 boys were **Daniel Heine and Kalib Harris** who traveled to Dunedin for nationals. They placed 16th. U18 girls: **Kelsi Bayly**, whose team were placed 15th in Tauranga.

All players represented both the school and our region well over the season starting from the trials in April, throughout the Quadrangular tournaments during the season and at their week long national age group tournaments around the country in the holidays.

Congratulations also go to **Daniel Heine, Malissa Alexander** and **Kelsi Bayly** who were also selected as Captains for their respective Taranaki teams. It is both a credit to yourselves and Stratford High School.



Malissa Alexander, Daniel Heine and Kelsi Bayly - 2010 Taranaki Hockey Captains for the representative teams.

Congratulations

- ◆ To **Mrs Barbara Gall** who won the raffle from Pig Tits and Parsley that was organised by the French trip students.
- ◆ To **Luke Fisher, Josh Hunger, Jack Jordan, Matthew Kowalewski, Ben Phillips and Geordie Reardon** who have been selected in the Taranaki Under 14 Rugby squad for 2010.

- ◆ To **Joshua Robins** who competed at the World Quarter Horse Championship event in USA in the holidays. Josh received a silver medal in the Western Pleasure event and a 5th and 7th in the Reining event.
- ◆ To the **Australian Rugby Touring team** who were placed second in the U19 Open division at the Gold Coast Rugby Carnival in the holidays.



Class attendance – vital to success

Research shows that regular class attendance is directly related to student success. It is important that all appointments involving students are made out of school time and absences explained as soon as possible. Please phone the school on 765 6039 to leave a message for our attendance officer. You can also email the school on absent@stratfordhigh.school.nz. If these options are not possible, please write a note that can be given to the form teacher on the first day back at school after the absence has occurred. Parents can expect a phone call each day the student is marked absent without an explanation.



Start of the day

The school day at Stratford High School starts at **8.40 am** when the bell goes. This tells students that they need to make their way to class and be in there **ready to learn at 8.45 am**. Unfortunately we have a number of students turning up for school after this time on a regular basis. They wander into school, sign in and slowly make their way to class. When students are late it has a significant effect on their learning and on the rest of the class. The learning in the class has to be put on hold while the latecomer enters and gets up to speed with the rest of the class. We understand that there are odd occasions when things happen and they are late, but this is not every morning. Please help us by making sure your child is on time to school so that they get the best opportunity to learn.



Schick Razor Swap

Schick have supplied the school with new Quattro Titanium razors for the 1st XV. You can vote online for the smoothest 1st XV at www.smoothestplayers.co.nz for our team. As well you may also score a new Schick razor by bringing your old competitor brand razor to the main office and swapping it for a new one. Every razor collected adds to our score and assists us in getting sports gear.

Parent Teacher Association

The PTA had their meeting and walk through the school on Wednesday 21st July. It was great to see the finished upgraded areas of the school and look forward to the next upgrades. Thanks also to the parents that assisted with the supper on Tuesday 27th July for the Year 8 students and parents. It was good to see the number of parents involved and speak to many new parents.



School fundraising

- ◆ SHS Netball A team are running a raffle for firewood. \$2 per ticket from the front office.
- ◆ New Caledonia students are selling chocolate bars for \$2.50 each. Available from the main office or if you can support us by having a box at your work please contact Mrs S Terry, 765 6039 extn 741.



Newsletters by email

If you would like the newsletters emailed then please email mail@stratfordhigh.school.nz with NEWSLETTER in the subject line.



SHS TradeMe

SHS has a trademe account which can be used by parents to get rid of unwanted items. Please contact Q Smith 765 6039 ext 736 for more information. Listings information is circulated via the school email system.

Ngā Whakataukī me Ngā Pānui:

Te Reo Māori Language week is being celebrated at Stratford High School this week. Students have the opportunity to enter a competition each day via the daily notices and classes have been given a sheet with a proverb / saying about kai to discuss each day.

Kapa Haka will be performing in the canteen on Thursday at interval.

Rāhina:

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora te iwi
*With your food basket and my food basket,
the people will be well cared for*

Rātū:

Waiho mā te tangata e mihi
Let others praise you

Rāapa:

Ko te kai rapu, ko ia te kite
He who seeks will find

Rāpare:

He paua kainga tahi, auahi te kakara
*The paua may be eaten in one mouthful,
but the odour remains*

Rāmere:

Kāore te kumara e korero mo tona reka
The kumara does not say how sweet it is

University Graduates - 2010

New Zealand universities advise the school when ex-pupils have graduated. These are some of the 2010 graduates.

From Massey University

Melissa Hinton, 2006, Bachelor of Science
Luke Daughtery, 2006, Bachelor of Sport and Exercise
Janelle Gavin, 2006, Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary
William Jordan, 2005, Bachelor of Arts
Scott Davidson, 2005, Bachelor of Education (Secondary Teaching)
Renee Wilson, 2005, Bachelor of Accountancy
Caleb Old, 2005, Bachelor of Accountancy
Loreece Vesty, 2005, Postgraduate Diploma in Science
Karina Watts, 2004, Bachelor of Arts
Jacqueline Goble, 1999, Graduate Diploma in Business Studies
Jacinta Keegan, 1985, Graduate Diploma in Public Sector Management
Fiona Howatson, 1983, Bachelor of Education
Gerard Palmer, 1981, Bachelor of Arts
Alison Stewart, 1975, Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary)

Waikato University:

Monica Todd, 1991, BA
Rebecca Dowman, 1998, Grad Dip Teaching - Primary
Jake Buckthought, 2007, Cert Uni Preparation

Whanau Hui

All whanau are invited to attend our next whanau hui in Te Amorangi on Wednesday 4th August at 4 pm. Nau mai, Haere mai

Te wiki o Te Reo Māori

This week is Māori language week and the theme is 'kai'. Students and staff are encouraged to speak Māori where ever and with who ever. Whakatauki (proverbs) are being discussed in subject classes and Te Pātai o te Rā is a daily prize draw. Answer the daily question and be in to win.

This year staff have been encouraged to use their own knowledge of Māori language where relevant within their subject area. Kia kaha ki Te Kōreke Māori.

Taita Girls Volleyball

Two weeks before the exchange, it was decided that we send volleyball teams. A quick trial was held and from over 20 girls, the following 7 played: Anya Al'bot, Olya Al'bot, Kelly Shearer, Tamara Pirini, Carmen Wild, Tracy Kivell and Kelsi Bayly.

After we heard through the grapevine that Taita were regional champions or something along those lines, we decided to stick by the name of a 'social' team as we had no practices, or even knew all (or, in some cases, any) of the rules. "Keep Smiling was the only tactic we had (our theory was that if we were losing and still smiling, we would put Taita off their game and somehow we might gain a surprise lead). Our tactic didn't work. Although, we did get better throughout the game and by the 3rd and final set, we had even scored our own points, points which were not won through faults of the opposition. Blocking in the end seemed to be our best defence. Well done girls, I hope you all had fun! Good luck to next year's team! (advice: practise)

Special thanks to Kalib Harris and Mr Caldwell for organizing and coaching us.

Taita Mixed Hockey

This year was the first that we sent down a mixed hockey team, as Taita didn't have enough girls for a team. Beautiful conditions awaited us at Fraser Park water turf which was to make for an even sweeter victory. A clean cut battle was won 6-0 by Stratford High School. Goals were scored by Thorn Mitchell-Smith (1), Daniel Heine (1), Ngatini Gawler (2) and Kelsi Bayly (2).

The members of the team which played were: Simon Terry, Lana Smith, Kieran Harrison, Scott Williams, Daniel Heine, Malissa Alexander, Ngatini Gawler, Thorn Mitchell-Smith, Kalib Harris, Kelsi Bayly, Becki Foley, Jess Pepper, Ben Reardon and Jenna Hemsley. A huge thank you from us all goes to Dean and Desiree Alexander who traveled down with us as our coach and manager. It wouldn't have been possible without your unwavering support and guidance.

Kelsi Bayly



Special Olympics "World Cup" Soccer Tournament

On 23 June seven students – Sami, Sam, Nicola, Eru, Mitchell, Robbie, Shannon, and two year 8 transition students (Elias and Bruce), competed against six other teams in New Plymouth, at the TSB Stadium.

It was a busy and tiring day for all the students. They played in four, 15 minute, five-a-side games. We were able to sub players on and off so we rotated them fairly quickly. They were interested to see their peers in action, and to be competing against others of similar ability.

Sam, Eru and Mitchell could hit the ball with their wheels or footplates but it was also permissible for their support people to kick the ball for them. Nicola was helped on field by an aide so that she was able to notice which way to kick and be in the thick of the action. Sam, Robbie, Bruce and Shannon were more able to understand the rules and were good at kicking the ball. Shannon scored all three of our goals! Elias was in goal and with his teacher-aide's verbal prompting he was able to stop several goals! Look on the school website for the report with all the photos.



Gold Coast Carnival

During the July holidays a squad of 21 SHS boys travelled to the Gold Coast to participate in the Gold Coast Rugby Carnival. It is a popular competition which usually attracts teams from all over the world. The boys played in the under 19 open weight division. They played 6 games over 3 days coming up against some talented opposition. The SHS team ended up winning 4 games and faced Geraldine High School in the final. The boys played well, didn't win but were thrilled to receive the runner up trophy for 2010. They wish to thank their coach, Ross Williams and assistant coach Jeff Walker. For the remainder of the tour they enjoyed the theme parks, Dracula's cabaret show and many other sights the Gold Coast has to offer. A large group of parent supporters travelled with the team and felt the boys were terrific ambassadors for their school and the town. We thank the school and all the people in the community who supported the team enabling to experience such a fantastic opportunity.



Front Row: George Marchant (Manager), Zack Taitoko, Hamish Walker, Henry Marchant (V Capt), Sam Hinton (Capt), Sam Mako (V Capt), Andrew Johns, Jarrod Thompson, Ross Williams (Coach).
Second Row: John Espin (Manager), Paul Haenga, Aaron Buckland, Lacy Morton, Ayden Smith, Trent Swan, Jack Espin, Jeff Walker (Assistant Coach).
Back Row: Adam Young, David Walsh, William Arnold, Andrew Hunger, Lewis Marchant, Adrian Pitman, Jason Simpson, TeRangi Eru, Scott Caskey.

Welcome to Fuel for Schools

Fuel for Schools is an innovative new sponsorship program for schools throughout New Zealand. The Fuel for Schools program can help fund the ever increasing costs of running your school.

How it works, 3 Easy Steps...

1. SHS has registered for Fuel for Schools Sponsorship.
2. We ask that if you are an existing Northfuels or Southfuels customer, please nominate SHS as your school. Get your neighbours, friends and family to nominate SHS also. New customers can sign up to get fuel via Northfuels / Southfuels and nominate SHS at the same time.
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CAREERS NEWS

Admission to University from 2011

Universities are having to look at ways of managing enrolments because of policies to cap the number of funded places for domestic students in tertiary education, and some have decided to adopt a ranking system for new undergraduate students. Although it is expected that most applicants will be accepted into a programme, the ranking system will be used to place some limits on numbers accepted where needed. **Students applying for admission to university for 2011 need to check entrance requirements with Mrs Milner in the Careers Centre, or check the university websites.**

The Careers section of the school website is in the process of being updated and will have more information on admission soon. Admission information from Massey University and Victoria University will be added this week.

Studylink:

Studylink is scheduled to deliver a presentation on Loans & Allowances at school Period 2 on Tues, 17 August. Any student intending to study next year should attend. Please sign up outside Student Office. Parents are welcome to attend.

NZ Army Careers Experience 2010:

This is an action packed 5 day camp for students interested in a career in the Army and is open to students in **Year 11 and above**, with priority selection at Year 11. See Mrs Milner in the Careers Centre for more info and nomination forms.

STAR Funded Courses:

STAR FUNDED 1ST AID COURSES:

COMPREHENSIVE 2 DAY COURSE (Need to have these unit standards to go into teaching or nursing) – Thursday/Friday, 5 & 6 August.

PRACTICAL 1 DAY COURSE – Thursday, 5 August.

Please sign up on board outside Student Office if you wish to complete these certificates. These are the final 1st Aid courses for the year.

STAR FUNDED DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE – 4 sessions on Mon/Wed, 16/18 Aug & Mon/Wed, 23/25 Aug. You must have held your restricted licence for a minimum of 6 months at the start of the course & all sessions **MUST** be attended for you to pass.

University open days and liaison visits

The school will be travelling to the following Open Days this term – please sign up outside the Student Office if you wish to attend. There is a cost for travel unless stated otherwise.

MASSEY/UCOL OPEN DAY – Palmerston North Campuses Wed, 04 August. All Yr 12 students will be attending along with interested Yr 13 students. The cost of travel is being picked up by UCOL & Massey.

MASSEY WGTN/VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY – Wellington Campuses, Fri, 27 August.

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY has an Open Day on Saturday, 28 August. We will not be travelling up to this event as a school, but you are welcome to attend. More info from the Careers Room.

SIR GEORGE SEYMOUR COLLEGE OF TOURISM & TRAVEL – Will be visiting school with a careers presentation on Tuesday, 24 August. Time TBC.

Course Planning Sessions:

The following course planning sessions have been organised for this term – please sign up outside the student office if you need assistance with planning your degree for next year.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY – Period 3, Thurs, 26 August.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY – Period 5, Thursday, 26 August.

MASSEY UNIVERSITY – Period 4, Wednesday, 15 September. Information sheet on the SHS website

CANTERBURY UNIVERSITY – Period 3, Tues, 24 August.

WAIKATO UNIVERSITY – Interval, Friday, 27 August.

University accommodation applications:

APPLICATIONS TO UNIVERSITIES FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR 2011 – open on 01 August and **close on 01 October**. Universities are asking for these to be completed electronically – please download the Common Confidential Report form from the website and hand to Mrs Milner for completion. Your application will not be considered until the university receives this report, so please do not leave it until the last minute. The cut-off date for these is Wed, 15 September, but please endeavour to have this done well before this date.

Scholarships:

These are starting to come to hand – please check in the Careers Room to see what applies to you. Start checking university websites as well as www.careers.govt.nz www.taranakicareers.co.nz

Stratford High School offers an agricultural scholarship - "Craig Scholarship" for a student who is studying at a tertiary level in an agricultural or horticultural field. These forms will be available from the school website in February 2011.

TARANAKI CAREERS EXPO

Sunday & Monday, 23 & 24 August. This is a great opportunity for parents to attend with their student/s on the Sunday. The school will be taking all Year 11 students and any interested Year 13 students that are not going to university. There will be no charge for this trip.

Coming Events - Term 3

Please keep an eye out for newsletters, the school blog or High School Corner in the Stratford Press. Important dates for this term are:

Mon 2 Aug: Interhouse basketball competition starts

Wed 4 Aug: Year 12 - Massey Open Day

Thu 5 Aug: Australian Maths competition

Fri. 6 Aug: STAR Practical 1st Aid course
Senior Art trip, Junior Maths Quiz

7 - 8 Aug: TSSSA 10 Pin Bowling

Mon 9 Aug: VSA Project Friendship week starts
Methanex Maths Spectacular this week

Wed 11 Aug: Graduation 3 reports posted

Thu 12 Aug: TSSSA Junior Basketball

G-Taranaki Sky Academy (seniors)

Disco for tournament week teams

14 - 15 Aug: TSSSA 8-Ball competition

Mon 16 Aug: Defensive driving course starts

Tue 17 Aug: Studylink period 2

Wed 18 Aug: TSSSA Gymnastics

Thu 19 Aug: Junior parent teacher interviews

Sun 22 Aug: Taranaki Careers Expo

Wed 25 Aug: TSSSA Indoor Bowls

Thu 26 Aug: Y13 History Day (NPGHS)

Quiz nite for tournament teams

Fri. 27 Aug: Massey Wgtn / Victoria open day

Mon 30 Aug: Aorere College visit

Tournament week: basketball, indoor bowls, netball teams

Mon 6 Sept: Assessment Week