



NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 5: 17th August 2023

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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!!



2023 Dates to Remember

Y7/8 Tech Days: Now whole days -
Wed 23, 30 Aug, 6, 13 Sept

Y6 Tech Taster Day: Now Fri 25 Aug

Working Bee: Sunday 27 Aug, 11am

Quiz Night Fundraiser for camp:

Thurs 31 Aug, at The Offering, 6-8pm

Board Mtg: Tues 12 Sept, 6.15pm

Last Day Term 3: Friday 22 Sept

First day Term 4: Mon 9 Oct

Senior Room Camp at Makahika:

Wed 18 - Fri 20 October

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2023 School Term1 Dates

T1: Wed 1 Feb - Thurs 6 April

T2: Wed 26 April - Fri 30 June

T3: Mon 17 July - Fri 22 Sept

T4: Mon 9 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

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Arrival Time at School

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

8.15am

Rain, rain, go AWAY: Sheesh . . . I just have NOTHING else to say on that!

Quiz Night Fundraiser at The Offering, Greytown: So . . . we have a pretty exciting update about our school fundraiser Quiz Night being held up at the Offering In Greytown on **Thursday 31 August** (see the full advert on the last page of this newsletter) Our board member, SFS mum and real estate agent extraordinaire, Jen Bhati, has secured 'Aunty Liane', a local comedienne based in Carterton, to do a comedy set at our Quiz Night! How great is that? So for only \$15 per person (\$60 per team of 4) you get to try your luck at the Quiz, win some VERY cool prizes, help us raise more funds to cover our Senior Room camp (happening early next term) get in amongst a couple of fabulous raffles, possibly bid on some incredible artworks (done by one of our mums, and also one of our learning support assistants!) and also you get to be well entertained by a very funny lady! What's not to love? Please email either Jen jenb@sfs.school.nz or Jo office@sfs.school.nz to secure your table. We need more contenders, lease, people!

Final reminder: Technology for our Year 7/8s: Tech starts next **Wednesday 23 August**, and then the following three weeks on **30 August and 6, 13 September**. Closed toe shoes **MUST** be worn, please, and they will need a full lunch.

Year 6 Technology Taster Day: Following the cancelation of this on Tuesday (the Tech hub had sick staff) it looks like this will now happen **next Friday, 25 August**. However, I will confirm that with our Year 6 parents as soon as I know for sure. The same organisation will apply in terms of them coming to school first (please don't be late!) and traveling into town by bus. Unless you need it changed for next Friday, your Year 6 kidlet will come home the way you have already arranged with us. Just a small reassurance: our Year 6 students will have totally separate breaks and their lunch time to the Featherston School students.

Garden and grounds Working Bee - Sunday 27 August, 11am onwards: Please, please, PLEASE come along to help us get our poor garden sorted out! You'll need to bring your own tools, but we'll provide the sausage-in-bread bbq lunch.

Submission to the SW District Council re: their speed review outside schools/marae:

Yesterday I had the ABSOLUTE pleasure of sitting in the South Wairarapa council chambers experiencing a super proud principal moment! I took four of our senior students over to Martinborough to make a submission before council regarding their current speed review, with the proposal being to reduce the speed limit to 30ks outside schools and marae. Our four fabulous students (Bea Miller-Holley, June Walker, Stella Bhati, and Monty Miller-Holley) put forward a very compelling 5 min submission (which we had written together) with dignity and poise. Afterwards, as a treat for a job well done, I took them Café Medici for an iced chocolate and some yummy treats - well deserved, I can tell you! A transcript of the submission is on the next page . . .



Father's day Raffle: Coming home to each family will be 10 tickets for you to sell. This raffle has been put together by Kara Wihone, with goods and services donated by her, Mitre 10, P & K, and also Everest Café. All funds go towards Senior Room camp.

Ma te wā!
Tana Klaricich

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

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South Featherston School Submission to Council, Wednesday 16 August 2023

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Your Worship the Mayor, and assembled South Wairarapa District Councillors.

Thank you for enabling us to be here today, as representatives of South Featherston School, to add our voices to those of others who are also concerned about the speed limits outside the schools and marae in our region. We know that this council, and the other authorities who make these decisions, all want to make sure every one of us get to school and home again safely.

Five years ago, there were other students from our school who came to these very chambers to ask that 40k signs be put up along our school's road frontage. You listened then, and we got our large bright signs, telling everyone that they needed to slow down around our school. Sadly, many drivers continue to ignore the signs, and the law, and we are here to ask you to listen again . . .

There are many reasons why we would like to see the speed limit reduced to 30 kilometres per hour, or even less, outside our school, and we wouldn't say no to some well-placed speed humps at either end of that zone, too, if that's possible, please. But first of all, you might be shocked to hear some statistics that we have discovered.

On average, every year, there are at least 30 children who are hit by vehicles outside their schools in the Wellington region alone. These are only the ones that are reported and are often only the most severe ones that end up with serious injuries or even deaths. There are many more unreported accidents that happen outside schools involving children and vehicles every year, and even more near misses that occur on a daily basis. At South Featherston School, we have certainly had our fair share of those.

We don't want to have one of those near misses resulting in one of us being terribly hurt or even killed. Reducing the speed would certainly reduce that likelihood . . .

One of the main reasons we would like to see speeds reduced is because the road that our school is on, South Featherston Road, is a very narrow and badly maintained stretch of rural road. We have massive potholes in front of our school, made worse every winter by the rain and mud, and our parents don't have a lot of off-road parking when they drop us off or pick us up.

Add to that, it is a busy farming area with huge stock trucks, tractors and other farm vehicles which are a constant hazard to negotiate through. At the end of last year, you may remember there was a massive explosion that was clearly heard as far away as in the Featherston township itself. That explosion was actually a truck that had a tyre blow out, literally right outside our school! The boom rattled the windows of our classrooms and we had no idea what was happening! The scariest thing about it, though, was that the truck slid out of control once its tyre blew, and just managed to come to a stop about 1 and a half metres from our principal's car. We all saw the massive skid mark and the gouges where the wheel dug into the dirt. If that had happened at the end of the school day, the truck might have hit our school bus, or it actually could have struck one of us kids – it had no way of being able to stop itself. Car versus kid is one thing, truck versus kid is unthinkable.

We really believe that the speed that vehicles should travel near schools needs to be a lot lower than what it is at the moment. The law says you're meant to go 20 ks past a stationary school bus, but that is ignored way too often. Little children are just not able to be seen easily in amongst cars, and let's be honest, the really small kids can be a bit out of control after school and can get away from their parents! They're quick!

By having cars and other vehicles slow right down, drivers will be able to react a lot quicker and there is a greater chance that a child might actually survive, or have far less injuries, if they are hit.

We hope that our voices here today help add weight to the argument for reducing speeds around schools and marae, and help you all make the right decision.

Nga mihi nui. Thank you.

Stella Bhati, June Walker, Bea Miller-Holley, Monty Miller-Holley

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We still need your plastic bottle tops, please!

Please continue to collect your plastic bottle tops, like milk containers, juice bottles, fizzy drink bottle lids, and bring them into school once you have a nice collection!

We're still planning that art 'installation' so we need a load of them of all colours and shapes!



South Featherston School
supported by the team at

THE OFFERING 
meats & drinks

present a

QUIZ
Night
FUNDRAISER

Thursday 31st of August 2023

Doors open at 6pm : Quiz starts at 7pm sharp

Venue: The Offering, 65 Main Street, Greytown

Food and beverages will be available to purchase from the amazing team at The Offering.

Quiz Master: The Legendary Chris "Coggie" Cogdale

CLUES AND RAFFLES AVAILABLE TO BUY ON THE NIGHT

Prizes to be won!

\$60 for a table of 4

Max 20 tables available

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