



# NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 5: 25th May 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:** Wed May 31,

June 7, 14, 21

**Middle Rm to Fareham:** May 25, 29,

June 1, 8, 12, 15, 19

**Fri 26 May:** Cluster Cross Country

**Mon 29 May:** BSLA info session in the Junior Room, 3.15-4pm

**Mon 6 June:** Kings Birthday holiday

**Tues 27 June:** (Possible) Whānau Learning Sharing Time, 5.30-7.30pm

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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**

**Kia ora, whānau!** . . . I hope you are ALL making the most of this gorgeous sun while we have it! I visibly see our tamariki (and staff!) breathing deeper and being just a little more relaxed during these lovely balmy days, despite the inevitable 'brass monkey' start! For the first time in a few years, tomorrow's Featherston Cluster Cross Country out at Kahutara School will be a far more pleasant one to attend! You're all welcome to come out and cheer on our runners - please check your emails, I sent out the latest information to every parent, with specific information about your child's year group. Yes, parents, thankfully the coffee cart will be there again!

**Welcome:** Yesterday we welcomed Gracyn (and his mum and friends) to our school. He joins Mrs Johansson and her LUVELY bunch in the Middle Room as a Year 5.

**REMINDER: Cluster Cross Country:** We all travel out to Kahutara School by bus, leaving school at 9.15am. All children will **need to be here no later than 9.10am** tomorrow please! As mentioned above, I have sent an email out to every parent this morning with the latest information.

**Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) Information Workshop:** Anna will be running another one of her short but VERY informative, workshops for our newest learners' parents **next Monday, 29 May, from 3.15-4pm**. We have taught this structured literacy approach in the Junior Room for two years now, and we are seeing a big difference in the literacy (reading and writing) achievement of our youngest learners. You may have seen quite an extensive piece on the structured literacy vs balanced literacy debate last night on the "Paddy Gower Has Issues" programme – not a mind blowing programme concept but the content was pretty en pointe, and certainly topical. I'm very proud of the fact that our wee school got ahead of the game with this, and we have had two teachers become fully accredited in BSLA since we started in mid-2021. This year, we have another teacher who is completing her training, and one of our Learning Support assistants is working her way through the Teacher Aide training modules, also. I am confident this will make a significant difference in the literacy achievement of our learners as the approach moves up through the school.

**NOTICE OF POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION:** Teacher members of NZEI Te Riu Roa might be going on strike **next Wednesday 31 May**. I won't know until this Sunday. Like last time, the board **will have to close our school** due to there not being enough non-NZEI members here to cover for the day. As soon as I know, I will let you know. My suggestion is you make plans for if the strike does ahead.

## UP-COMING LOCAL EVENTS:

**Photography Workshop Opportunity:** Don't forget about this amazing opportunity for your future photojournalist-in-the-making! Check out the **ad on the last page** of this newsletter for an amazing **FREE** online workshop! This is well worth a look, parent/child, follow this link: <https://clickhappy.org/grand-master-series/>

**Wairarapa Dark Skies Association:** There is an information evening being held at the Anzac Hall tonight, 6-7pm.

**Pae Tū Mōkai o Tauria Open Day:** Make a plan to go out and see the work that these amazing people do! **Sunday 28 May, 10am-2pm**

**Talent Wairarapa:** Heats were held on Saturday 20 May. Semis are on **3 and 10 June**, the Grand Finale taking place on **17 June** at the Carterton Events Centre. If you don't have a child entered, you can still go along to the Grand Finale and see what amazing talent our young people have here in the Wairarapa!

**Middle Room to Fareham Creative Space:** The class have begun their series of 8 lessons at Fareham Creative Space. They are all travelling there twice a week for four lessons on pottery and four on nature drawing.

Ma te wā!  
Tana Klaricich

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.

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



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# TALENT WAIRARAPA

**SUPPORT OUR LOCAL TALENT**

**ENTER TODAY!**

There are three categories: Over 14 Years; 14 Years and under; Groups (2 or more)

**HEAT ENTRY: \$5 for Individual and \$10 Groups**

Saturday 20 May 11am – 7pm | Carterton School, Holloway Street, Carterton

**SEMI #1**  
Saturday 3 June 7pm | Makoura College, Makoura Road, Masterton

**SEMI #2**  
Saturday 10 June 7pm | Kuranui College, East Street, Greytown  
Plus tea, coffee and raffle available – cash only

**GRAND FINALE**  
Saturday 17 June, Carterton Events Centre  
Book your tickets with Carterton Events Centre  
Entries open on our facebook page

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HELP US TO CREATE A NATIONAL RAINBOW EXHIBITION OF STUDENT WORK.



**WEDNESDAYS  
FROM 6PM-8PM**

<https://clickhappy.org>



## School Bus Drivers Wanted!



- A Class 2 Licence or P endorsement preferred
- or
- A Full Class 1 Licence for at least two years (full training provided)

To apply  
call Katherine  
on 06 900 8013

Minimum  
15hrs  
per week



## We need your plastic bottle tops, please!

Please start collecting your plastic bottle tops, like milk containers, juice bottles, fizzy drink bottle lids, and send them into school once you have a nice collection!

We're planning a mural made entirely out of these so we need a lot!



## PAE TŪ MŌKAI



O TAUIRA



**Nau mai, haere mai,  
hoki mai koutou katoa  
ki tō mātou wāhi motuhake**

### “He Kōtare” Native Plant Nursery

**PUBLIC  
OPEN DAY  
28 May 2023  
10am – 12pm**

**23 North Soliders Settlement  
Road Pae Tū Mōkai -  
Featherston (The Old  
Featherston  
Golf Course)**

RSVP by 25 May 2023 to  
[pae.tu.mokai.o.tauira@gmail.com](mailto:pae.tu.mokai.o.tauira@gmail.com)

Pae Tū Mōkai o Tairāpiti rōpū is having its first public open day at its native tree nursery, and we would love to see you there. Our nursery is named He Kōtare and we support the restoration efforts at Wairarapa Moana, through eco-sourced seed collection, propagation and growing of native trees, harakeke and other plants that are significant or endemic to Wairarapa Moana.

Our first open day marks the next stage of development at He Kōtare, with substantial numbers of native plants becoming available in the 2023-24 year for restoration efforts.

#### Who is Pae Tū Mōkai o Tairāpiti Inc.?

We are an incorporated society, standing for the revitalisation and sustained kaitiakitanga of Wairarapa Moana and te taiao (the surrounding natural environment). Another goal is to enable cultural and environmental change through wānanga (knowledge sharing) and whakawhanaungatanga (relationship building) in ways that restore and sustain the wairua and mana of our moana.

Our moana is recognised as an internationally significant wetland under the Ramsar Convention. It is the largest wetland in the lower North Island and despite its complexity and uniqueness, the area is threatened. There is an urgent need to restore natural habitats for native flora and fauna.

#### The Open Day

Meet our nursery managers Michele and Kay, enjoy a kōrero and tour of our nursery. Light refreshments will be available. There will be plants available to purchase on the day.

