



Friends, Learners, Guardians
Whakahoahoa, Akonga, Kaitiaki

November 24th 2017

What's Coming Up – Dates To Remember

Date	Activity	Parent Support
30.11.17	WHANAU FUN NIGHT	All families and students attend and enjoy together
2.12.17	Ukelele Festival	Come and listen to some wonderful ukulele music
4.12.17	Swim Magic begins	Free swimming lessons for Years 3 – 6 for 2 weeks
5.12.17	Senior Prize Giving and Graduation	Parents of Year 5 – 8 children attend this evening
7.12.17	Puāwaitanga LEOTC Trip to Skateland	Year 6 Leadership Group organised this event
8.12.17	Rainbows' End Day	Patrollers and Leaders only Thank you for their service
11.12.17	SRS Cultural Parade	A Celebration of the 42 cultures at our school
13.12.17	Graduation Dinner	Year 8 Students only Year 7's as the waiters
14.12.17	Junior Camp Day	LEOTC (Learning Outside The Classroom) activities
14.12.17	Tupuranga Challenge Day	LEOTC (Learning Outside The Classroom) activities
15.12.17	Last Day of School	School finishes at

3.00pm

Beginning of 2018 = Tuesday 30th January 2018

Cultural Diversity @ SRS – Let's Celebrate
MONDAY 11th DECEMBER @ 9.15am

At Stanhope Road School, we have up to 40 different ethnicities, and for our Term 3 Inquiry, we have focused on strengthening our “Whanaungatanga” (building stronger relationships) within our school family, using the exploration of old / new games and how playing together builds relationships.

We would like to celebrate the end of year with a focus on the cultures represented in our school. We will be starting the day with a Cultural focus with all of our children in a march, similar to the Olympic Opening Ceremony – to acknowledge the diversity within our school. We will hold our country flags; and have a sense of just how diverse we all are together. There is a planned set of activities over the next couple of days within teams, but please come and celebrate the Cultural Diversity March.

Whanau Fun Night
Thursday 30th November
4.30pm – 7.30pm

Each year, we come together at this time of the year to celebrate our time as a school whānau – and this year we have our usual food stall; family games; items on the stage and general festive occasion – complete with cake stalls; lolly jars; and yummy food for sale.

It is expected that our children and families will attend this annual event – we are relying on all children in our Kapa Haka group to be available to open the occasion with their special items

The field will be full of games your children want to share

Sending Love At Christmas

We would like to invite our children and families to participate in this event to promote the fact that we are true Friends, Learners, Guardians – in everything we say & do

Bring a special Christmas Card to school and place it in the special box in our foyer – so someone who is alone at Christmas time can receive some messages of love.

There are many elderly people who are alone at Christmas

We are encouraging our children and families to SEND LOVE – by writing a Christmas Card of cheer

How to write your card

Little tips about sending someone love in an envelope this year...

- Make sure your card is filled with love.**
- Make it as creative as you can.**
- Ensure it has a legible message (where my boys words have been illegible, I have written in brackets underneath).**
- Keep your envelope unsealed to give the rest homes discretion to check cards if they choose.**
- Try to avoid religious quotes - your recipient may not be religious**
- Just be you!**

Collections end 6th December.

**A DROP BOX is available in the school foyer
Do not put your personal address on the envelope**

APPA CHOIR FESTIVAL – A GREAT NIGHT’S MUSIC

Congratulations to Ms Melling and our SRS Choir for their wonderful performance at the APPA Choir Festival. There was a great turn out of parents and teachers in support, and the programme was full of beautiful harmonies, rhythmic drumming, ukuleles and even the big finale of a song from MOANA!

Attitudes At The Gate – Help Us Keep Children Safe

Parents – PLEASE can you support our Travelwise goals of keeping your children safe. In the morning and after school, we see some VERY unsafe things.

- Parents crossing their children from the islands at Banks Road/Ferndale Road – across the busy highway, nearly getting hit by cars – PLEASE USE THE CROSSING JUST UP THE ROAD**
- Parents parking across other parents’ driveways for long periods of time, not allowing the people to get out of their own driveways, and then getting hostile when they are asked to move**

If we are a school of Friends, Learners, Guardians then we are respectfully asking you to treat each other as such in the before and after school traffic

We’ve had an incredibly rewarding week with our Choir, and our Eastern Zone Athletics and Year 7/8 Technology programme at One Tree Hill College. Thank you for having such amazing children for us to enjoy every single day

Tofa Soifua– *Corinne Hansell (Principal)*

