



NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 9: 26th 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!!



Morena whanau! I hope everyone is keeping warm, and as dry as possible. There are so many illnesses and viruses going around the South Wairarapa at the moment, including some really nasty contagious ones like vomiting, diarrhoea, and school sores (impetigo). There are also quite a few cases around the South Wairarapa of RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), whooping cough, and also what's commonly known as 'The 100 Day Cough'. These are all alongside the usual coughs and colds, and of course Covid is still out there doing the rounds, too. We usually see an upsurge in kidlets being away sick at the end of the two winter terms, but what we're seeing at the moment is off the charts! Last week, I attached some really good information from Te Whatu Ora/Health NZ about these illnesses (and more) and I'll reattach them again this week. I've also put large copies up on our school notice board by the office, so have a read over so you know what you're on the lookout for.

Featherston Matariki Weekend: I mistakenly put Saturday as the day of the performance and hangi – this is actually on **Friday 28th June**. Thank you to those who have already sent in their participation slip to let us know if your child/ren will perform. You will need to have your kidlets **at Anzac Hall NO LATER than 12 o'clock on Friday**.

Term 2 Dates to Remember

YO-3 trip for Matariki: Thurs 27 June

Learning Docs home: Thurs 27 June

Matariki Public Holiday: Fri 28 June

Matariki Kapa haka

performance: Fri 28 June, 12pm

Learning Progress conferences:

Tues 2 July and Wed 3 July

Last Day Term 2: Fri 5 July

Reminder about our up-coming Parent Conferences: These will take place next week, which is the last week of Term 2, on **Tuesday 3 June** (3.30-7.30pm) **and Wednesday 4 June** (3.30-5.30). Please note: **LJR whanau** - we are only able to offer you a learning conference on the Tuesday, 3.30-6pm. Pete, Kylie and our new LJR teacher (Alison) will be there to meet with you. **To all parents:** 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.

Year 7 and 8 Speech Competitions: Stella and Monty did SO well at the speech competitions on Monday! While neither went through to the next round, Juliane (who took them up to Greytown) said they both delivered their speech clearly and concisely, despite the massive nerves beforehand! Mahi nui, guys! Great work!

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 12 o'clock and they will be back here at around 1pm. Thanks to the parents who are helping us out tomorrow – it's very much appreciated!!

We are gratefully supported by:



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



Arrival Time at School

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

8.15am

'MIGHTY MICROBES!' Written by June Walker

Curious about what your child had done in the Senior Room? Well, in this article it will tell you about what they have done for that day.

In the Senior Room we have been doing science. It was about Mighty microbes. We had explored tons of different microbes and learnt the proper way to wash our hands.

We were taught some of the other different types of microbes and what they are called, and what the good and bad ones are.

I learnt that there are a lot of microbes that I've never heard of! For example I had never heard of microbe Archaea. And that's just one of the one hundred million different types of microbes!

In this experiment, we took a sample off our hands and then inoculated the agar plate. We left it overnight in an incubator and then the next morning we got to see the colonies of microbes that our hands had produced.

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!

