



# NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 3: 25th October 2023

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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!!



**Week 3 already . . .** and a reminder that it's that time of year where you need to lather that sunscreen on your child before they come to school, and it's essential that they wear their hat every time they go outside. If I have to wear one (and I hate wearing hats!) then so do they! I've always backed this up with a saying, "No hat no play" but Mrs Bailey has an even better saying that is fast catching on . . . "No hat, no play No fun today!"



**Nau mai haere mai ki to tātou kura:** On Monday, we welcomed Indi (younger sister to Alex) who has started her learning journey with us. She has joined the Junior Room as a New Entrant. Indi has taken our Junior Room numbers to 25, and we still have another New Entrant starting with us in early November! Such amazing growth!

**Parents Cyber Safety Workshop:** A reminder about this fabulous 'Kids Online' workshop tomorrow night! This is a must for all parents, and will tackle the issues our youngsters face every day when they go online. It will also provide practical solutions for you as parents. Attendance is 100% FREE, however, you will need to book your seat. Our Kāhui Ako is also providing childcare for the 2 hours if you need it. Please click on this link to book your free seat: [SW Kahui Ako Greytown Parents Cyber-safety evening](#)

**Baking for the Featherston Community Patrol 'Garden Ramble':** We DESPERATELY need more baking for this Sunday, please, whānau! We expect around 120 'Rambles' through our gates across the day, and most of them will LOVE to grab a cuppa and a piece of slice, or a muffin or a hunk of yummy cake. They will be wandering through nine gardens around Featherston, and that will be thirsty, hungry work (so I'm told!!) Please email me, or catch me at school or send a text to the school phone (02108429367) if you can provide something. Also let me know when it would be best for you to drop it into school. After school on Friday will work, but you can also drop it into me at school on Sunday morning, anytime between 7.30am and 10am. **We also need more people to 'man' our café for one or two hours on Sunday.** Currently, we only have our staff who have volunteered to help, along with one parent, and in all honesty our staff could do with time away from school rather than spending their weekends here as well. These fundraising ventures enable us to **provide more for YOUR children.** It helps us to do that at no cost to you. If you can spare some time on Sunday to help, please let me know when you see me, or flick me an email to [principal@sfs.school.nz](mailto:principal@sfs.school.nz) and I'll make up a roster. We also need 4-6 Senior Room tamariki to help me show Ramblers around our garden, and to man the stall selling the seedlings that our budding gardeners have been growing, so if your child is one that wants to come and help, please support them by getting them here.

**Lastly, a not so nice subject:** I have never had to include this in one of my weekly newsletters. We are dealing with some awful behaviour in the Senior Room. There are some children who are choosing to make the lives of their class mates unbearable through inappropriate talk, disrespect towards their teachers and bullying of other children. This has been going on for some months now, and has escalated in the last couple of months. Julie, Pete and I have been working very hard to stop it, and to bring the culture of the class back to the positive learning space that it was at the start of this year. What we know is that it is JUST as important for those who are NOT being bullied to stand up for those that are. In the past few days, our message to those not involved is that they are complicit in the acts of bullying through their silence and lack of support for those amongst them who are vulnerable. Please support us by talking to your child, and reiterating that bullying, inappropriate talk and disrespect have NO PLACE at our school . . .

Ma te wā!  
Tana Klaricich

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind . . ."

## Term 4 Dates to Remember

Parents Cyber-safety  
Workshop: Tomorrow at Kuranui  
College, 6.30pm

Featherston Community Patrol  
Garden Ramble: Sunday  
29 October, 9.30-4pm

Thurs 9 Nov: Middle/Senior Athletics

Teacher Only Day:  
Monday 20 November

We are gratefully supported by:



Team  
'Mr Sold!'  
Steve Chapman  
0276873809

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Furniture Movers

021 082 44555

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## 2023 School Term1 Dates

T1: Wed 1 Feb - Thurs 6 April

T2: Wed 26 April - Fri 30 June

T3: Mon 17 July - Fri 22 Sept

T4: Mon 9 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

We are gratefully supported by:



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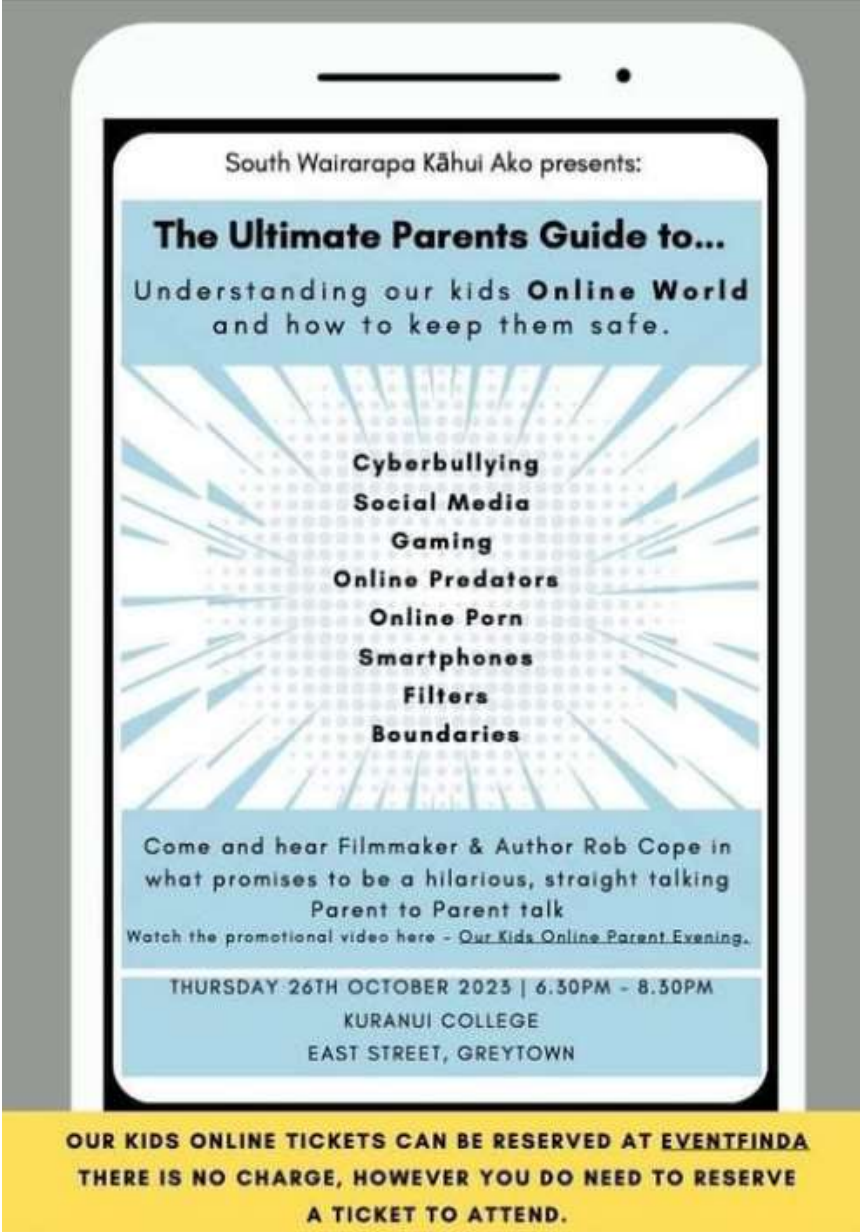
## Arrival Time at School

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

**8.15am**

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.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



South Wairarapa Kāhui Ako presents:

**The Ultimate Parents Guide to...**  
Understanding our kids **Online World**  
and how to keep them safe.

Cyberbullying  
Social Media  
Gaming  
Online Predators  
Online Porn  
Smartphones  
Filters  
Boundaries

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking Parent to Parent talk  
Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2023 | 6.30PM - 8.50PM  
KURANUI COLLEGE  
EAST STREET, GREYTOWN

OUR KIDS ONLINE TICKETS CAN BE RESERVED AT [EVENTFINDA](#)  
THERE IS NO CHARGE, HOWEVER YOU DO NEED TO RESERVE  
A TICKET TO ATTEND.

To book your free seat, click on this link!

[SW Kahui Ako Greytown Parents Cyber-safety evening](#)



The 2023 Featherston Garden Ramble  
proudly presented by the  
Featherston Community Patrol unit

will be held on  
Sunday 29 October 2023  
9:30am - 4pm

**NINE** fabulous private gardens to tour, many not previously open to the public. These gardens range from compact to expansive, some established and some a work in progress. For those who are new to Featherston, this is a chance to see first-hand what plants and landscapes can be successfully grown in the region.

This Garden Ramble is an important fundraiser to upgrade the patrol car for the Featherston Community Patrol, and will go ahead regardless of weather. It is a great way to support your community as well as a wonderful way to explore Featherston.

**Tickets are \$20 each and are available here**

**NO DOGS.** Children under 14 free entry but must be accompanied by a ticketed adult and supervised. Parking on roadsides unless otherwise indicated.

Wheelchair friendly gardens are noted on programmes  
Any queries? call 027 656 7736



To support our Featherston Junior Football Club!!



Baloo's kitchen and Wai Wheels Featherston are hosting a  
**Quiz night**

This is a fundraising event with proceeds going towards the Featherston Junior Football Club to provide uniforms for their junior teams.

**When:** Thursday the 16th of November

**Where:** Greytown Workingmen's Club

**Time:** 7pm ( food available from 5-6.30 )

**Price:** \$10 per person \$60 per team of 6

**Fabulous prizes**

**Silent auction**

**Prize for the best dressed team**

Food platters available but must be pre booked. Each platter includes  
Homemade sausage roll and chutney, buttermilk chicken, savoury pie, club sandwich and lemon shortbread \$15 per person

To secure your table and platter phone Toni on 0273201435