



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 2: 12th 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!!



**Whanau, I'm happy to report a great start to the year** – and it's been made all the more easy because we've had two short weeks! Our school is settled and calm, our classrooms are buzzing with intensity and discussion, the whole place is looking lovely, and I'm a very happy tumuaki!

**A reminder re: Swimming** – we are swimming on **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays** only. Please make sure your child has their swimming gear on those days. **Those who don't bring their togs will stay at school and be supervised here.** Facebook and our Skool Loop app will be where we notify you if swimming has to be cancelled. If you're still unsure, ring the office by 10am. In terms of pick up: If you are picking up your child from the pool, it's very important that **you are there NO LATER than 2.55pm** which is when the bus will leave the pool in order to make the correct pickup times for children at other schools. If you're not there by 2.55pm, children will be brought back here to school for you to collect. Any transport changes on any swimming day, just let Jo know before lunchtime.

### Term 1 Dates to Remember

- Tues 16 Feb:** SW Parent Workshop 1
- Tues 23 Feb:** BoT mtg 6pm, Staffroom
- Fri 26 Feb:** Wings Over Wairarapa school day at Hood Aerodrome, Masterton
- Tues 16 Mar:** SW Parent Workshop 2

**Family BBQ:** As soon as we can confirm a date for the bbq, I will let you all know. The start of this year has been extremely busy! We may well have to look at a Wednesday evening for this to happen . . . watch this space!

**South Wairarapa Rotary sponsored Parent Workshops** – Next Tuesday is the evening for the first of these amazing workshops! I've included the information flyer about the first workshop with this newsletter again.  
- Tuesday 16 February – Resilience



**'Wings Over Wairarapa':** So long as we don't have to deal with another Covid-19 Lockdown, all our tamariki will be travelling up, by bus, to this year's 'Wings Over Wairarapa' school day on Friday 26 February. More information will come home next week, but at this stage, we will need some parental support. Please email me [principal@sfs.school.nz](mailto:principal@sfs.school.nz) if you think you'd like to come and spend the day up at the Hood Aerodrome with us.

### 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 14 May & Friday 26 Nov



**'Mr Sold'**  
Steve Chapman  
0276875809

**Teacher Only Day change:** We have our first of two Teacher Only Days (TOD) scheduled for next term. Originally we had calendared it for Friday 25 June. However, in order to make the best use of our 'Digital Fluency' staff PLD (Professional Learning & Development) I am needing to bring that day forward to **Friday 14 May** instead. You will get loads of reminders about this!

**Violin and Cello Lessons:** Wednesday saw the first day of Caitlin coming into give violin or cello lessons. Unbelievably, we have 16 children who are learning an instrument! That is a third of our school! I'm so pleased to be able to offer some families support with the cost of tutoring via a newly set up music scholarship courtesy of Steve Chapman. At the end of last year he donated back a bit of money to the school when I sold the house that my mum lived in. We now have the "Mr Sold SFS Music Scholarship" and two of our potential future NZSO musicians are currently being supported through this. Thanks so much for your continued support of our wee school, Steve!

**Board By-Election:** Please have your nominations in **no later than 5 March.**

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/>

### 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!

Feel free to reach out to the Board with your ideas, feedback or any concerns: [chrism@sfs.school.nz](mailto:chrism@sfs.school.nz).

Ngā mihi,  
Chris (& the SFS Board)

## Coming up:

### 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 have received 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**



**KaPai Kids Club**

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*Based at Featherston School*

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