



NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 5: 27th May 2024

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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!!



Term 2 Dates to Remember

Teacher Only Day: Fri 31 May
King's Birthday: Mon 3 June
Back to school on Tues 4 June

Featherston Cluster Cross Country:
Fri 7 June, at Kahutara School

Last Day Term 2: Fri 12 April

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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

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Arrival Time at School

Just a gentle reminder that children should **not** be arriving at school before **8.15am**

I have a theme for this week's newsletter . . . and that's one of "THANKS"

Without going into too much detail, these past 8 weeks have been particularly hard for my family and for me. The last six of those saw three of my immediate family in hospital for accidents and emergencies - one of whom was in twice over a 10 day period for two different operations. My 91 yr old mum was also in Masterton Hospital for 18 days, and I was traveling up each day to see her, often getting home well past 10pm. During that time, I have been so thankful to have an amazing board and an incredible staff who have enabled me to just drop and run when I've needed to. I'm so thankful for coming home late at night and finding not one, but two chilly bins full of baking, soups, snacks, milk, bread, and an array of yummy treats (including gin!) that were put together by our staff for me and my family just to make things easier during an awful time.

Another group of people I'm thankful for are our wonderful group of parents that we have here at our wee kura at the moment. I'm thankful for their care and concern for our staff, I'm thankful for the two dads (Ants and Michael) who made cakes for us last week (yes they did, and they were bloody delicious!) I'm thankful for our mums who often bring treats in for the staff, who offer to DO things, who listen when things aren't going well and who give great hugs - we are SUCH a 'GREAT HUGS' kind of a school, and I'm thankful for THAT too! I'm thankful for coming back to school after a few days away and being genuinely welcomed back by our tamariki, with (yep you guessed it!) great hugs!

They say that you get back what you put out, and I want our wee school to be known for being caring, kind, considerate and always being aware of when others are going through tough times. Our children are always watching what we do, and seeing their parents and the adults around them being caring and considerate towards each other shows them just what is truly important.

'Teacher Only Day' Reminder: This **Friday (31 May)** is a **Teacher Only Day**, so there will be **no children here at school**. The Ministry of Education has a provision for schools to close for two days per year so that staff can participate in PLD (Professional Learning and Development), to share ideas and expertise, and to become more confident in fulfilling any curriculum and assessment changes. I've been including regular reminders about Friday in the newsletters for most of this year so hopefully you are all sorted to spend a bonus day at home with your kidlets, or have organised for them to be cared for elsewhere for the day. Along with the **King's Birthday Public Holiday on Monday 3 June**, this weekend will end up being a lovely long weekend for you all! What with the beginning of the colder winter weather, lots of cross country training, and a few illnesses going around, our smallest ākongā are looking a bit tired, so a mid-term 4 day break has come at just the right time! Another cause for THANKS, right?

Featherston Cluster Cross Country at Kahutara School: The first of this year's cross country events takes place on **Friday 7 June**. We will all bus there together from school in the morning, and you all very welcome to meet us out there to give your support to our runners. This Wednesday, I'll send home the usual 'Cross Country Information' letter with timings, requirements for runners, and general details, so look out for that in your kidlet's school bag.

Mulch spreading: We now have a lovely pile of mulch ready to be spread on our garden beds courtesy of Davis Sawmilling and their generous donation of two ute loads. Another thanks (following this week's newsletter theme!) goes to Murray Oakley for organising the delivery, and to a lovely fella called Gary who brought the mulch to school last week. If you have a little bit of time, feel free to come into school, grab the wheelbarrow, tools from

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind . . ."

Ma te wā!
Tana Klaricich

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.

School 'Happenings' . . .

Pink Shirt Day: I realised when writing this newsletter that I hadn't yet told you how successful our Pink Shirt Day was at the end of Week 3! We raised \$167 from our sausage sizzle which has gone to the Pink Shirt Day Appeal, which I think is pretty good for a school of 68 tamariki! All but four children dressed in pink, so again that's a pretty good result!

