



# NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 8: 21st June 2024

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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!!



## Term 2 Dates to Remember

Y0-3 trip for Matariki: Thurs 27 June

Learning Docs home: Thurs 27 June

Matariki Public Holiday: Fri 28 June

Learning Progress conferences:

Tues 2 July and Wed 3 July

Last Day Term 2: Fri 5 July

First Day Term 3: Mon 22 July

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## 2024 School Term Dates

T1: Wed 7 Feb - Fri 12 April

T2: Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July

T3: Mon 22 July - Fri 27 Sept

T4: Mon 14 Oct - Thurs 19 Dec

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## Arrival Time at School

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

**8.15am**

**Unbelievably, it is already the end of Week 8 . . .** and how come we only have a week left of June? We still have loads left to squeeze into this term still, so please make sure to read this newsletter, or any emails that might come directly to you over the next week or so from either me or you child's teacher/kaiako.

**Mid-year Learning Progress Documents and up-coming Parent Conferences:** Your child's Mid-year Learning Progress document will be coming home to you at the end of next week. Mid-year learning progress conferences for parents are in the last week of this term on **Tuesday 3 June** (3.30-7.30pm) and **Wednesday 4 June** (3.30-5.30). Please click into your SkoolLoop app to access the 'Bookings' tab, then pick yourself a time to see your child/ren's teacher/s/kaiako. If you have any trouble making bookings, just give Jo a call on the school cell phone (021 084 29367) and she'll sort that out for you. If you have more than one child, please try to organise a break between the conferences as it makes it easier to see multiple teachers/kaiako. <https://www.skoolloop.com/> If you don't have the SkoolLoop app yet, details are at the bottom of this newsletter to guide you on how to download it.

**Featherston Matariki Weekend:** As mentioned in a previous newsletter, our town's Matariki celebrations this year are running slightly differently, mostly due to the celebrations that are taking place at Hau Ariki Marae on Saturday morning. Obviously **Friday 28 June is a Public Holiday** so no school that day. Our combined schools tamariki have been asked to perform at the hangi which is on **Saturday 29 June**, and anyone one who is available to participate will need to be **at the Anzac Hall NO LATER than 12 o'clock**. A participation slip, with more information, will come home to you all on Monday. Please have this back to me no later than Wednesday morning.

**Matariki event for our wee ones:** Our Junior and Little Junior Rooms are all going to head into town to participate in a very cool Matariki event at the Anzac Hall next Thursday starting at 11am and they will be back here no later than 12 o'clock! If you are available to help, please send Tana an email [principal@sfs.school.nz](mailto:principal@sfs.school.nz) (it's first come, first served, people!) We would appreciate a couple of extra pairs of hands!

**Year 7 and 8 Speech Competitions:** We have two of our Senior Room students heading up to Greytown on Monday to compete in this year's speech competitions. Our Year 7 entrant is: Monty Miller-Holley, and our Year 8 entrant is: Stella Bhati. We wish them both ALL the very best, and remember to slow down, kiddos!

**Regional Cross Country:** Wonderfully, we have two of our tamariki who qualified for the next round of cross country competitions! We are super proud of Coopa Bennett (Year 7) and Nicole Potaka-Coltman (Year 6) who are going up over to the Kapiti Coast to compete on Tuesday 2 July. Run hard, guys!

**Illnesses:** Attached to this newsletter is information about some scary illnesses that are making their way back into our community, including whooping cough and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). Please watch out for the symptoms, keep your child home, and get them to the doctor as soon as you can.

**A personal thank you from me:** My wonderful, feisty, amazing, creative mum died unexpectedly two weeks ago, and my family and I have been really struggling with that. I have been so touched with the care and comfort that our staff and board have shown us, and the unexpected gifts of food and offers of hugs that I've received from our school whānau, including many of our parents. I can't thank you all enough. Even though my mum was 91 and a half, none of us were ready to give up the much-loved matriarch of our family, and the gap she leaves in our lives is massive.

*"He hono tāngata e kore e motu; kā pā he taura waka, e motu."*

*"Unlike a canoe rope, a human bond cannot be severed."*

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 **Skool Loop** 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.

# School 'Happenings' . . .

Lots of things have been happening in our school over the past couple of weeks!

