



NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 2: 8 February 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!!



2023 Dates to Remember

Wed 1 Feb: First Day of Term 1, 2023

Mon 6 Feb: Waitangi Day holiday

Tues 7 Feb: Swimming starts

Wed 8 Feb: First day of Y7/8 Tech

Fri 10 Feb: Whānau Night Picnic, 5.30-7.30pm

Tues 14 Feb: Board meeting, 6pm

Fri 24 Feb: 'Wings Over Wairarapa' – the whole school is going

Thurs 6 Apr: Last Day of Term 1

Mon 24 Apr: NO SCHOOL – TOD

Tues 25 April: ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

Wed 26 Apr: First Day Term 2

2023 School Term1 Dates

T1: Wed 1 Feb - Thurs 6 April

T2: Wed 26 April – Fri 30 July

T3: Mon 17 July – Fri 22 Sept

T4: Mon 9 Oct – Fri 15 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 . . . !

Kia ora, whanau! Our children (and staff!) have arrived happy and excited for a brand new year! We welcome four new staff this year – Pete Hull will do Fridays in the Senior Room, and Kerri Bailey will be in the Junior Room on Fridays for Term 1. We have two new learning support assistants with us: Sandy Murphy and Juliane Gollidge. We have four New Entrants who have joined the Junior Room for the start of their 'big school' journey. We also have another five new learners across the other two classrooms who have joined us. With 11 pre-enrolments for New Entrants from Term 2 onwards, Anna, Philippa and I are thinking creatively to see how we will manage that. I'm grateful that we have the full support of our amazing board who have enabled us access to more much needed staff!

Reminder: School starts at 9am: Please help your child by getting them to school **BEFORE 9am**. It can be a very disruptive start to their day if they are going into class late, as well as disruptive to those children who have already started their day of learning.

Swimming: Apart from being a little let down by our buses on the first two days of this week, swimming has started well. Thank you all for being patient if you have been kept waiting back at school. This has been completely out of our hands. Just a reminder in terms of pick up: **if you are picking up your child from the pool**, it's very important **you are there NO LATER than 2.50pm** which is when the bus will leave the pool in order to make the correct pickup times for children at other schools. If you're not there by 2.50pm, children will be brought back here to school for you to collect. Any unexpected transport changes on a swimming day, please ring Jo and let her know as soon as you can. Please send your child with their swimming gear EVERY DAY! If swimming is cancelled, I will put a notice up on Facebook, on our SkoolLoop app, and also send out an email by 10.30am.

Stationery: There are still far too many children without their stationery! I know about the ones that have had their orders delayed due to the flooding in Auckland, but for the others: PLEASE get this ordered as soon as possible! Your child has nothing to do their school work on, in or with. You can still order online: just click on this link <https://www.myschool.co.nz/southfeatherston> which will take you directly to our school's 'OfficeMax MySchool' page, select the correct year and class your child is in. You can opt for it to be sent to school or to your home.

Whānau Night Picnic: Please join us here at school for a picnic dinner this **Friday 10 February from 5.30pm - 7.30pm** to meet new staff and families. It's a 'BYO food' but we will have the bbq set up and going if anyone wants to 'sling a snag' onto it! This is a strictly **NO ALCOHOL** event, so please respect that. We will also have Sylvia here from the Library Service who can help you sign up your family so you all have access to our wonderful South Wairarapa libraries! Our Whānau Night is **NOT a 'drop off the kids to be fed and baby-sat'** event as has happened in the past - if they come along, so do you - for the duration!!

Violin, Cello, Guitar Lessons: Caitlin is continuing with music lessons again this year. If you would like your child to learn violin, cello or guitar, please contact Caitlin directly: cello.unlocked@gmail.com or phone: 022 642 5244

Sunscreen and Bug Spray: Please put sunscreen (and bug spray if necessary) on your child before they come to school. You can also send it along in their bags and we can reapply it at lunchtime. If you would like to donate some of either, that would be great! Our budget just won't stretch to being able to provide this.

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/>

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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

WAIRARAPA SPITFIRES BASEBALL CLUB

The 2022/23 Wairarapa Spitfire Baseball season re-starts in Term 1 after the summer holiday break, on Friday February 10th.

Wairarapa Spitfires is a family oriented club with good, dedicated coaches and a focus on skill development and fun. New players are welcome.

ROOKIE BALL – Ages 5 to 9 play on Saturday mornings at Kuranui College at 9am.

MINOR LEAGUE 11U – Ages 9 to 12 play on Saturday mornings at Kuranui College at 10 am and train on Fridays at 3.45pm

Facebook Page: Wairarapa Spitfires. Website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball>

For more info and to join our club, contact Teams Coordinator, Eileen McWilliam, on mcwilliamae@gmail.com

We need your plastic bottle tops, please!

Please start collecting your plastic bottle tops, like milk containers, juice bottles, fizzy drink bottle lids, and send them into school once you have a nice collection! We're planning a mural made entirely out of these so we need a lot!

