



NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 10: 8 July 2022

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Please remember to notify the school office of any absences before 9am each

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!!



Congratulations! We all made it! This term has been another tough one, illness-wise, despite us going into it with such enthusiasm after Term 1, thinking anything would be better than that first term! Sadly, while we have had very little staff away sick, we have had quite a few of our tamariki away. For some, it's been actual influenza which seems to have been doing the rounds, and coming on the heels of the cases of Covid we had in our community, it's been a concern for us all. I'm thinking that these next two weeks of holiday break will have come at exactly the right time for us all to take a breather, rest and recharge . . .

Welcome: This last fortnight, we have welcomed another two students to our school. Ida has started as a TINY New Entrant in the Junior Room with Anna and Philippa, and has settled in quickly. You forget how little 5 years olds can be! We also welcomed Nazar into our Senior Room at the beginning of this week. He and his mum finally arrived from Ukraine only a few weeks ago, and through the (ongoing) kindness of Jo and Keith Dennis, and our school staff and families, they have had food, furniture and kitchen supplies aplenty! School in Ukraine couldn't be more different than school here in New Zealand, but Nazar is adapting quickly. He is right into football, so of course he has fitted right in with our own football crazy kidlets! His mum explained to us that the school he came from had no grass area at all, and their way of teaching and learning is the total opposite to how we 'roll' here! Communication is interesting, to say the least, so Google Translate is getting a beating!

National Triennial School Board Elections: I just wanted to keep this in the forefront of everyone's minds. These take place in September. Nomination forms and a covering letter for eligible voters (our current parents) to nominate a potential new board member are again attached to this newsletter. They are also downloadable via our school's website www.southfeatherston.school.nz and paper copies are available from the office, too. Any one who fits the criteria (and this is all explained in the attached information) is able to be a school board member. You don't have to be a current parent at our school, but you will need to be nominated by one of our eligible parent voters. You can also nominate yourself if you are on the voter roll.

Reminder: Teacher Only Day (ToD) next term: We will be having a **Teacher Only Day on Friday 12 August**. This is allowed for by the Ministry of Education to enable teachers and staff to access PLD (Professional Learning and Development).

School Cleaner needed: We are still on the look-out for someone to fill this role here at our school. It's only a small part time job: 6 hours per week in term time (2 hours x 3 days per week), and 6 hours across each of the school holiday breaks. Please give me a call, or email me, if you or someone you know might be interested in this job. It would be good to get someone in for next term . . .

Next term: Thankfully, there aren't any big events happening in our community. While Booktown and Matariki were HUGELY exciting, and our school was 100% involved in both, they certainly added that next level to our planning and organisation! We will be taking part in Wellington Free Ambulance Onesie Day as usual (always a competition amongst the staff to see who wears what!) and of course we'll be working towards our first Ag Fair since 2019, but on the whole (hopefully I don't put the hex on it!) next term should be a lot calmer and we can focus on helping tamariki catch up learning they've missed from being sick.

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/>

Last day Term 2:

Friday 8 July

Term 3 Dates to Remember

First Day Term 3: Mon 25 July

School Board Nominations close:

Wednesday 3 Aug

Board meetings: 6pm, staffroom

Tues 9 Aug, Tues 20 Sept

Teacher Only Day: Fri 12 Aug

M'boro Music Festival: Wed 24 Aug

Board voting closes: Wed 7 Sept

Onesie Day: Fri 2 Sept

Life Education: Wed 28 – 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 . . . !

COMMUNITY NOTICES

School Board Elections

Nominations are open for the election of 5 parent representatives to the school board.

Nomination forms are available from the school office, and on our website www.southfeatherston.school.nz. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone else from the community. If you need printed nomination forms, please contact the school office or the returning officer.

The electoral roll listing all eligible voters is held at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours for you to check so no one is missed.

Nominations close at **noon** on *3rd August*.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until Election Day, which you can view.



Right click on the link for Kapai Kids Club update! [Kapai Kids Club 2022](#)

Looking for something to do over the school holidays that won't cost you an arm and a leg?

Wanting to support your local community?

Glamour and Gumboots, is a photo competition raising money for the Martinborough, Featherston, Carterton and Masterton Foodbanks.

A fantastic opportunity to get the glad rags out of the wardrobe and put your gummies on. Why not include the kids and the pets!

To enter:

Pay your koha entry fee at the Give A Little Page. One image per koha please.

Email nicole@karawara.co.nz with your photo, and include your name, phone number, and a short caption. Please also include your Instagram handle (if you have one) so we can tag you.

All images to be received by 8pm 31 July 2022.

By entering, you agree that your submitted image may be used on social media to promote the competition and when announcing winners.

Images may be posted to the Instagram and Facebook stories of The Fire Inside Photography and to the Glamour and Gumboots Facebook page.

Judges decision is final.

Thanks to prize sponsors: Brackenridge Spa, Carterton Events Centre, Mitre 10 Martinborough, The Fire Inside Photography, and Toast Martinborough