



NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 1: 3rd February 2021

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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!!



Haere mai! Welcome to our 2021 school year, everyone!

Welcome – Dylan Cole has joined us in the Middle Room this year, as a Year 4 learner. We're glad to have you at our school, Dylan. I'm pleased to welcome your mum, Maxine, and dad, Stu, into our school community too.

Mrs Tankersley is here again for the first term – We have again secured Ronny as our fixed term teacher in the Junior Room for Term 1 as we continue our search for finding exactly the right person to take over fulltime. Ronny is already well loved within our school, and she has made some great changes in the classroom, setting it up as a full-on play based learning environment. She and I have had loads of fun buying bits and pieces that will support our youngest learners. Please note: during our swimming season, we won't be having Golden Time (Ronny's forté) but will start this in Week 7.

Swimming – This year, swimming will be on **3 days** per week only – they are **Wednesdays, Thursdays** and **Fridays** – starting (due to a cold day forecast!) **next Wednesday, 10th February**. Our last day for swimming will be Friday 12 March, which is Week 6. Please send your children with their swimming gear on those days even if you think it might be a little dodgy first thing. It often warms up as the day goes by. **Those who don't bring their togs will stay at school and be supervised here.** If swimming is cancelled, a notice will be put up on our Facebook page, and also on the Skool Loop app. If you haven't downloaded our SkoolLoop app, please do so from this link:

<https://www.skoolloop.com/> If you're still unsure, please ring the office by 10am. A notice is coming home to you today asking how your child will go home from the pool. Please make sure that this is **returned to school NO LATER than next Tuesday morning** so that we know whether your child will:-

- a. walk home from the pool,
- b. be picked up from the pool,
- c. be dropped off at after school care at Featherston School,
- d. come back to school to be picked up by you, or
- e. continue on their rural drop off.

Please note: We are very happy for transport changes on any swimming day as long as you have rung the office before lunchtime, please.

Family BBQ: A date for this is yet to be set. Please keep your eye out for it!

Wairarapa Jnr Interclub Tennis: Please see attached notice and entry form.

South Wairarapa Rotary sponsored Parent Workshops – In response to what we saw within our communities last year, the South Wairarapa principals Assn are really excited to let you know that a series of free workshops have been organised for our parents. The first three are facilitated by Kathryn Berkett, a top-notch international speaker, and will be held in Anzac Hall.

- Tuesday 16 February – Resilience
- Tuesday 16 March - Looking after yourself so you can look after others
- Thursday 20 May - Navigating the Adolescent Years

Please see more information about this on the following page, with in-depth information for each of the first three workshops is attached to this email.

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/>

Term 1 Dates to Remember

- Wed 10 Feb:** Swimming begins, 3 days per week (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
- Tues 16 Feb:** SW Parent Workshop 1
- Tues 23 Feb:** BoT mtg 6pm, Staffroom
- Fri 26 Feb:** Wings Over Wairarapa
- Tues 16 Mar:** SW Parent Workshop 2

Sponsored by:



2021 School Term Dates

- T1:** Wed 3 Feb - Friday 16 Apr
- T2:** Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July
- T3:** Mon 26 Jul - Fri 1 Oct
- T4:** Mon 18 Oct - Wed 15 Dec

Teacher Only Days

Friday 25 June & Friday 26 Nov



'Mr Sold'
Steve Chapman
0276875809

LUNCH FOOD AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

Ham and Pineapple Pizza	\$3.00
Small Mince Pie	\$2.00
Mince and Cheese Pie	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Butter Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Apple Pie	\$2.00
Butter Chicken Pie	\$3.00
Bacon & Egg Pie	\$3.00
Chicken Pie	\$3.00
Potato Top Pie	\$3.00
Vegan Cashew Kumara Pie	\$3.00
Blueberry muffin	\$1.50
Chocolate muffin	\$1.50

NB: We are a water only school.
Please ensure that drink bottles contain water only

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SFS Board of Trustees News:

Nau mai, haere mai ki te tau hou!

A warm welcome to all our new and returning learners and their families - and a special shout-out to Ronny Tankersley in the Junior Room! A big year coming up for our wee School with plenty to be excited about. As always, feel free to reach out to the Board with your ideas, feedback or any concerns: chrism@sfs.school.nz.

Ngā mihi,
Chris (& the SFS Board)

Coming up:

Strategic Planning Meeting:
Thursday 11 February, 4pm
(Trustees only)

BoT Meeting:
Tuesday 23 February, 6pm
(Public welcome)

Parent Trustee By-Election:
Election Day: Wed, 7 April
(See information below)

South Featherston School School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are open for the election of 3 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations – you can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday, 5 March, 2021. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on *Wednesday, 7 April, 2021*.

Signed *Ronny L. Tankersley*
Returning Officer





Raising Resilient Children

What we can do – as parents and community – to help!

The South Wairarapa Principals' Association recognized the impact of Covid on many students and their families. With sponsorship from South Wairarapa Rotary Club we are pleased to present a series of free workshops for parents and caregivers.

The first three workshops will be led by Kathryn Berkett. Kathryn is a mother of two adolescents, with a Masters in Educational Psychology. Kathryn has been learning and working in this area for over twenty years, training national and international audiences, including Police, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, NZ Rugby and many more.

Resilience: Tuesday 16 February, 7.00pm- ANZAC Hall Featherston

Understanding the neuroscience of how resilience develops, will help us recognise what we can do in our everyday lives and interactions, to increase resilience in our communities. This session will help you understand, in a simple yet sufficient way, how we can build resilience. The beauty of this session is that you can take the information and immediately apply it to your world.

Looking after yourself, so you can look after others: Tuesday 16 March, 7.00pm- ANZAC Hall Featherston

This session will help us understand the impact ongoing stress can have on our thinking, our behaviour and even our health. Wouldn't it be great to be able to identify the onset earlier and have the tools to deal with stress before it becomes a bigger issue?

What's going on? Navigating the adolescent years: Thursday 20 May, 7.00pm ANZAC Hall, Featherston

Understanding the changes, and how they affect our adolescents, will give you and increased ability to deal with the behaviour that results from them.

Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what might be the most useful information of your life!

For further information contact your local school or Jennifer Muth 0297709593

Information gives Choice for the Future

By joining one of the following **free** personal finance or small business management courses in 2021 you are setting your life up for the future. It is just jolly good information so that you can make the best of your money or your business.

20 week **Certificate in Money Management** (make your money work for you) **Mondays 6-9pm (full) or Tuesday 9am-12pm**

36 week **Certificate in Small Business Management** (business success needs knowledge and tips) **Tuesday evenings 6-9pm, or Wednesday mornings 9am-12pm**

You will gain numerous ideas for personal and/or business growth – and have fun while doing it. These courses are tutored in Masterton and start in March 2021. Email jeanette@xtra.co.nz or phone 06 377 3378.