



NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 8: 27th March 2024

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/southfeatherstonschool/>

Skool Loop: <https://www.skoolloop.com/>

Cell phone: 021-084-29367

Email: office@sfs.school.nz

Principal: principal@sfs.school.nz

Website: <https://www.southfeatherston.school.nz>

School Bank Account: 12-3290-0003608-00 ASB Masterton

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!!



Morning, all . . . It's hard to believe there are only three more weeks of this first term left! Up to now we have been SO lucky with the weather, with only a few days seeing us having to open up the library for Wet Day play, but this will start to happen more and more. . . Autumn is here, right?

Easter Holiday break: The days off from school this coming weekend are **Friday 29th, Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd April**, and we will be **back to school on Wednesday 3rd April**. Please remember that all school in Aotearoa New Zealand are closed for the Tuesday following the Easter public holidays. This is known as a **school holiday** (as opposed to a 'public' one) and has actually been in place since 1954. Within term time, it occurs only once every 3-4 years. Usually, Easter (and Anzac Day) falls in the first school holidays between Term 1 and Term 2.

Fareham Creative Space: Fareham Creative Space has put together a holiday programme and family sessions which start in April. Please see the advert on the last page of this newsletter for more details. Also, follow this link which will take you to a copy of the programme with workshop descriptions, along with how to register on line. [Programmes, Fareham Creative Space](#)

Term 1 Dates to Remember

Board Mtg: Postponed to **Tuesday 9 April** at 3.30pm

Easter Holiday Weekend: **Fri 29**

Mar-Tues 2 Apr - back to school on Wednesday 3rd April

Last Day Term 1: **Fri 12 April**
First day Term 2: **Mon 29 April**

Term 2 **TEACHER ONLY DAY:** **Friday 31 May**

Kina's Birthday: Mon 3 June

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

We are gratefully supported by:



Arrival Time at School

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

8.15am

Masterton District Council Waka Tākaro Play Trailer: By now, your kidlets will have come home telling you all about the play trailer! Kerri organised for us to have this here at school for the next two weeks, and she travelled up to Masterton last night to bring it down. The Waka Tākaro Play Trailer is an amazing mobile community play trailer which is full of games, play-based equipment, and resources for children (tamariki), youth (rangatahi), and families (whānau). It offers so many opportunities to be active and social through fun and unstructured creative play. It's been a total winner here today, despite the wind! It has inspired many pieces of writing in classrooms today as well, and I'm hoping to have some of these to go into next week's newsletter. Check out some of the photos of the fun on the next page . . . !

Replacement Trampoline mats: Two new trampoline mats have been ordered and, through the generosity of some of our amazing families who have made donations, almost 2/3 of the cost has been covered! A massive thank you to those wonderfully kind people! The next thing that will need to happen is a volunteer group of 3 or 4 of our dads to install them, so if you can us help out with that, please let me know. Either flick me an email (principal@sfs.school.nz) or just come in and see me one morning before school. The supplier is also sending a new spring pulling tool which is necessary for installing the new mats.

Featherston Junior Football Registration: You still have plenty of time to register your young footballers! Please see the two relevant forms later in this email. You can fill in the forms online or send them into me, and I will send them on to Nim. **Toddler Kicks** (for Under 5s) is happening again this year for about an hour on Sunday mornings from 11am (organisation is still to be finalised), but the club's committee has decided that these will be **totally free sessions** for our wee ones! If you can help out with set up and pack down on Sunday mornings, please let either me, Bram Mulling or Nim Grewal know. It would be fabulous if we have a few people who could do this so that we can set up a roster to make it easy for all of us. I'll also be asking the other Featherston cluster schools to put a notice in their newsletters, too - it's for the kids, right? Let's share the workload!

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.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



FEATHERSTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL 2024 FOOTBALL JERSEY SIZING GUIDE



	Y3XS / [XS]	Y2XS / [S]	YXS / [M]	YS / [L]	Y / [XL]	SMALL ADULT	MEDIUM ADULT
CHEST SIZE	24" / 26"	26" / 28"	28" / 30"	30" / 32"	32" / 34"	34" / 36"	36" / 38"
HEIGHT	116cm	128cm	140cm	152cm	164cm		
AGE RANGE	4 / 5 YEARS	6 / 7 YEARS	8 / 9 YEARS	10 / 11 YEARS	12 / 13 YEARS		

Please determine the right size for your player and enter / select it on to the **Registration Form**.
The jersey will carry the Club logo, and the logo of any sponsor we're working with.

E: featherstonjuniorfootball@gmail.com FB: [FeatherstonJuniorFC](https://www.facebook.com/FeatherstonJuniorFC) W: <http://sporty.co.nz/featherstonjuniorFC> IG: [featherstonjuniorfc](https://www.instagram.com/featherstonjuniorfc)



Featherston Junior Football Club Player Registration for the 2024 Season



PLAYER DETAILS

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

JERSEY SIZE DETAILS

Please refer to sizing chart as sizing may differ from NZ sizing - Shin pads are mandatory.

Jersey Size Required: _____

PARENTS / GUARDIANS DETAILS

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Would you like to coach your player's team?

Would you like to manage your player's team?

FEES - annual subscription includes a jersey

Little Kicks: Your player turns six years old in 2024 \$60

Junior Football: Your players turns seven or older in 2024 \$80

Fees must be paid before the start of the season or the player will be ineligible for any games

Bank Account Details: 38-9011-0409689-00

Please use your Player's name as the code / details

E: featherstonjuniorfootball@gmail.com **NZ REG:** 2685311

FB: [FeatherstonJuniorFC](https://www.facebook.com/FeatherstonJuniorFC) **W:** <http://sporty.co.nz/featherstonjuniorfc> **IG:** [featherstonjuniorfc](https://www.instagram.com/featherstonjuniorfc)

April School Holidays – Family Sessions.

Are you searching for art and craft activities to engage your children during the school holidays? We are running a wide range of 2-hour workshops for children accompanied by a parent or caregiver, who would like to paint, crochet, thread a beaded bracelet, make their own polymer name tag /badge, or imprint their hand in terracotta clay. An opportunity to spend time creating together. At the end of the day, you go home with a memory and a treasure. Refer to the advert below or our website for workshop dates, times and cost.

Proudly supported by SWDC Creative Communities grant.

Fareham Creative Space

2024 Family Sessions

April School Holidays



Looking for an art activity to do these holidays with the kids. We are running art and craft workshops for children, accompanied by an adult or caregiver.

Please register on-line. This programme will go ahead if we have the numbers to run the workshop.

Parent and one child \$20,
additional per child \$15pp.



Mon 15, 10-12pm - Beaded bracelets
Tues 16, 10-12pm - Painted Stones
Wed 17, 10-12pm - Imitation stained glass
Fri 19, 10-12pm - Painted face masks



Mon 22, 1 - 3pm - Clay hands
Tues 23, 10-12pm - Polymer Clay
Wed 24, 10-12pm - Abstract art
Fri 26, 10 -12pm - Crochet



For craft description and registrations - online via our website farehamcreativespace.nz, or email registrations@farehamcreativespace.nz

Sponsored by SWDC
Creative Communities
Grant



Don't forget that we have the amazing
Staglands Wildlife Reserve and Café
 right on our doorstep
 (well, 30 minutes over the Remutakas at least!)
[Staglands Wildlife Reserve and Cafe](#)

Staglands Treasure Hunt

April School Holidays

win prizes!



Wanna Go on a Treasure Hunt?
 It's time to channel your inner explorer and join our Treasure Hunt these April School Holidays.

Every correct entry is guaranteed to win a prize, and our Treasure Chest is overflowing with them!

To enter download our [Treasure Hunt Sheet](#) or ask for one at our Ticket Office when you visit us from **13th - 28th April**.



Birthday Party Refresh...

Kids just love Staglands – and what better way to share it with their friends and family than to celebrate their birthday at the wildest little venue in Wellington?

Our popular Birthday Party Package has now been refreshed to make it even better!

New children's prickets should appeal to even the fussiest of eaters, our party times have been extended to allow for even more fun and we now offer a 10% discount for Annual Passholders!

[Visit our website](#) to find out more and book your party now 🎉🎂🎈

We Are Open On

EASTER WEEKEND



Heads Up...

We will be open throughout this Easter Long Weekend, with no public holiday surcharge in either The Reserve or Café.

(PS: If you are looking for the Easter Bunny, we've got that one covered too 🐰)



Who Awareness Month

Every March, Aotearoa New Zealand celebrates the who, our unique, endemic, duck, found nowhere else in the world and rarer than some species of kiwi.

Who Awareness Month highlights the important mahi being done around the country to help protect and preserve this iconic NZ species.

We have held who here for many years. You can see our breeding pair up-close, in the walk-through Who Aviary.

If you want to do your bit to help protect this taonga from introduced predators, why not volunteer with some local trapping groups?

Predator Free NZ



Lucky Luca

We would like to sign off by introducing you to Luca, our brand-new Jack Russell puppy and latest weapon in our fight against pest animals. 🐾

Little Luca may be cute, but don't be fooled – he is a wannabe hunter in pipe clothing and will ultimately be trained to detect unwelcome visitors to the Reserve.

Look out for him next time you visit and watch this space for updates on his progress! 🐾