



NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 10: 3rd July 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!!



Kia ora, everyone! Happy last 'Hump Day' of this term! We made it through to the last few days of what has been a very busy term. Sadly, we still have a lot of children who are away due to the host of illnesses doing the rounds of Featherston, but hopefully with the holidays coming up, the trend might be broken by the time Term 3 rolls round.

Combined schools kapahaka for Featherston Matariki Weekend: When I did a mad dash head count of our tamariki while they warmed up in the Supper Room, I think we ended up with 28 tamariki who made it in for the Matariki pre-hangi performance at Anzac Hall last Friday. Thank you so much to all the families who were able to bring their kidlets down! Our uniform colour made it seem there were loads more! The three school group did a phenomenal job (as usual). I was pleased to see a lot of you stayed on for some kai, too. It was such a shame that some of the meat wasn't cooked enough, but I've heard from people who took theirs home to re-cook that it still came out really tasty! I have to say that this year's fry bread was DELICIOUS! I took a couple home, reheated them, lathered butter on them, then poured golden syrup all over them! That's how we used to eat it at my husband's home marae up in the Hokianga, so it brought back great memories. I hope the recipe stays exactly the same for next year's Matariki hangil!

Term 2 Dates to Remember
Learning Progress conferences:
Final night tonight Wed 3 July
Last Day Term 2: Fri 5 July
First Day Term 3: Mon 22 July
100 Days At School: Fri 26 July
Board meeting: Mon 5 Aug, 6.15pm
String Quartet Concert: Thurs 8 Aug
Last Day Term 3: Friday 27 Sept

Learning Progress Conferences: This has been our BEST year ever for parents taking up the opportunity to come and meet with their child's teacher, and discuss the progress being made and next steps for the rest of the learning year. The parents of 61 or our 67 ākonga have come along, which equates to 91% attendance. We have our short night tonight, but there are no more spaces left. If you didn't make a booking for either yesterday or today, you'll need to contact your child's teacher directly, via their school email, and schedule a time for early next term.

New Staff: I'm really excited to let you know that I have appointed a new teacher/kaiako to fill the vacancy for the rest of this year in LJR (Little Junior Room). Alison Power is currently an RTLB (Resource Teacher: Learning and Behaviour) and has worked alongside our school supporting our most needy learners, their families, and their teachers, over the past 6 years. I have to say that every time there has been a vacancy come up in our school over that time, I have jokingly asked Alison if she was ready to come back into the classroom fulltime, but each time she has said, no not yet. When Alison saw my message about Judy leaving, she came to me and said would I consider her taking the position . . . ! Needless to say, after much whooping and hollering, discussion and paper work, Alison will start in LJR on Day 1 of Term 3. Please look out for her, and make her feel the warmth and welcome of our wee kura! The other new staff member you will see around the school is Paige. Paige has been an early childhood teacher for 10 years, and prior to her having their baby, her last position was as a centre manager in Martinborough. Their wee girl is 3 now, and Paige began thinking about getting back into teaching. She had done the odd day in Term 1 as well as sorting out our reading resource area, but this term she accepted a one-day-per-week role with us as a learning support assistant.

We are gratefully supported by:

Team 'Mr Sold!'
Steve Chapman
027 687 5809

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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

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Arrival Time at School
Just a gentle reminder that children should **not** be arriving at school before **8.15am**

South Featherston Country Fair: Early next term, we will be powering into the planning of our fair. Thanks to those who have let me know they'd like to help. If you'd also like to be part of the planning committee, just flick me an email principal@sfs.school.nz

Last but not least . . . Your kidlets (and their teachers!) have had a very long, and very busy term. This one has been a particularly tough time for flu-like illnesses, stomach bugs, and terrible lingering coughs. I hope that these holidays will be a time for us all to rest and recuperate, take a moment out for ourselves, have some lovely family time, and to just sit and relax. My first holiday destination is going to be the library, and I'll aim to get through at least three books before the start of Term 3! Stay safe, whanau and we will see you all back here on Monday 22 July.

Ma te wā!
Tana Klaricich

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

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School 'Happenings' . . .

Lots of things have been happening in our school over the past couple of weeks!



WINTER

**Holiday
Hub Club**



**MONDAY 8TH JULY 2024
TO
FRIDAY 19TH JULY 2024**

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

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8.30AM - 3.30PM

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