

Nau mai, welcome to our Junior Whānau...

It is wonderful to see all our tamariki back at school. We trust everyone has had a fun and restful break. A special warm welcome to our new children Brooklyn, Annika, and Kayal and to Ayden who is with us for school visits. We are excited to have you as part of our fabulous Junior Class!

We have two teachers in our Junior Class, Mrs Philippa Young and Mrs Anna Hull. Philippa works on Monday and Tuesday, and Anna, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are both Featherston locals, passionate teachers and we love working with junior learners! We are always available should you wish to connect with us about anything. You can contact Philippa on philippa@sfs.school.nz or Anna on annah@sfs.school.nz . If you would prefer to talk on the phone, we can arrange that.

Some things to know as we head into 2022...

Lunches/Drink bottles/ Sunhats

Please send a packed lunch to school each day. Each child will also need a drink bottle that will stay at school and be refilled each day. We will send these home on Fridays to be washed. Each child will also need a school sunhat which we will keep at school.

Swimming

Our swimming days are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We start swimming in Week 2, on Wednesday 9 February. Please send swimming togs every day, even if the weather looks doubtful. We will decide at school whether we will be swimming or not. Our focus will be water confidence, water safety and basic floating and swimming skills. There will be an adult in the pool with the children during swimming lessons.

Maths

This term we will be focussing on Algebra (Patterns) and Number Knowledge, counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. Counting is a great thing you can do with your child while driving or walking together!

Reading

All children will be reading regularly with a teacher. Books, or part of a book will be sent home in a book bag on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please take time to read this together. It is really vital that book bags and books come back to school the following day. Our school reading books are very precious! On Friday a Poem Book will come home with a poem for you to read and enjoy with your child. Please return this the following Monday.

Inquiry

Our focus for this term is **Ko wai au? / Ko wai tātou?** (Who am I / Who are we?) Within this theme we will be exploring what makes us unique and special, and who we are as individuals and as a class group. We are looking forward to getting to know all the children better and form our class culture through this theme.

Learning Through Play

We continue to prioritise Learning Through Play where children can explore their interests and passions within a range of curriculum areas.

We are so looking forward to our exciting learning journey this year.
He waka eke noa. We are all in this together!

Ngā mihi

Philippa and Anna