



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 5: 4<sup>th</sup> March 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!!



**Kia ora!** Its hard to believe we are coming up to the mid way point of Term 1 already! Once we know for sure where the country will move to re: Alert Levels, we will FINALLY make a date for a community shared kai evening. Watch this space!

**Swimming:** Next week will be our last week of swimming for this season. Everyone has done really well with bringing their togs to school! Despite being only three days per week, it's been a successful season, and the weather has really been perfect! So, next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be our last trips into the Featherston Pools.

**Featherston Junior Football Club:** Attached to this newsletter are:

- FJFC registration form
- Kit sizing guide
- A registration guide poster

Follow this link for online registrations: [sporty.co.nz/featherstonjuniorfc](https://sporty.co.nz/featherstonjuniorfc)

### Term 1 Dates to Remember

**Fri 5 March:** Nominations close for BoT trustee by elections

**Mon 15 March:** SW Swimming Sports in Masterton

**Fri 2nd, Mon 5th, Tues 6th April:** Easter weekend holidays

**South Wairarapa Rotary sponsored Parent Workshops:** We are still waiting to hear when these three workshops will be rescheduled. Just to remind you of the content of each workshop . . .

- #1: Resilience
- #2: Looking After Yourself, so you can look after others
- #3: What's going on? Navigating the adolescent years

**SFS SchoolDocs Policies:** A reminder that the 'Homelearning' policy is currently up for review this term. Take the opportunity to review our current policy and suggest any changes. To access our SchoolDocs site, go to: <https://sfs.schooldocs.co.nz/> and click on the policy you wish to review.

Community access: sfs

Community password: creative



### 2021 School Term Dates

**T1:** Wed 3 Feb - Friday 16 Apr

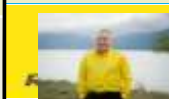
**T2:** Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July

**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

**South Wairarapa Swimming Sports:** These are scheduled to be held on **Monday 15 March**, up in Masterton. As with the rest of the country, the organisers will be waiting to see what happens regarding Covid alert levels.

**Pukaha Mt Bruce:** Attached to this newsletter is Pukaha Mt Bruce's latest flyer. On the following page, you'll find information about some of the wonderful activities they have planned for March. It's well worth a day trip!

**SFS BoT By-Elections:** Nominations close tomorrow for the by-elections to fill three (3) trustee vacancies. If three nominations or less are received, those nominated will automatically become trustees on our Board of Trustees. The board will inform our school community about the outcome of the by-elections as soon as the process has been completed.

**A new reliever!** Some of you may have heard a rumour that there is a 'HULL' back at our school, and this is indeed true! We are very pleased to welcome Anna, Pete's wife, as a reliever into both the Junior and Middle rooms. Anna brings a wealth of knowledge, particularly in the younger area of primary. Having been at home for some years now, with their three young children, Anna is making the 'gentle' transition back into the classroom and we are rapt that she has chosen to be with us!

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:

ERO visit:

17, 18 March

ERO/BoT discussion meeting:

Thursday 18 March

(Closed meeting)

## South Featherston School Board of Trustees By 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



## Children's Day

Over 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of March, Pūkaha is celebrating Children's Day. Please come along for an awesome day out. Every child entry will get free kids nature activity booklet. There will be a Kids Scavenger Hunt with a prize draw to win a family membership pass plus other spot prizes. Why not bring a picnic and sit on the tables inside our forest?

## Whio Awareness Month at Pūkaha

March is also Whio Awareness Month which aims to put a focus on Aotearoa's endemic Blue Duck. It's the duck on Aotearoa's \$10 note. There are currently less than 3000 who left on the entire planet and all of them are here in New Zealand so they need our help! Throughout all of March visitors are invited to see Pūkaha's breeding pairs located at the free flight aviary. We'll also be running some daily activities for the entire month during opening hours (9:00am – 6:00pm) to help raise awareness:

- All ages colouring-in competitions with prizes
- Activity table for young tamariki to learn about whio
- Koha select-a-whio and win a prize
- Whio hot chocolates and coffees at the cafe
- Spot prizes throughout the month

## Pūkaha Celebrates Neighbours Day

Neighbours Day Aotearoa, 20th March – 30th March is all about turning strangers into neighbours. Pūkaha is encouraging people who have never visited before to haere mai. If you know someone or have a friend or family member that has never been before, please invite them to visit or consider accompanying them? Over the eleven days, Pūkaha is running a special with 20% off an introductory one hour guided tour. Bookings essential, please call (06) 375 8004. Locals who just want to enter the reserve receive a 50% discount so it's a great opportunity to bring first time visitors and introduce them to the precious taonga in our backyard.