



SOUTH FEATHERSTON
Town and Country School
"We're a SMALL school doing BIG things!"

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 4: 1st 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

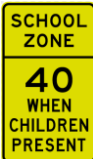
Website: <https://www.southfeatherston.school.nz>

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!!



Term 1 Dates to Remember

Last Term 1 Y7/8 Tech Date:

Wednesday 6 March

South Wairarapa Swimming Sports:

in Masterton: Friday 8 March

CAMHS Parent Evening: 12 March starting at 7pm

Swimming finishes: Fri 15 March

Easter Holiday Weekend: Fri 29 Feb-

Tues 2 Apr - school back Wed 3rd

Last Day Term 1: Fri 12 April

We are gratefully supported by:



Ray White

Team 'Mr Sold!'
Steve Chapman
0276875809

KAPAI LOGISTICS

Furniture Movers

021 082 44555

kapailoistics@aimail.com

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:



Jen Bhati - Property Brokers
Real Estate Agent

022 516 9053 jen.bhati@pb.co.nz

Arrival Time at School

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

8.15am

Week 4 is done and dusted already . . . and today is March? Officially, 1/6 of the year is gone! At the risk of sounding like a stuck record (for those of us who actually remember those!) time is going by way too quickly. "So much to do, so little time . . .!" We have a LOAD happening so PLEASE read these newsletters!

The importance of school, and getting here before 9am: I'm going to wave my big principal's stick for the first time this year (and with any luck, the last time!) Hopefully the message gets through to where it needs to go . . . Far too many of our ākonga/learners are arriving after the 9am bell has already rung. Many of them are consistently late every day, week after week, month after month. For every 15 minutes your child is late to school in the morning, they are **losing 1 hr 15mins of learning time** across a week, **half a day (2 hrs 30 mins) of learning time across a fortnight, one whole day in a 4 week period**, and so on. Across a 40 week school year, they will have missed out on **10 days' worth of learning just by being late to school by 15 minutes!** The numbers gets worse the later they arrive . . . Not only does it mean they are missing out on opportunities to spend some time with their friends before school, to make connections and touch base with their teachers (and perhaps burn off some of that excess energy before settling into class!) they are also missing out on the first part of the first learning block each time. Contrary to popular belief, the first 20 minutes to half an hour of school is NOT an un-planned, have a chat, informal catch-up time - every minute of every school day counts, but ESPECIALLY that first part of the day! The Junior, LJR and Middle rooms all do phonics and literacy first up, and the gaps we are seeing in the achievement of those who are consistently late are mostly in that curriculum area. Aside from having an adverse effect on their own learning, when a child comes into their classroom late, they are also disrupting the learning that has already started for every other child in their class, and the teacher will need to take time out of the learning to catch them up with what has already started.

Please make sure you have your child here at school before 9am!

Reminder: CAMHS Parent Information Evening: Please make sure you have let me know if you would like to come along to this. The session is on **Tuesday 12 March**, from **7pm**. We are providing child care if you need it. Please be here at around 6.45pm to settle your child/ren if you are bringing them for the child care. Email me if you want to come along principal@sfs.school.nz or give me a call on the school cell phone.

South Wairarapa Swimming Sports: We have had **Kayal Nirmal Rajkumar, Floyd Goble, Nicole Potaka-Coltman, Prayalini Nirmal Rajkumar, Olia Wildman, Luca Klafke, and Bea Miller-Holley** all qualify to go through to the next round of swimming comps. A notice is coming home to their parents today with details. The South Wairarapa Swimming Sports takes place up in Masterton next Friday, 8 March. We are so very proud of them all, and wish them all the best! Swim hard, guys!

Junior Room Art:



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



THE CENTRAL ITM
BIG SWIM 10⁶

HELP SAVE OUR POOL!

MARCH 7-10

CARTERTON INDOOR POOL FUNDRAISER



thebigswim.nz

CENTRAL ITM

GO Media



Mayfair



SPLASH



TA

Waikarapa Times-Age
heartland's local magazine

This is an initiative to help raise funds towards repairing the indoor pool at the Carterton Swimming complex.

Just scan the QR code to find out more about this!

In-home child care

Hi, my name is Paige, and I am a trained ECE teacher. I've worked in early childhood for 10 years before having my own daughter, who will be 3 in April.

For the past four months, I've been a part-time in-home caregiver to one of South Featherston School's families, who are happy to provide a reference if needed. However, their little boy has started kindy this year and so I am looking for another position.

If you have a wee one (or two!) that you would like me to come and care for in your home, please give me a call. My preference would be during school hours at the moment as we are currently living in Carterton - anything past 3pm makes it a long day for my little girl. My family is moving to Featherston in the near future so I'm hoping to set up a child care facility at our new home.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Phone: 0277672207 Email: paigeklaricich@gmail.com

