



# NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 3: 10 August 2022

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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

**Board meetings:** 6pm, staffroom  
Tues 9 Aug, Tues 20 Sept  
**Teacher Only Day:** Fri 12 Aug  
**Y7/8 Vaping workshop/Production:**  
Thurs 18 Aug, 9.30am  
**Snr Rm Click Happy Workshop:** Mon  
22 Aug  
**Seniors to Fareham:** Thurs 25 Aug, 1,  
15, 22 Sept  
**M'boro Music Festival:** Wed 24 Aug  
**Onesie Day:** Fri 2 Sept  
**Life Education:** Wed 28 – Fri 30 Sept  
**Last Day Term 3:** Fri 30 Sept

### 2022 School Term Dates

**T1:** Wed 2 Feb - Thurs 14 April  
**T2:** Mon 2 May - Fri 8 July  
**T3:** Mon 25 July - Fri 30 Sept  
**T4:** Mon 17 Oct - Fri 16 Dec



**Team 'Mr Sold'!**  
Steve Chapman  
0276875809

### Arrival Time at School

Just a gentle reminder that children shouldn't be arriving at school before

**8.15am**

unless you have organised that with me (Tana).

While I'm usually here no later than 7.45am, anything could happen which means I haven't arrived - traffic, natural disaster, locusts . . . !

**Happy Hump Day!** It was just SO nice to see the sun out today! You could actually see all our tamariki breathing deeply, smiling and soaking up the heat like little lizards! Our field hasn't seen that much action since about June!

News from the School Board:

### 2022 Triennial School Board Elections

Two of the candidates for our school board decided to withdraw their nominations. Therefore, there is no need to go to a vote as we have the required number of parent board members. Chris (our board Presiding Member) will announce the new board in next week's newsletter.

**Y5-8 Football Tournament:** What a shame this event was cancelled today! As we can all see, it actually turned out to be a pretty good day, weather wise, but perhaps the football fields were a boggy mess. There will be other tournaments!

**TEACHER ONLY DAY REMINDER:** Teacher Only Day **THIS FRIDAY**, 12 August.

**Mid-Year Learning Progress Documents:** These will be coming home to you in a schoolbag attached to your child tomorrow afternoon. As I mentioned last week, if you were unable to make parent conferences last term, and would like to discuss your child's learning progress document with their teacher, please email the class teacher to find a time that suits you both:

Julie (Snr Rm) [julies@sfs.school.nz](mailto:julies@sfs.school.nz) Ronel (Mid Rm) [ronel@sfs.school.nz](mailto:ronel@sfs.school.nz)  
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**Just a gentle reminder . . .** our teachers need their family time as well. Try and keep your communication with them to reasonable hours, preferably prior to 6pm on week days, and please don't contact them on weekends at all. For anything urgent, after 6pm on week days or during the weekends, please contact me. I'll be more able to help or do something about the situation [principal@sfs.school.nz](mailto:principal@sfs.school.nz)

**Volunteers needed for Ag Fair:** We are just waiting on a consensus of when most of the people who put their hands up to help can make a meeting. Please have a think about whether you'd like to be part of this group. We are looking at running our school's Ag Fair early to mid-November. This way, we are more likely to have good weather, and it gives us a bit longer to get our seedlings grown, lemon curd made (YUM!) and wheelbarrow raffle filled with a gazillion goodies!

**Lucky Senior Room:** Over the last few weeks, I have been able to take up the offer of a couple of really great outside-of-the-square learning opportunities for our Senior Room. The first is a photography day-long workshop on Monday 22 August (Week 5) with the amazing Mandi from 'Click Happy'. During the past two years, our senior students have entered into Wairarapa wide school photography competitions, and they have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I thought they could learn a lot about finessing their pictures if we could have a professional photographer come in and work with our budding photojournalist and give them a shot at intensive up-skilling. The other opportunity is 4 half day workshops at Fareham Creative Space. Our senior class will travel into town, and will be planning and creating four "ITI" (small) boards which will be entered into an exhibition on the last Sunday of the next holidays. This is an amazing opportunity for the class to complete an art piece, and then see it put up for others to enjoy outside of our school.

Ngā mihi nui  
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 any important notices or emergency notifications: <https://www.skoolloop.com/>

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Our learners, like most across the country, have been hit very hard by illnesses in the first two terms of this year, and attendance across the three classrooms has been absolutely shocking. Our Middle Room had everyone here today for only the 5th time this whole year! I've never seen anything like it before . . .

While some absences have been Covid related, most have been general bugs, colds, vomiting and diarrhoea, sore throats and headaches, respiratory ailments, sore ears, and of course this awful 'flu. If your child has any of these symptoms, please continue to do RAT testing (we have plenty here we can send home to you if you need more) but more important just keep them tucked up at home.

I acknowledge that many children aren't going to make the sort of progress this year that they should make - that is completely understandable given the amount of time they have had away from school. I know it sounds trite, but every school in Aotearoa NZ is experiencing the same thing, it's not just us . . .

Please be assured my staff and I will continue to plan for your child's individual needs, giving extra support as needed, and we will do our level best to fill in the gaps that are inevitable due to so much absence.

All I ask in return is that you do your level best to get your child to school, and on time, when they are well. Avoidable absences are only adding to the problem.

Let's all try for 100% attendance from now on!

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



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