



NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 5: 6th June 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!!



Morena, whānau . . . and we are now officially past the half way mark of Term 2!

Reminder: Featherston Cluster Cross Country at Kahutara School: This is taking place this Friday (7 June) out at Kahutara School, and we are all going to travel out there by bus. You're very welcome to meet us out there at around 10.30am. Please have your child/ren here at school at the normal time on Friday (no later than 9am please) so that they don't miss the bus pickup time. You will all have received the letter I sent home last week with the details about the day – if you need another copy of this, please email me directly: principal@sfs.school.nz and I can send you another copy. All our tamariki are entered into their events, and they must run in shoes or sprigged shoes (eg: football/rugby boots) so absolutely **no bare feet, no crocs, no gumboots**, please. They have been training VERY hard over the past 6 weeks and most are pretty excited about it! The event day is always a really good day, especially when the weather is clear and sunny, which is currently the forecast for Friday.

We won! A number of our school whanau and friends nominated us for a competition that was being run by the Clareville Nursery for a \$300 voucher to use in our garden! Emma Howat (mum of Shylah, Payton and Arlo) was chosen as the 'winner' for us, and we are SUPER excited about what we might use the funds for! A huge thanks you to Emma, and also to all our school whānau and friends who took the time to put in a nomination for us . . . !

Mid-year Learning Progress Documents and up-coming Parent Conferences: Your child's Mid-year Learning Progress document will be coming home to you at the end of Week 9. We have scheduled the mid-year parent conferences for the Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 10. In the next week or so, we will send home a link so that you can go onto our SkoolLoop app and choose the time that suits you best. As always, once the conferences are set up, and if you find you are struggling to make a booking, give Jo a call and she can help you out. You will need to have downloaded our SkoolLoop app to make a booking. Follow this link: <https://www.skoolloop.com/>

Term 2 Dates to Remember

Featherston Cluster Cross Country:
Fri 7 June, at Kahutara School
Kuranui College Open Day for our Y8 ākonga: 11 June from 9.30am
BSLA Parents Information Session:
Tuesday 18 June, 3.15pm
Matariki Public Holiday: Fri 28 June

Last Day Term 2: Fri 12 April

South Wairarapa Kāhui Ako Y7/8 trip to Wellington: Our SWKA Learning Partnerships 'pillar' has organised an amazing trip to Wellington for a combined group of our Y7/8 students from across the 12 schools which forms our SW Kāhui Ako. Our school is able to send a group of 6 to this, and they will have an incredible day! Among some of the activities planned for them will be a workshop at Capital E (game design constructing an interactive 3D video game set in a world of their creation, complete with puzzles and challenges; an opportunity to work on TV where they will work with a pre-prepared script to create the 'Wake Up New Zealand' breakfast show; a trip to the Wellington City Gallery for a hands on tour and workshop to explore the knowledge of ringatoi Māori (Wellington region) with a workshop to make a sculptural memento using a range of precious materials. Finally, they will all come back together to have lunch in Frank Kitts Park, then visit the Wellington Museum before heading home on the bus at 1.15pm.

BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach) Parents information session: Anna will be running her next session for new entrant parents on Tuesday 18 June, from 3.15pm. She will send out invitations to those parents that haven't attended one yet, along with new parents of children who are soon to enrol here. This is a great session that will help you understand how we teach literacy across our junior and middle school.

Matariki: This year, our town's Matariki celebrations are running slightly differently. Obviously, Friday 28 June is a Public Holiday so no school that day. More information will be sent home soon re: any involvement our kura has across the Matariki weekend.

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

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Arrival Time at School

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

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.

School 'Happenings' . . .

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

