



TAHI TATOUPU - TOGETHER WE GROW

2009

WELCOME TO

**STRATHMORE COMMUNITY
SCHOOL**

YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Introduction

Strathmore Community School is a suburban contributing primary school.

Our ethnic diversity allows the school to celebrate and enjoy the values and aspirations of the large variety of cultures found within our community.

The diverse cultures represented amongst our community, parents, staff and pupils has led to the development of a special atmosphere in the school.

Our students play and work together, valuing each other's fundamental beliefs and attitudes.

A supportive atmosphere that builds onto and values each child's culture is encouraged and fostered.

Location and Context

Strathmore Community School has expansive, attractive, park like grounds in Strathmore Avenue and is approximately 500 metres away from the local shopping area.

The Strathmore Park School environment is kept in excellent condition by staff, children and local after-school recreational users.

Significant Achievements

The school enjoys a positive relationship with the surrounding community. The Principal and staff attend local meetings, the school is involved with pre-school groups, and enjoys a good relationship with neighbouring Scots College. This involvement continues to enhance the rapport the school has with these groups.

Continued improvement in the delivery of the National Achievement Guidelines is the major goal of the school. Teachers have in place school-wide teacher planning, programme implementation and assessment.

Strathmore Community School, along with national initiatives, recognises the need for improved literacy and Numeracy. The school augments ordinary classroom programmes with further assistance from the Resource Teacher of learning and Behaviour, Reading Recovery and volunteers from the community.

The school's ICT programme includes computers in each classroom. Students and staff make extensive use of our digital camera to record events, which are then used as visuals for writing and recounting.

The school uses one newly carpeted classroom for a library/information centre. This will eventually contain a new computer with internet access, and a TV for showing DVD books.

Duffy Books in Homes provides books for home and school reading. Role model assemblies, concerts and activities are also included in this.

A working liaison with the Strathmore Community Base, strong links with the Strathmore Kindergarten, and liaison with the local Rotary Club ensure our school continues to keep in touch with its local community.

Strathmore Park School is a wonderful school that enjoys a supportive, affirmative, warm teaching and learning environment.

COME AND SEE US IN ACTION.

You are most welcome to come along and meet us.

**The following members make up our experienced,
highly enthusiastic, professional staff.**

Principal	Pele Tui
Deputy Principal & Junor Teacher	Lucy Cook
Senior Teacher	Jo Carter
Middle Teacher	Menorah Leota
ESOL Teacher	
Reading Recovering Teacher	Nicolar Fairclough

Auxiliary Staff

School Secretary	Leanne Quirke
School Caretaker	Max Smith

Board of Trustees

Chairperson	Bill Taylor
Principal	Pele Tui
Deputy Principal	Lucy Cook
Secretary	
Trustee	Sue Tuia
Trustee	John Cruickshanks
Trustee	Vaauli Vaauli
Trustee	Lisa Hilton-McQueen
Trustee	Emma Ballara

School Timetable

Daily Timetable

09.00 – 10.30	Class Time
10.30 – 10.50	Morning Break
10.50 – 12.30	Class Time
12.30 – 12.40	Children eat lunch
12.40 - 1.20	Lunch break
2.00 – 2.15	Physical activity break
2.15 - 3.00	Class Time

Reporting to parents and Caregivers

Term 1 Meet the teacher to hear about class objectives, plans & expectations

Term 3 Teacher/Parent review of pupil progress

Term 4 End of year written reports

Meetings

Staff Meeting every Monday after school

Board of Trustees meeting third Monday each month

Year 2009 New Zealand State Primary Schools Terms and Holidays

As approved by the Minister of Education. Each Primary school must be open for 386 half-days over the course of the whole year.

Primary School Terms

Term 1 Monday, 2 February to Thursday 9 April

Term 2 Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3 Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4 Monday 12 October to Tuesday, 15 December

Primary School Holidays 2009

6 February Waitangi Day (Friday)

10 April Good Friday (in school holidays)

13 April Easter Monday (in school holidays)

14 April Day after Easter Monday (in school holidays)

25 April Anzac Day (Saturday)

1 June Queen's Birthday (Monday)

22 October Labour Day (Monday)

School Fees

The school donation is \$20.00 per child or \$30.00 per family per term. This can be paid to Leanne at the office. This donation is important as it helps provide vital equipment and resources for the children.

The school will advertise primary school holidays for the following year in newsletters from Term 4 each year. If you are wishing to make bookings for holidays earlier than that, please contact the school secretary for the dates.

Strathmore Community School Expectations

The following pages outline some of the school's current policies and procedures. You are most welcome to discuss any queries with the Principal or School Secretary.

Code of Conduct

The Board and staff, in partnership with the parent / caregiver community, aim to deliver a high standard of teaching / learning programmes for pupils.

Sound budgeting of resources to fully provide the National Educational Guidelines for each pupil is planned and implemented each year.

The school requires that each pupil, with parent / caregiver support will:

- Show respect, including listening and speaking politely to all adults in the school, and complying with adult requests.
- Always use good language
- Treat others in the same way they would expect to be treated.
- Play fairly.
- Care for school property
- Relieving staff will be accorded the same respect, commitment and support as permanent staff when teaching.
- Visitors to the school will be treated courteously by the children and staff.
- Children will not leave a classroom without first notifying the teacher.
- Should a child be absent from class when lessons commence, an initial check will be made by a staff member to ascertain the child's physical safety.
- A child refusing to return to class for any reason cannot stay outside playing in the school grounds.
- If the school cannot solve the child's problem, parents and caregivers will be notified to come to the school to talk with their child.

Absent Pupils

Parents and caregivers are asked to contact the school by phone or leave a message on the day of a child's absence. Any reason that may have an ongoing effect on the child's ability to learn will be noted in the child's file for future reference.

Consistent absences are reported to the Principal who will make the decision to contact the Wellington District Truancy Service.

Bus to School

Children can catch the local Wellington Stagecoach school bus. The cost is \$1.00 for a one way trip.

The bus route for the morning runs from Scots College in Monorgan Road leaving at 8.35am and travels Raukawa St, Taiaroa St, Tukanae St, Ahuriri St, Kekerenga St, Ahuriri St, Sidlaw St loop, Strathmore Ave where it arrives at school approximately 8.50am.

In the afternoon, the bus arrives at school at approximately 3.10 p.m. It then travels Elphinstone Ave, Kinghorne St, Strathmore Ave, Broadway, Monorgan Rd, Raukawa St, Taiaroa St, Tukanae St, Ahuriri St, Kekerenga St, Ahuriri St, Sidlaw St loop, Strathmore Ave, Tanadyce St, Beacon Hill Rd, Seatoun Heights Rd, Townsend Rd, Wilberforce St, Broadway, Ferry St, Dundas St to Seatoun shops.

Health Nurse

The School Health Nurse visits the school regularly. Any parents who have concerns regarding their school age or pre-school children's health, should ring the school to arrange a meeting with her.

Dental Clinic

The condition of all school aged children's teeth is monitored by a local Dental Nurse. When enrolling your child at school, you will be given a consent form to fill in. This form ensures your child will go on the Dental Nurse's register.

Spontaneous Trip Form

You will be asked to sign one of these forms so that your child may leave the school grounds on a teacher supervised activity. Any trips away from the school where early notification is possible you will be sent a separate consent form each time.

Queries or Concerns

The primary step for any concerns is to address the matter to the class teacher. If the concern is not resolved, please make an appointment with the Principal. The principal may invite the class teacher to also take part in the meeting.

The private affairs of students, staff members, parents and caregivers will be treated with confidentiality at all times.

The parties raising the concern will be kept advised of the process and progress of any steps which have been agreed upon to resolve the concern.

Enrolment

Parents and caregivers complete an enrolment form available at the school, a health form and a dental clinic form. Since 2000, the Government has required that all schools must keep an immunisation register for all new entrant enrolments. Please bring your child's immunisation records when you enrol.

An individual file is set up for the child, and any special health needs or circumstances are noted. Emergency contact details are taken and recorded. School records are requested from any previous school by the school office manager.

Stationery

Stationery lists for the next year are handed to each child at the end of term 4. Families may take advantage of the shop specials over the holidays to purchase stationery ready for the first day of school in the following year.

Money at School

If children are asked to bring money to school for an activity, the class teacher will collect and record it. Where possible, the correct money should be in a named envelope. The school is not in a position to change money for children, staff or parents and caregivers. Any other money brought to school by children is their responsibility.

Events and Communication with Parents / Caregivers

School Newsletter:	Distributed fortnightly. Any information for the newsletter goes to the office manager.
Parent / Caregiver Interviews:	Held once a year, in Term 3
Reports:	Issued once a year, at the end of Term 4.
Open Door Policy:	Parents and caregivers are encouraged to make an appointment to see the class teacher or Principal at any time of the year if they have anything to discuss. Parents and caregivers are welcome at the school at any time.

Assemblies

Assemblies are held weekly on Fridays from 9.50a.m. to 10.20a.m. Assemblies are an opportunity to talk to the school as a whole, and for children to present their work and perform. It is a time to encourage and reward students with certificates for achievements attained through the week. Awards are presented for achievements in sports as well as recognition of good academic work or social attitudes.

Playground Equipment

The local community use the school grounds and play equipment during after school hours.

Sports Teams

Strathmore Community School enters teams in a number of sports competitions and sporting events.

Strathmore Community School encourages parent and family involvement and support at all these events. Help with transport is always greatly appreciated.

Road Patrol

Senior children are trained in Term 4 for school patrol duty for the next year. The pedestrian crossing outside the school on Strathmore Ave is patrolled between 8.30 – 8.55 a.m. and 3.0 – 3.10 p.m. approximately every day. The school patrol must be in operation when the school bus arrives to drop off or pick up children.

The school patrol takes part in an annual parade to celebrate their work. This parade which goes through Wellington is organised by Road Traffic and the Police.

For more information or to make an appointment to look around our school Ring us on 388-7331, email admin@scs.school.nz or have a look at our website www.strathmorecommunity.school.nz

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND WELCOMING
YOUR CHILD INTO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**