

away on me, and I have to make a call on what has to have priority. Thanks to all those who have rung to clarify things like cross country and Fareham Creative Space art trips. We have a busy end of term so please keep reading the newsletter, and any emails that

Welcome: A couple of weeks ago, we welcomed Freddie and his family to our school whānau. Freddie has started as a New Entrant in the Junior Room, and even after just a few days, he had settled in wonderfully! It's lovely to see the bigger children just taking him

Whānau Learning Sharing Evening: We had been worried that we might have had to reschedule our Whānau Learning Sharing evening because the Senior Room is taking a lot longer to finish than originally planned. However we will definitely be going ahead with this on the evening of Thursday 29 June, from 5.30 - 7pm. You will remember the fabulous open evenings we've had in the past couple of years, and we think this one will be even better! This year, we are trialling using something like this event as our 'new look' parent conferences. What better way to find out about your child's learning than having them take you through it themselves? The evening is also being used to showcase all that our staff and learners have learned with Shona during our 2 year Digi Tech PLD journey. Please make sure you put this on your calendars! We'll look forward to seeing you all then!

On the back of the immense success of Featherston's own Booktown Festival, and the opportunity for our tamariki to spend the vouchers that were generously

Do you like reading as much as I do? I have joined the Great Kiwi Bookathon and will be reading as much as I can. I am going to put my reading to good use and will be raising some funds for kids and their families who are blind or have low vision. Would you like to join my team, the South Featherston Scholars?

Let's use the power of books to make a difference, build our reading skills and maybe even win some great prizes! Would love you to join me!

Regional Cross Country events: Following the Featherston School Cross Country event out at Kahutara the other week, we had six runners (Bea (Y7), Juliet (Y6), Coopa (Y6), Felix (Y5), Olia (Y5) and Marcia (Y4) who all travelled up to the Wairarapa Primary Schools Interschool Cross Country which was held at Solway Showgrounds on Tuesday. I'm delighted to say that Olia (Y5) has qualified to go on to the Regional Cross Country event

Talking about cross country: Our wonderful learning Support, Kylie, is also an amazing photographer! She took along her camera to Kahutara School for the cross country and got the most amazing photos throughout the day! I'm fairly sure she got most of our kidlets in at least one shot each! I'm slowly working my way through them, and will get individual ones out to families as soon as I can. I've included one of them on the next page which, for me, epitomises everything about how I want our SFS children to be! I've always encouraged our tamariki to actively cheer everyone on throughout the day, and to stay until our last runner finishes. Through a change to the race day organisation, there were few runners per race (every one of our children were entered into their race, though!) and by the time the last few races were being run, the number of supporters had greatly reduced as well. The photo makes me so proud! We have such a great bunch of kidlets!

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## 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!



