

## **Nau mai, welcome to Term 2...**

It is wonderful to see all our smiling tamariki back at school. We trust everyone has had a fun and restful break after a challenging final few weeks of Term 1! A special warm welcome to our new children Ollie and Seth who have joined our Junior Room. We are excited to have you as part of our fabulous Junior Class!

This term we continue to have Philippa Young, working in the Junior Room on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Anna Hull on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are both Featherston locals, passionate teachers and we love working together for great outcomes with junior learners! We are always available should you wish to connect with us about anything. You can contact Philippa on [philippa@sfs.school.nz](mailto:philippa@sfs.school.nz) or Anna on [annah@sfs.school.nz](mailto:annah@sfs.school.nz). If you would prefer to talk on the phone, we can arrange that.

Some things to know as we head into Term 2...

### **Lunches/Drink bottles/Hats**

Please send a packed lunch to school each day. Each child will also need a named drink bottle that can stay at school during the week and be refilled each day. We will send these home on Fridays to be washed. As we head into cooler weather, the children can use their school beanie. These will be handed out to students in the next week or so and will be kept in their bags when not in use.

### **Maths**

This term we will be focussing on Measurement, Number Knowledge and Number Strategies. Our Measurement focus will include length, volume/capacity, mass/weight, area, time and temperature. We encourage you to look for fun ways to explore these things with your child. Some ideas are: using a measuring cup to do some cooking together, looking at the weight or capacity of different items in the supermarket, timing the length of different activities, measuring things and using measuring language: (long/short, fast, slow, big, small, heavy, light etc) The possibilities are numerous! We continue to explore numbers to 100 and +/- strategies with our learners. Counting forwards and backwards is a great thing to do as you drive or walk somewhere with your child!

### **Reading**

All children will be reading regularly with a teacher. Books will be sent home in a book bag on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please take time to read this together. It is vital that book bags and books come back to school the following day. Our school reading books are very precious! On Friday a Poem Book will come home with a poem for you to read and enjoy with your child. Please return this the following Monday.

### **Inquiry/Learning Through Play**

We continue to prioritise Learning Through Play where children can explore their interests and passions within a range of curriculum areas. This term we will also be focussing on the Matariki celebration in June, along with book related activities as part of Featherston Booktown.

### **Seesaw**

Last Friday, you would have received either an email or a text about Seesaw, a platform to share learning with whānau. Please follow the steps and sign up for this. If you have any issues, don't hesitate to ask for help!

We are so looking forward to continuing our exciting learning journey this term.  
*Whaowhia te kete mātauranga... fill the basket of knowledge... life is a huge classroom!*  
Ngā mihi

**Philippa and Anna**