



"Teach the child first, not the curriculum!"

NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 6, 5th 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!!




Happy Thursday everyone! Unbelievably, we are now in June! Almost half way through this year already! I still feel like I should be writing March for the date . . .

FINAL REMINDER: Tomorrow **school is closed** so that all our Featherston school kaiako/teachers and tumuaki/principals can attend a whole day of professional development around the revised NZ mathematics curriculum. Normal school will resume on Monday 9 June.

A reminder about Learning Conferences, Tuesday 24 June and Wednesday 25 June: The link via our SkoolLoop is now live so that you can go in and choose a time to meet with your child's kaiako/teacher. Times are filling up fast, so make sure you get in soon! Paige and Pete will be having their learning conferences for LJR parents and whānau on the Tuesday only. <https://www.console.skoolloop.com/interviews/23260/>

Featherston Matariki Festival 2025 mihi whakatau: This year, Matariki falls at end of Week 8. We have been asked to perform, as we did for Booktown, at the mihi whakatau on the Friday (public holiday) at 2pm, just prior to the community hangi being served. We have had an indication from our tamariki who want to be involved, so early next week I'll be sending a notice home to see which families are able to bring their kidlets in for the mihi whakatau. Te Kura o Paetūmokai/Featherston School are not able to take part this year, so it will only be us and St Teresa's. If, however, we can't raise enough numbers between our two schools, we will have to pull out which will be a great shame as the Featherston community love when our schools perform!

South Wairarapa Kāhui Ako 'happenings': Today our SWKA's our ASLs (Across school leads), Corey, Ken and Anna, came to our school for the afternoon to spend a fabulous hour outside with all of our ākonga and kaiako/teachers teaching them some new māori games. It was a fantastic way to spend a sunny but really windy afternoon! Everyone really enjoyed themselves, yelling into the wind at the top of their voices, and using up bags of energy in the process! This is the second time we've had something like this: last year they came and taught long rakau and also samoan drumming to our classes. Check out some joyfilled photos of Junior Room and LJR from this afternoon on the next page.

Next week's cross country event: As mentioned last week, we have 14 runners heading up to Masterton on Tuesday to participate in the next event in this year's cross country calendar. For such a small school, this is a tremendous result! It equates to 25% of our overall student number, and is in fact is 38% of our eligible runners (Y4-8). We wish every one of our runners 'swift feet' and run hard, guys! Brooky, Luke, Kayal, Micah, Marcia, Floyd, Jaxson, Nicole, Olia, Felix, Noah, Luca, Juliet and Coopa!

Year 8 Open Day at Kuranui College: Next Wednesday, 11 June, our Year 8s are going up to spend the day at Kuranui College. This is always a really positive experience for our Year 8s, and they come back with a much brighter, less daunting understanding of what next year will bring when they leave to go to college. A notice about the day came home to the families of our Year 8s today. Please check your kidlet's school bag if they haven't give it to you yet!

Updating your emergency contacts: Please advise Jo via office@sfs.school.nz if your contact details have changed since the beginning of this year. This includes who you have as your 'first point of contact' after yourself if that has changed. We can then update our records in the school's student management system.

Attendance at school: Through no fault of schools, this term is a short 9 week one with many 'no school' days due to public holidays or other MoE non-contact days. Your child needs to here, on time, every day (unless sick) so they don't miss out on crucial learning, particularly with the new requirements of structured literacy and structured maths.

Term 2 2025
Fri 6 June: Teacher Curriculum Day – NO students at school
Wed 11 June: Y8 Open Day at Kuranui College
Wk 8: Learning Docs: 19 June
Matariki Holiday: Fri 20 June
Learning Conferences: Tues 24 & Wed 25 June, 3.15-7.15/5.15pm
Last day Term 2: Friday 27 June

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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**

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.

Check out Week 6!

