

Stratford
SCHOOL
HOLIDAY

activities



Free and cheap
holiday fun!



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April 2025



Important information about our holiday programme



Make sure you register

You'll need to register for some of our activities. Please do it early so you don't miss out. You can register online at [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz) or at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre and Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre.

Is your kiddo 8 years old or under?

Children 8 years and under have to be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years old or over for all of our activities.

At Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, there must be at least 1 adult supervisor to 3 children under the age of 8. If a caregiver is supervising more than one child under the age of 8, all children have to be in the same pool. Full supervision rules are on [page 4](#).

Opening hours and contact details

Library & Visitor Information Centre

Prospero Place, Stratford 4332

Call: 06 765 5403

Email: library@stratford.govt.nz

Facebook: @StratfordLibraryNZ

Normal opening hours

- **Monday - Friday:** 8.30am - 5pm
- **Saturday:** 9am - 1pm
- **Sunday and Public Holidays:** closed



Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

53 Portia Street, Stratford 4332

Call: 06 765 6275

Email: waiorua@stratford.govt.nz

Website: [WaiORua.govt.nz](https://www.waiorua.govt.nz)

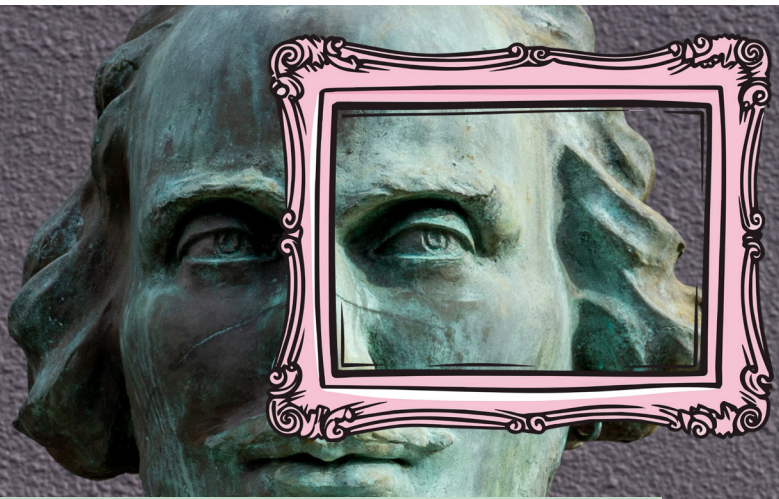
Facebook:

@WaiORuaStratfordAquaticCentre

Normal opening hours

- **Monday - Friday:** 6am - 6.30pm
- **Saturday:** 7am - 5pm
- **Sunday and Public Holidays:** 10am - 5pm

Our hours can sometimes change due to facility bookings. Give us a call to check availability.



Get out and about in
Whakaaburangi Stratford

Tick off your list...

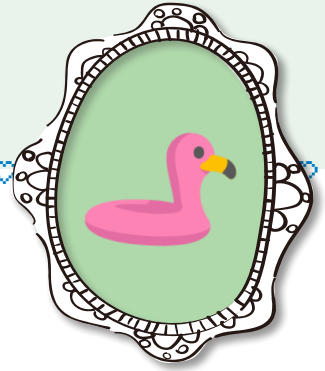
- Experience the latest exhibition at the Percy Thomson Gallery.
- Check out a movie at Stratford's historic TET Kings Theatre.
- Jump on your bikes and head to the Stratford Bike Park. While you're there, have fun on the playground and take a selfie in our Victoria Park photo frame.
- Take a stroll on the Stratford Discovery Trail.
- See what activities are available at Tutaki Youth.
- Visit the Taranaki Pioneer Village and take a ride on the train.
- Discover the Republic of Whangamomona and try your hand at the mini-putt course!
- Go on safari at Te Popo Gardens and discover the iconic African animals.
- Enjoy some outdoor fun at the Hollard Gardens.
- Take a stroll on one of our many walking trails - have you tried the Cardiff Walkway or York Road Loop? Perhaps you've never been to Dawson Falls?!



Need more ideas?

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/Discover](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Discover)

Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre



Pool supervision rules

- 5 years and under must have a caregiver over 16 years of age in the pool within arms reach.
- 6-8 years must be actively supervised by a caregiver over 16 years of age.
- There must be a minimum of 1 adult supervisor to 3 children under the age of 8.
- If a caregiver is supervising more than one child under the age of 8, then all children must be in the same pool.



	Casual	10x Concession
Adult	\$6	\$54
Child	\$5	\$45
Senior	\$5	\$45
Spectator	FREE	
Adult supervising child under 8 years old in the water	\$3	
Family Pass (2 adults and 2 children over 8 years OR 1 adult and 3 children)	\$16	

Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

Splash Bash!

**Daily from 1pm - 4pm
(starting Monday 14 April,
last session on Sunday 27
April)**

Join us for a splashing good time at our pool party-palooza!

Wai o Rua is the perfect place for kids to beat the heat (or rain), get active, and make new friends.

We'll have the music pumping, floaty stuff out, and a big focus on fun during these spontaneous-play Splash Bash sessions.

It doesn't matter if you're a seasoned swimmer or just looking for a fun day out, this daily pool party is not to be missed!

Cost: Pool entry

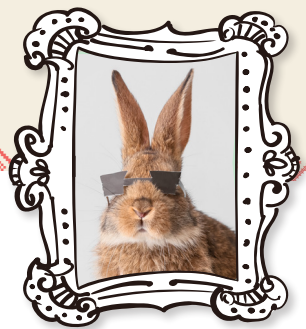
Ages: All ages

Register at: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Library & Visitor Information Centre



Clay Day

Tuesday 15 April

10am – 10.45am

11am - 11.45am

Create a sensory masterpiece using air-dry clay

Cost: Free

Ages: 5 - 12 years

Register at: [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Library



Easter Crafts

Thursday 17 April

10am – 10.45am

11am - 11.45am

Join us and make your own Easter crafts for decorations or gifts.

Cost: Free

Ages: 5 - 12 years

Register at: [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Library



Cardboard Capers

Tuesday 22 April

1.30pm - 3pm

Build what you want from cardboard - a rocket ship, working windmill, maybe a cardboard box? Use your imagination!

Cost: Free

Ages: 5 - 12 years

Registration: Not needed

Venue: Library



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ANZAC Soldier Art

Thursday 24 April

10am – 10.45am

11am - 11.45am

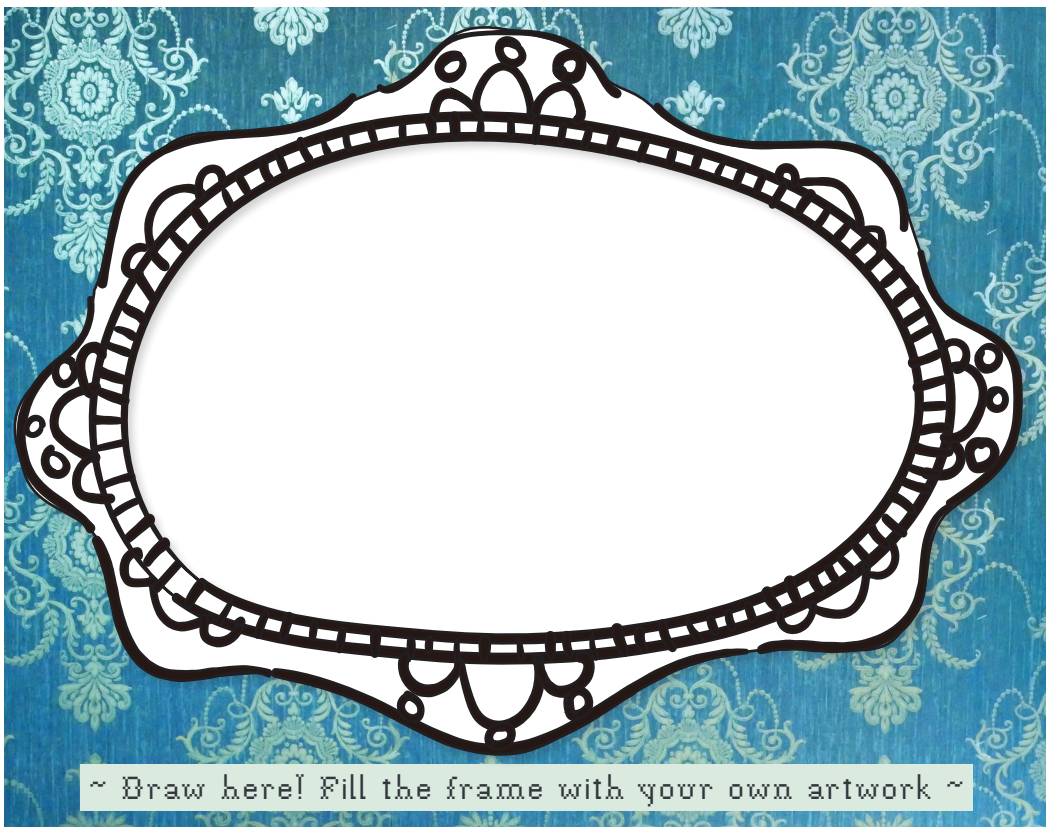
Make Anzac Day a memorable event for kids with this mindful art activity.

Cost: Free

Ages: 5 - 12 years

Register at: [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Library



Community Events



Easter Hunt!

Hop to it and be in to WIN!

Friday 11 April - Wednesday 30 April

Calling all kids and teenagers 17 and under:

- **Grab an Easter Hunt entry form at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre or Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre.**
- **Find the hidden clues within Prospero Place and Broadway**
- **Return your form to the library by 4pm Wednesday 30 April**
- **Go in the draw to WIN 1 of 3 \$100 Easter hampers!**



Community Events



SDYC presents Snow White!

Sunday 13 April

3pm

Join Stratford District Youth Council for Snow White, a new live action version of the classic fairytale, screening at the historic TET Kings Theatre!

Cost & ages: First **130** kids **16 years old and under** will get **FREE** entry! First come, first served.

Registration: Not needed

Venue: TET Kings Theatre



Anzac Wreath Making Workshop

Tuesday 22 April

10am - 12pm

Create a wreath to be laid in the Hall of Remembrance to commemorate Anzac Day.

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages are welcome!

Registration: Not needed

Venue: Stratford War Memorial Centre

Materials: Everything you need to make a wreath will be provided, but you're most welcome to bring your own special flowers, foliage, materials, or secateurs.

Community Events



Anzac Day Dawn Service

Friday 25 April

From 6am

Commemorate Anzac Day with us at Stratford's Dawn Parade and Service.

The parade will leave the Colonel Malone Gates at 6am. Following the parade, a Dawn Service will be held in front of the Cross of Sacrifice on Miranda Street.

Join us for a light breakfast afterwards, in the Function Facility at the War Memorial Centre.

Are you marching in the parade? Please gather at the Malone Gates at 5.40am.



Dressed up & ready for fun?!

Make sure you follow these pages on Facebook for events & activities:

- Taranaki Pioneer Village
- Tutaki
- TET Kings Theatre
- Stratford Speedway
- Zeal Taranaki
- Stratford Shakespeare Trust

And don't forget to get the free Antenna app for event updates and more!

Stratford school holiday programme survey

Fill it in and be in to win!

We want to hear your thoughts about our school holiday programme.

Please fill in this form and return it to the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre or Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre before **4.30pm Monday 5 May 2025** and you'll go in the draw to **win 1 of 3 \$50 Stratford Business Association vouchers!**



To fill out this survey online, visit bit.ly/AprilHols or scan the QR code!

Name:

Phone number:

Email address:

- I'm a student
- I'm a caregiver or parent

Are you a Stratford district resident?

- Yes
- No

How often do you or a child you're looking after participate in our school holiday programme?

- Summer holidays only
- Once a year
- More than once a year
- Every school holidays
- Never (please let us know why):

How do you feel about our programme overall?

- Very Unhappy
- Unhappy
- Neutral
- Happy
- Very happy

What kind of activities would you like to see as part of the programme?

How **do you** find out about the school holiday programme **now**? Tick all that apply.

- Printed booklet at the council facilities
- Council website
- Antenno App
- Social Media
- Word of mouth
- Radio
- Newspaper
- Other (please specify)

How **would you prefer** to find out about the school holiday programme? Tick all that apply.

- Printed booklet at the council facilities
- Council website
- Antenno App
- Social Media
- Word of mouth
- Radio
- Newspaper
- Other (please specify)

Add any final comments or suggestions here!

Thanks for filling in our survey.
Good luck for the prize draw!

