



"Teach the child first, not the curriculum!"

# NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 1, 17th June 2025

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Please remember to notify the school office of any absences before 9am each day.

Please remember to  
**SLOW DOWN to 40kms**  
between the signs near  
our school.

Remember you must  
**SLOW DOWN to 20kms**  
when passing a  
stationary school bus!!



**First day Term 3:** Mon 14 July

**Tues 22 July:** 100th Day at School!

**Wed 23 July:** Y5-8s Featherston  
Cluster Football Tourny

**Wed 6 Aug (TBC):** 'Forest Health'  
Science Inquiry trip

**Mon 18-Fri 29 Aug:** Constable Julie

**Thurs 4 Sept:** SW Kapahaka Festival

**Mon 15-17 Sept:** Harold and the Life  
Ed bus are here!

**Fri 19 Sept:** Last Day of Term 3

**First Day Term 4:** Mon 6 October

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**2025 School Term Dates**

**T1:** Mon 3 Feb - Fri 11 April

**T2:** Mon 28 April - Fri 27 June

**T3:** Mon 14 July - Fri 19 Sept

**T4:** Mon 6 Oct - Tues 16 Dec

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**Arrival Time at School**

Just a gentle reminder that  
children should **not** be  
arriving at school before

**8.15am**

**Kia ora, whānau, and welcome back to Term 3 . . . !** It's pretty staggering to thin

**Welcome:** This week, we welcomed Shelby-Rae's brother, Bentley, to our kura and he has joined Ronel and her kidlets in our Middle Room. This term, on Fridays, we have also welcomed Cyd into the role of classroom learning support.

**And farewell:** Sadly, we've had to say goodbye to Sandy. We've been quietly hoping that's she would be able to back, but she's not able to. She has asked me to pass on what a privilege it's been to be part of our kura, working with such wonderful tamariki and their families, and our outstanding staff. She will miss us all and will never forget the love and respect show to her, and the joy of being part of their learning journeys.

**SW Primary School Football Tournament:** Next Wednesday (23rd) weather permitting, we have 25 very enthusiastic Y5-8s that are taking part in this. Thanks to those families who have got the transport slip back to me already – these came home on Tuesday to the kidlets who put their hands up. I'm just waiting on the last few to come back now, so please have them back no later than Monday. Thank you also to those who have offered to lend shin pads and spare pairs of boots. The tournament's postponement date is set for next Friday (25th), and to be honest, Wednesday is not looking all that great, so don't be surprised if it gets pushed back.

**Martinborough Music Festival Percussion Show:** As we have done for many years, we will again be taking part in this year's show at the Anzac Hall on Thursday 7 August. This is another event that we'll be busing the whole school to. All our ākonga/learners will need to be here at school **no later than 9am** that morning so that we can get straight onto the bus and head into town. We are going with two other schools, so we don't want to be the ones to keep everyone else waiting!

**Wairarapa Kapahaka Festival:** This year, the kapahaka festival is taking place in Greytown, which means it is SO much more accessible for us to attend! Our kura/school have entered and our tamariki will sing 5-6 waiata. We will take our whole school to Greytown to perform, and we'll be able to watch some of the other performances both before and after our own. More information will come out to families closer to the date.

**2025 School Board Elections:** You will have received an email earlier today from Jo regarding nominations for the upcoming 2025 school board elections. In that email, she has included all the information you'll need to be nominated for consideration, or to nominate another eligible person. Being on the school board is a rewarding role, and board members (including the principal and staff board member) form the governing body responsible for the overall direction, governance and strategic leadership of our school. Eligible voters can nominate themselves, or someone else. **Please note: board nominations close at noon Wednesday 6 August.** If there are more nominations than board member spaces to fill, voting forms will be sent out to you on 13 August, and polling will close at 4pm on Wednesday 10 September. Spare nomination forms are held in the office and, if this sounds like something you'd be interested in, there is more information about being a school board member in the office that you can pick up.

**Harold and the Life Education Bus:** As you can see by the list of upcoming events on the left of this page, we have Harold arriving in the last week of this term. It will make the closing off of this term a real lovely one! All our kidlets (big and small!) love having the Life Ed bus come, and the kaiako/teachers have chosen some really topical and relevant learning for that three days. Towards the end of the term, you'll get a bit more information about each classroom's chosen focus so that you'll be able to engage in some great conversations with your wee one (and not so wee one!) at home about their learning.

**Term 3 classroom newsletters:** I've included our four classroom newsletters here. Please make sure you read over your child's one so you'll know what their learning journey looks like this term. The other class ones are there for you to enjoy as well!

Ma te wā!  
Tana Klaricich

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind . . ."

If you haven't already done so, please download our **SkoolLoop** app to your phone so you can keep right up to date with what's happening at school, and receive any important notices or emergency notifications: <https://www.skoolloop.com/> If you need help downloading the app, come in and see Jo or me.

# WE LOVE SCIENCE!!!

This week, our science kit is "Weather Ready – Te Takatū Mō Ngā Huarere". Check out what our classes have already been learning!



LJR made tornados in bottles!



The Junior Room made cloud art



... and then there was something with seeds!





# Junior Room Term 3 Newsletter

Term 3 newsletter Junior Room

Kia ora koutou and welcome back to term 3. It's hard to believe we have ticked off half a year already. I hope you all had a good break and managed to stay warm.

Term 3 will be another busy term and will include road safety with Constable Julie, and a visit from the Life Education bus and, of course, Harold the giraffe. There will also be a kapahaka festival in early September. This will be hosted by Greytown School and more details will follow. We also get to celebrate being at school for 100 days!

In class we will continue with the structured literacy approach. This will include large group teaching of phonics and small group reading of appropriate texts. We will always have a weekly quality picture book as a focus for vocabulary, comprehension and story elements (characters, setting, problem, solution). I will also continue to send home a poem on Fridays for weekend reading.

The junior room was hugely inspired by the senior room's plays last term so we will make this a focus this term. I have managed to buy some hand puppets from op shops and also some finger puppets so the children have a few options.

In writing we will continue to focus on building and sharing ideas, using finger spaces, including simple punctuation and adding detail. In handwriting we will focus on correct formation, size and placement of letters to encourage quick, legible handwriting.

Numeracy will continue to be the major maths focus as the refreshed maths curriculum is implemented, supported by the Numicon resources. We will also explore probability and algebra this term.

We are very lucky to have the House of Science kits again this term. The children will have the opportunity to investigate the weather, forest health, climate change, and the heart. The final kit for the term is Who Diddit which will encourage the children to be detectives and solve crimes/

So, as you can see, it will be full steam ahead from day one. As always, please come and chat if you have any questions, or concerns.

Ngā mihi nui,

Alison Power

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# LJR Term 3 Newsletter

## Kia ora Parents, Whānau and Caregivers!

A huge, warm welcome back for **Term 3**, 2025! I am excited to commence the second half of the year - where has the time gone? I am proud to say our class had 100% turn out for learning conferences - thank you for that! We will continue to have Mr Hull on Fridays and I'm sure he is looking forward to being back as well!

Our environment is looking a little different again as we experiment with maximising the space that we have to promote successful mat times as well as positive table work! We will continue to add to our beautiful classroom environment by cycling out the amazing pieces of mahi toi from each of our ākonga on the walls - reinforcing pride and identity within the class.

This term we are participating in the Kapa Haka festival at Greytown School which will be an amazing opportunity to showcase our fantastic waiata skills and beautiful voices we have here at SFS. It will also be an awesome opportunity to immerse our tamariki in Māori culture while strengthening links within our wider community – more details on this to follow down the track! This term will also include the 'Life Education' bus, an amazing chance to provide our tamariki with new and exciting learning opportunities in an innovative and enriching environment.

Let's discuss the curriculum! In the first week, we will be revisiting our class treaty again. This is something I like to do at the start of each term to ensure everyone has autonomy over how we will be kind, caring, positive and effective classmates. This also ensures that expectations are fresh on everyone's minds!

In maths, we will continue to include 'Numicon' resources within our wider numeracy curriculum and will start the term with Statistics and Probability as well as Number! We will continue to make maths accessible and exciting by utilising a wide range of Numicon resources and ensuring opportunities for incorporating outdoor education or 'maths in the real world' - a favourite of our LJR tamariki!

Our literacy programme will continue to include daily handwriting, writing and reading, which will also weave in various other curriculum areas in a multi-modal way to ensure a literacy-rich classroom and environment. We will continue to do whole class phonics sessions within the BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach) structure. This term we will also continue to incorporate the focus sounds from our Taumata (phonics) into our handwriting in order to cement the learning. You will notice that this year we send the same reading book home for 2-3 nights. This is a recommendation to ensure we have reinforcement and consolidation opportunities for the text and promote success as much as possible. On the second day of the same text we complete 'Cloze Activities' which enable comprehension building which is an area of focus for the class.

We will continue to utilise the House of Science kits as an inquiry topic that will be woven through all areas of the curriculum - looking at weather, forest health, climate change and revisit our exciting forensics module!

If you have any questions about our programme or your child's progress, please feel free to reach out to myself or Pete. I am looking forward to seeing you all again and let's have a great Term 3!

Ngā mihi nui

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## Middle Room Term 3 Newsletter

Welcome back Middle Room Whanau!

I trust you all had a wonderful break and made the most of your precious time together. I can't believe it is term 3 already and what an exciting one it is going to be. Firstly, we would like to welcome Kylah Pratt and Bentley Stammers and their families to our Middle Room family. We are always happy for some new faces to join our class and enjoy welcoming new friends.

We have so many great things to look forward to in the next 10 weeks. In Maths, we will be looking at inverse operations, problem solving and rational numbers. We will also be looking at statistics and how we represent and interpret data. We will be learning some financial maths and measurement and finally some multiplication methods.

I am especially excited about our Literacy journey that we are about to start, using the BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach) with a great phonics and reading comprehension focus. We will also use their structured writing instruction to help us become even better writers.

Our science kits for this term will include "Weather ready" where we will learn all about weather, climate and clouds.

It's not all academic and there are loads of fun activities during this term. We have the South Wairarapa football tournament day where our Middle and Senior Rooms will take part. I am excited to announce that we will also be taking part in the kapa haka festival in Greytown this term and I really hope that our Middle Room tamariki will embrace the great opportunity.

Our wonderful Constable Julie will be visiting our school in week 6 and 7 and will be teaching us on how to keep our bodies safe.

As if this is not enough excitement already, we end the term off with a visit from the Life Education bus and our special guy Harold the giraffe in week 10!

I almost feel exhausted just thinking about all these amazing events lined up to fill our Term 3!! 😊

As always I do encourage you to please email me if you have any concerns or queries.

Ka kite,  
Ronel Johansson  
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## Senior Room Term 3 Newsletter

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you have stayed warm and dry over these cold, wet holidays and that you have spent some quality time with your whanau.

Term 3 is recognised as being a bit more of a settled learning term where we have less interruptions and can get down to the business of learning.

We will be heading down the creative path with our writing this term, focussing on poetry and narratives. As part of our structured literacy programme, we will be starting spelling lessons designed to help students better understand how words are put together. We will also be brushing up our reading comprehension skills.

Our language portion of the curriculum will begin this term. We do this through Duolingo and students get to pick the language of their choice to learn. I have them on a classroom platform and am able to monitor progress. I am happy for them to continue to work on their language at home.

Our PE and Health sessions will be covering passing and receiving (to help with those winter sports) and the health side will be covering nutrition and later in the term we will welcome in Constable Julie to help with the Keeping Ourselves Safe unit, we also get a visit from Harold to learn about Human Biology.

We didn't quite get to proportions and rations last term, so I will be starting with that and then moving onto some statistics. I am also going to try and do some work on telling the time this term as this is something that a large number of students struggle with. If this is your child, I would love some support in this area by practising at home.

We will continue to work through the Science kits and we have a few local trips planned to support the learning in this area, we will be looking at Weather Ready, Forest Health, Moo to You, The Heart and a Forensic Investigation Kit. If you have any skills and talents in this area, get in touch, we would love to share your knowledge. We will also be needing some parent help for the semi-local trips.

Our Digital Technology will carry on in the background with our fantastic websites and the kidlets adding to them as they do activities.

Technology begins again Week 1 of Term 3, a reminder that all students need closed in shoes for these days.

Thank you for your continued support,

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