



NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 8: 11th September 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 3 Dates to Remember

Life Ed Bus: Tues 24 - Thurs 26 Sept

Last Day Term 3: Fri 27 Sept

Please see the last two pages of this newsletter for a lot of holiday happenings!

First Day Term 4: Mon 14 Oct

SFS Country Fair: Sat 23 Nov 10-2pm

Teacher Only Day: 29 November

Last Day Term 4: Thurs 19 Dec

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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

Ata marie, everyone . . . it's hard to think that we are already well into September, and only 2 ½ weeks from the end of the term!

Wellington Free Ambulance Onesie Day: Onesie Day is this Friday! Kidlets can wear



their Onesie, or their pyjamas or even an Oodie if they don't have a Onesie. Sausages in bread will be \$2 each. An order form came home on Monday. If you would like to make another independent donation directly to our

school's WFA fundraising page following this link. Thank you so much to those who have already done so! <https://www.onesieday.co.nz/users/sfs-onesie-day-2>

Wairarapa Spiffires Baseball Club: Please see the big advert on the last page of this newsletter about the Club's 2023/25 season. See below for their Open Day details.

Our HAVE A GO OPEN DAY is on Sunday October 20th from 10am to 12pm at the Kuranui College Baseball Diamond. Come along for a fun morning learning about baseball and free sausages. For more information and to register check out our website

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/spiffiresbaseball/register-for-the-2024-25-season>

Join our Facebook Page for news and updates: Wairarapa Spiffires

Contact our Teams Coordinator, Eileen

McWilliam, mcwilliamae@gmail.com or phone 0276028597

PLEASE NOTE: Term 4 Teacher Only Day: We will be having the last of two 2024 Teacher Only Days on **Friday 29 November**. School will be closed for the day so please keep your child/ren at home. School again as usual on Monday 2 December.

Tūpore (Kindness) Tickets awards: At last week's assembly, our two "Tūpore" (Kindness) award recipients were: **Indi** - for fetching Arlo's ball from the puddle, and **Aaleyah** - for offering to help the teacher clean up their classroom. During each day, tamariki are 'caught' doing something kind for some one else, and their name goes into the Tūpore box. A draw is held at each assembly, and two names are pulled out. They then get to choose a reward from the Tūpore Reward Box. Each child who has received a Tūpore ticket also gets a certificate for their act of kindness and, across a term, we try to double the number of certificate receivers by the next assembly. Staff will look out for these acts every time we're on duty, and often the recipient won't know they've got one until they get given their certificate at the next assembly. Congratulations, Kind Kids!



Exterior Painting and new decking: Our school will be getting painted over the summer holidays, so that will be nice to come back to next year! We are also just starting to gather quotes on replacing the old decking. To try and stay with our eco-sustainable philosophy, we're looking into a composite material, which is far more earth-friendly and will also outlast wooden decking by a number of decades!

Holidays in term time: I realised I needed to be more clear with the process of letting the school know about holidays in term time. As principal, I need to be informed about these absences, so please either pop in and see me to let me know the details, or send an email to: principal@sfs.school.nz As mentioned previously, the MoE doesn't allow me to sanction holidays during term time, and those days do become part of your child's 'explained but unjustified absence' totals at the end of each year. Ultimately, any days away from school will affect your child's overall achievement, so please keep that in mind when planning any trips away.

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 SPRING TIME 'Happenings' . . .

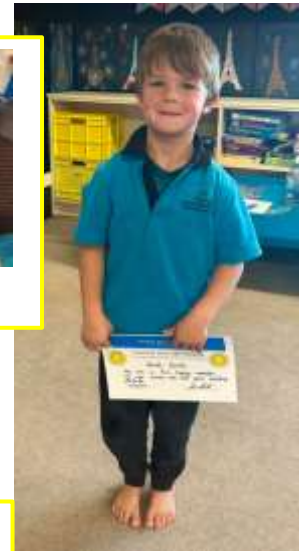
Check out the pics below!



Key Competency awards: "Thinking" and "Participating & Contributing"



Learning how to tell the time 'digitally'!



"Positive Attitude" award



Rylan's "Spring" writing



LJR's gorgeous daffodils!



Senior Room's 'Spring' drawings



Two of Three Highly Commended in the 2024 Chicken & Frog Poetry Competition, Topic: "My Town"



Aaleyah's 'Spring' writing!



Aleyna's 'Spring' writing!



Junior Room's amazing writing about their shell observations!



Bea's 'Still life' daffodil drawing! (Senior Room)



Hailey's 'Still life' daffodil drawing! (Senior Room)



Our Junior Room ākonga are growing sunflowers! (Watch this space . . .)

COMMUNITY NOTICES



2024/2025 SEASON

Wairarapa Spitfires BASEBALL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

MORE INFO:
[HTTPS://WWW.SPORTY.CO.NZ/SPITFIRESBASEBALL](https://www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball)

WAIRARAPA SPITFIRES BASEBALL CLUB

2024/25 Wairarapa Spitfire Baseball season online **registrations are now open!**

We have club teams available for all levels of experience. The season will start on October 29th and pause for the summer school holidays before re-starting in early February and finishing at the end of March 2025. All Local Development games and trainings are held on the Spitfires Baseball Diamond at Kuranui College, Greytown.

ROOKIE BALL – Ages 5 to 8 play games on Saturday mornings at 9 am

MAJORS 10U/12U DEVELOPMENT (School Yrs 5-8)

– Ages 9 to 12 play games on Friday afternoons at 4pm, training Thursdays 4pm

MAJORS 14U/16U DEVELOPMENT (School Yrs 9+)

– Ages 13+ play games on Friday afternoons at 5.45 pm, training Thursdays 5.30pm

12U/14U/16U TRAVEL TEAMS

– Competitive baseball in the Wellington Regional Competition.

Wairarapa Spitfires Club Travel Teams will be formed mid-September,

email mcwilliamae@gmail.com asap if you are interested. Games are on Sundays and played at home on the Spitfires Baseball

Diamond at Kuranui College and away at other Wellington regional diamonds in Terms 4 and 1.

School Holiday Haps!



"Gleeful physical comedy...my son is laughing like I've never heard him laugh before."
 Southland Arts Festival, Sarah McCarthy

THE MESSY MAGIC ADVENTURE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN FOR CHILDREN AGED 3+

Carterton Events Centre
 in the heart of Wairarapa

Rolling Entertainment

Friday 4th October 1pm
 Saturday 5th October 11am
 Tickets at cartertonec.co.nz



IT'S PARTY TIME!

#1 Best-Smelling Author Deano Yipadee is Coming.

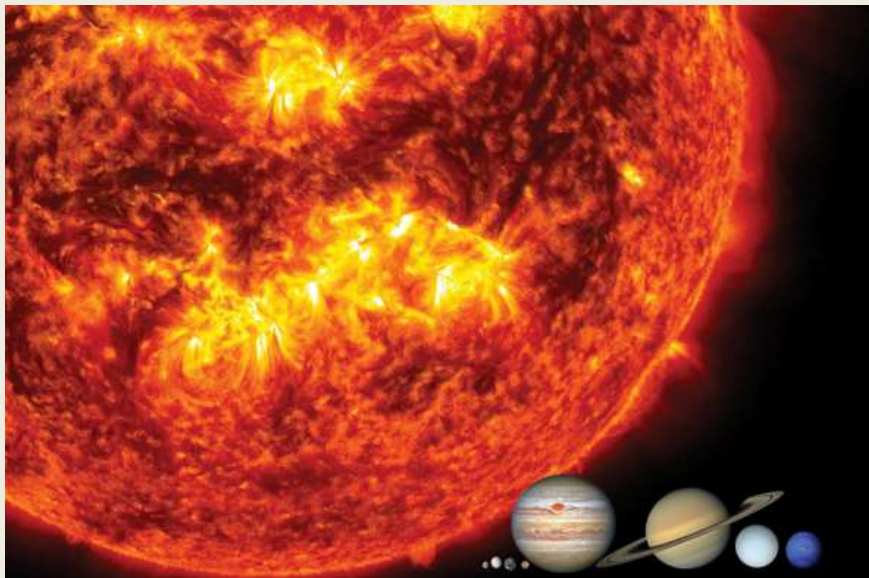
DEANO YIPADEE WILL BE HERE

Sunday 29 September 11:00am

Carterton Events Centre
 Tickets only \$11 at www.cartertonec.co.nz

Get your child personalised signed books on the day of the visit!

SCHOLASTIC



PLANETARIUM SHOWS



ASTROBIOLOGY DOME - THE MARS BLUEBERRY
MONDAY 7TH, TUESDAY 8TH, WEDNESDAY 9TH & FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER
SESSIONS FROM 10AM UNTIL 2:00PM AT CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WWW.CARTERTONEC.CO.NZ

Explore the cosmos this Waitangi holiday at the Astrobiology Dome. New Zealand's one-of-a-kind portable planetarium. For just \$5.50 (including booking fee), journey into space, planets, the origin of life, and prospects beyond Earth.

From Tokyo's University of Agriculture, the male voice...

Chor-Farmer-Choir

with Musical Director Hiroshi Masumoto MNZM & Pianist Masako Yuyama

On their 22nd Goodwill Tour of Aotearoa New Zealand

Friday 4 October 2024
Concert start: 6.30pm
Anzac Hall, Featherston

Tickets \$30, unwaged \$25
 Children under 12 free
 Tickets from eventfinda.co.nz
 and Loco Coffee & Books with limited door sales if available

Generously supported by

An evening of choral music featuring songs from Japan, Germany, and around the world with a piano solo programme by Miss Masako Yuyama. All proceeds kindly donated to the Featherston Heritage Museum.