

South Featherston School

Junior Room Newsletter, Term 1 2023

Kia ora koutou Junior Room Whānau,

It is wonderful to be back at school and reconnect after the summer break. A special welcome to our new tamariki Madison, Maia and Skyla, and their whānau. We are excited to have you as part of our fabulous Junior Class!

This term I will be teaching Monday to Thursday and we are lucky to have Kerri Bailey joining us to teach the Junior Room on Fridays.

Some important reminders for the term

Lunches/Drink bottles/ Sunhats

Please send a packed lunch to school each day. Each child will also need a named drink bottle that can stay at school and be refilled. We will send these home on Fridays to be washed. This term, the children will wear a school sunhat outdoors, which we will keep at school. We also encourage you to apply sunblock on your child before sending them to school.

Swimming

From week 2 we will be swimming every afternoon (weather permitting). Please send swimming togs every day, even if the weather looks doubtful. We will decide at school whether we will be swimming or not. Our focus will be water confidence, water safety and basic floating and swimming skills. There will be an adult in the pool with the children during swimming lessons. If your child has any fears associated with swimming, do let us know as we want this to be a fun, enjoyable experience for them. A great way to support your child is to help them become independent when dressing and undressing. Please name all uniform and swimming items with your child's name.

Home Reading

In the next week your child will begin bringing home a reading book to share with you. Please take time to read this together, supporting your child as needed and keeping it positive and enjoyable. Regular reading is a key component to children's literacy success. A Reading Card will be added to each bookbag for you to sign and make any comments. It is really vital that books and book bags come back to school every day as we often read from them at school for two or more days. On Friday a Poem Book will come home with a poem for you to read and enjoy with your child. Please return this the following Monday.

Whānau can help by supporting tamariki to develop independent habits by returning their reading book or poem book to their bookbag straight after shared reading and putting this back into their school bag ready for school.

Seesaw

We love to share the fabulous learning that happens in the Junior Room! Keep a regular eye out for Seesaw posts in your child's journal. It is a great way to celebrate and encourage conversation about your child's learning at school.

A reminder that I am available to talk through any questions or concerns you may have. Please feel free to pop in for a chat or send an email.

He waka eke noa. We are all in this together!

Ngā mihi

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