



NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 7: 17th 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!!



Thank goodness it's Friday! This week seemed to have been about 10 days long . . . ! Today is also 'Golden Time', and the children are hugely excited about what's in store for them this afternoon! Kane (5) has been so impatient for his first ever Golden Time and this morning he came straight into the junior classroom and said to Ronny (Mrs T), "Today's Golden Time!"

Junior Room Term 2-4: I am absolutely rapt to be able to announce that the position has been filled for our Junior Room from the beginning of next term. We have two experienced junior school teachers sharing the role in a 3 day/2 day split. I'm pleased to announce Anna Hull and Philippa Young as our two new staff members! Both ladies are strong 'Learning Through Play' practitioners and will continue to build our school capacity in that area.

Assembly: This morning we had a really lovely assembly. We are so proud of all the progress our tamariki are making, both academically and socially! I'll upload photos and some of their writing to our Facebook page, but I've also included some here in this newsletter for those families that don't access social media. This fortnight's award winners are:

Super Writers: Bailey Newbould, Darius Franklyn, Kane Lanceley.

Key Competencies: 'Relating to Others': Maddison Ashworth, Haylee Lanceley, Sophia Ashworth

'Managing Self': Bridget Ludlow, Monty Miller-Holley, Mia Van Amelsvoort

'Kindness - Kia tūpore' award: Lily Crossling, June Walker, Tahlia Wildman

Term 1 Dates to Remember
Y7/8 Tech: Mon 22, Wed 24, Mon 29 Mar, Mon 12 Apr
Assembly Thursday 1 April
Fri 2nd, Mon 5th, Tues 6th April:
Easter weekend holidays
Last Day Term 1: Fri 16 April



South Wairarapa Rotary sponsored Parent Workshops: I hope that some of you managed to get along to the first of Kathryn Berkett's workshops on Tuesday night. The second workshop for parents, *Raising Resilient Children*, will take place on Tuesday 15 June, at 7pm, in the Greytown School Hall.
- #3: What's going on? Navigating the adolescent years - venue TBC

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

SFS SchoolDocs Policies: Another reminder that our 'Homelearning' policy is currently up for review through SchoolDocs this term. Please 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



'Mr Sold'
Steve Chapman
0276875809

St Johns Youth Cadet Programme: Another reminder about the St Johns Youth Cadet programme, which provides a safe fun and social learning environment, every Thursday evening, 6:30pm-7:30pm for children aged 6-8, and then until 8pm for the older children. For more information about their programme, follow this link: <https://youth.stjohn.org.nz/>

Building Financial Capability: 'Connecting Communities Wairarapa' (see attached advert) is offering a free service to support people to get on top of their financial situation. If you are interested in this, or want further information regarding what is on offer, we have the forms in the office.

Swimming: Good luck to Bailey Newbould who has qualified for the next regional swimming event in Masterton next Wednesday night!

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:

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:

Board training:
30 March 2021 (Trustees only)

April BoT meeting:
15 April 2021 (Meeting in Public)

We are still looking for a board secretary to record the Minutes of our board meeting. If you are interested in this paid role, please contact our Board of Trustees chairperson, Chris, or Jo in the school office for a job description.



Message from Gill Stewart, GWRC Events:

Kia ora koutou,

We are honoured to invite you to the **'Whakarongo ki te taiao - Feeling the land's rhythms'** event at Lake Domain, on the Northern shores of Lake Wairarapa on 21 March.

It is a family friendly few hours of entertainment and interaction with art, nature and the people from around Lake Wairarapa - Wairarapa Moana. It is really surprising how many of us have never visited Te karu o te Ika a Māui - the eye of the fish of Māui that we all sing about in our Ko Wairarapa haka.

Join us in celebrating Wairarapa Moana becoming Aotearoa's seventh wetland of International Significance under the Ramsar Convention. There will be music, interactive artworks and a chance to meet some of the creatures that live in the waters of Wairarapa Moana.

We are looking forward to your attendance and would love support in spreading the word!

*Join us down at Lake Domain for music and interactive artworks on 21 March from 11am-2pm!
Hear untold stories about our region's wetland of International Significance - Wairarapa Moana. If you're lucky you'll get to meet some of the underwater creatures that call this place home.*

Learn more about the event down below 📍 [#gwsummer](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1250444798689114>

We hope to see you at the event!

Ngā mihi mahana,
Gill Stewart

Wairarapa EnviroSchools Community Facilitator

Senior Class Poems

Skatepark sounds

Summers door opens
With the sun,
Skateboard wheels rattle
On the hot concrete,
Cicadas lounge on the
Rotting trees buzzing,
clapping away,
Rap music booms,
screams on the giant
speakers,
Car engines roar, rattle
On the busy highway,
Kids laugh, giggle while
They play tag
In the field;
Their commentary
Carries insistent
Under all.

Skyla Ashworth

Farm sounds

Summer's door opens
with the sun shining
across green fields.
Chickens cluck, flap
searching for food
gentle winny's, neighing
horses gallop across the fields
as the day livens,
with Australian shepherds
barking, yipping and
peacocks rustle,
cars pass as
lawn mowers lower grass,
their commentary
carries, insistent
under all.

Vena Johansson

Autumus sounds

Autumns door opens with
a cold breeze.
Fantails tweet, chirp
water drops fall from long grass
as trees sway,
creak in the cold breeze
crickets talk through the
high trees
they talk to each other,
motorbike engines roar, rattle
as they fly by,
their commentary carries
insistent under all.

Maddison Ashworth

Winter sounds

Winters door opens
with the cold,
The popcorn machine
growls like thunder,
pew pew the guns shoot
on the screen,
bing as cheat codes activate,
the controller click clocks
a constant tune,
brrrrrrr as the xbox
gently vibrates on the table,
the cold winds whistle and
flow through the open window,
the trees loudly rustle
in the breeze,
their commentary
carries insistent under all.

Darius Franklyn



Middle Room artistic sisters!



More Middle Room artists!