



04 February 2021

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Welcome Back to 2021

Welcome back to Stanhope Road School for 2021 and a special warm welcome to our new families who have joined our School Community.

Updating School Record Sheet

Carefully check all of the details on this sheet that has been sent home today with particular attention to contact details, email and mobile numbers as this will be our main point of contact. Please only return this form if your details need amending. *If at any time during the year, this information changes, please notify the office.*

Friday 12th February-Beginning of Year Powhiri for new students/families 9.15am

We welcome all of our families who are new to the school community to a Powhiri on Friday 12th February. More information will follow next Tuesday.

Meet the teacher/Family Picnic Thursday 25th February 5.00-7.00pm

This year we will hold a meet the teacher evening on Thursday 25th February. Please mark this date in your diary - more information will follow. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher from 5.00-5.30pm in classrooms to hear about classroom routines, term overviews and expectations. Then we encourage all families to stay for a family picnic until 7.00pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, ice blocks and raffles for sale. Kelly Sports will be providing games. This is a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together for the evening.

School Donations 2021

Stanhope Road School has again opted into the Government's donations scheme. This means we will not ask parents for any activity fees this year except for Year 7 & 8 Technology, Year 8 Camp, Sports, Choir, Cultural Trips or overnight stays - these will be set up to pay on Kindo.

Anyone can choose to make a donation to the school at any time. **Donation tax receipts can be claimed and GST is not payable.** Donations can be paid into the school bank account 12 3109 0012738 000, at the office or via Kindo.

Uniform

Ensure your children are wearing the correct uniform at all times. We will be enforcing correct uniforms this year and your child will be asked to remove any clothing that is not within the school policy. We are astounded at the amount of uniform that is not clearly named. We cannot return it to you if it is not named clearly. Uniform is available from The Warehouse Sylvia Park. [.SRS Uniform](#)

School hats are compulsory for the summer terms - we have a “no hat, play in the shade” policy.

The new black Polo shirts are for the senior Year 7 & 8 Intermediate students only and all students are expected to wear black shoes or sandals.

Swimming

As part of our PE Curriculum, our students will begin swimming lessons in week three. All students will be required to participate and will require clearly named togs and towel in a clearly named bag daily. Swimming schedules will be sent home from team leaders.

Newsletters

Our school newsletters are published fortnightly, with this year's first edition due in week three. These are sent via email and our school app. Ensure we have your correct email details to receive these as they are full of information on upcoming events. Please take the time to read them as they contain important information and details of upcoming events.

School App

We encourage our families to upload the school App, where you can easily access school information, calendar and report absences. You can find this from the App Store on your mobile, search for School AppsNZ. During term time, we send out a Fridge List of upcoming events on a Sunday evening.

Upcoming Events

We are continually updating upcoming school events on the School App Calendar and Website, please check regularly to keep informed with upcoming school events.

Ice Block Fridays

Ice Block Fridays will continue through the summer terms. \$1 lemonade Ice Blocks can be ordered through kindo and delivered to classrooms at the 1.10pm bell after lunch has been eaten. These will be available from **12 February**.

Absences/Late

If your child is to be absent from school, please ensure the school is notified by 9am each morning explaining the absence. You can submit an absence form through the school app, website or by leaving a message on the school answer phone. If we have not had notification of the absence this will be marked as Truant.

If you are away from school during term time, you are required to advise the office in writing of your intentions.

Arriving late to school and missing the 8.55 roll call, will mean the student will need to report to the office to receive a late slip to present to their teacher.

Early Departures/ Appointments

While we appreciate that certain circumstances require you to collect your children from school early we ask that this is kept to a minimum. This is disruptive for our staff and the entire classroom.

If your child has an appointment during school hours you must report to the school office and sign the student out. All visitors must report to the office - Please do not go directly to classrooms.

Before and Afterschool Care Programme

Our providers for before and after school care are Kelly Club. Please direct any enquiries to: stanhoperoad@kellyclub.co.nz.

Carpark

The Harris Road Carpark is for our staff and couriers only - Please park and walk into the school grounds. We have three school entrances all which are very close to our classrooms. This includes dropping off and collecting children from before and after school care.

Gates Locked

It is a health and safety requirement to lock our school gates when school has commenced. The gates will be unlocked just prior to the school pick up.

Thankyou for your support in making Stanhope Road School the amazing place it is. We have a growing reputation and have had a record number of enrolments in 2020. We will begin the year with approximately 550 students and expect to reach 600+ students by the end of the year.

We have lots of exciting initiatives planned for the year ahead and we look forward to working with all our students, families and the wider community to ensure our school is a safe and happy place for everyone.

Yours sincerely



Zane Wilson
Principal