

# **NEWSLETTER**

Term 3, Week 9: 17th September 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 3 Dates to Remember

**Life Ed Bus:** Tues 24 - Thurs 26 Sept

Last Day Term 3: Fri 27 Sept

Please see the last two pages of this newsletter for a lot of holiday happenings!

First Day Term 4: Mon 14 Oct

SFS Country Fair: Sat 23 Nov 10-2pm Teacher Only Day: 29 November Last Day Term 4: Thurs 19 Dec

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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

Kia ora te whanau kura o South Featherston School! Nau mai ki te wiki o te reo māori 2024... Hello to the South Featherston School family! Welcome to Māori language week 2024! The theme of this year's te wiki o te reo māori is "Ake ake ake – a forever language". One of the areas of teaching and learning that we need to work hard on here is our use of te reo - none of us here are natural te reo speakers. All of our teaching staff do the best we can, and ours is a learning journey right alongside our tamariki. We are very big on ensuring that we get pronunciation 100% correct, and we always include te reo in the classroom and a number of waiata in each of our assemblies.

Wellington Free Ambulance Onesie Day: What a wonderfully successful WFA Onesie Day we had here on Friday! We absolutely blitzed our \$250 fundraising target for this year and, as of this morning, we had raised \$661 which is amazing for a school of 70 ākonga (learners)! We are currently sitting 21st on the leader board, which (given the size of the Wellington region and the amount of schools and businesses that have taken part) is pretty good work, wouldn't you say? Our kaiako (teachers) kaiawhina (learning supports) and all our tamariki had a fun day, with full bellies from the sausage-in-breads, and we finished off with a dance party that most of you witnessed when you got to school to pick up your kidlets! We also had the added bonus of a 'visit' from our local Featherston Volunteer Fire Brigade . . . I forgot to open the windows when Jo and I cooked the sausages! Oooops! The penalty for a call out is we have to supply the crew with a supper at their next meeting or training night, which was last night. Thanks to the members of our WAC Group (Whanau and Community Group) who helped us out with some baking. It all went down very well, so I'm told!



**Tūpore (Kindness) Tickets awards:** At this week's assembly, our two "Tūpore" (Kindness) award recipients were: **Kingsley** – for being a super kind classmate, and **Harrison** – for helping Jordie to go back to their classroom Congratulations, to all of our Kind Kids this fortnight!

**SFS COUNTRY FAIR:** Please start doing what you can to support our upcoming 2024 SFS Country Fair! This will be our first fair in four years and it will be on

Saturday 23 November, 10am – 2pm. Early next term, we will start calling for donations of any tinned products, non-perishable goods, eg: packets of dried food, wine, drinks and any other bits n pieces (eg: new toys, books) that you'd like to donate to fill up the wheelbarrow. This is our major prize in our big raffle, and the more we get into it, the better the tickets sell! We then have services and vouchers that are donated by companies and businesses which form the rest of the long prize list. If you're a 'maker of jams and preserves', perhaps you could make a few extra jars which we can sell here on our stall. We also call for baking from our whanau which is then sold on the day of the Fair in our café.

**ANOTHER REMINDER: Term 4 Teacher Only Day:** Please make sure you've noted that we will be having the last of two **2024 Teacher Only Days** on **Friday 29 November.** School will be closed for the day so please keep your child/ren at home. School again as usual on Monday 2 December.

Ma te wā! 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 receive any important notices or emergency notifications: <a href="https://www.skoolloop.com/">https://www.skoolloop.com/</a> If you need help downloading the app, come in and see Jo or me.

# School **ONESIE DAY** 'Happenings' . . .

Check out the pics below!





















## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### WAIRARAPA SPITFIRES BASEBALL CLUB

2024/25 Wairarapa Spitfire Baseball season online **registrations are now open!** We have club teams available for all levels of experience. The season will start on October 29th and pause for summer school holidays before re-starting in early February and finishing at the end of March 2025. All Local Development games and trainings are held on the Spitfires Baseball Diamond at Kuranui College.

**ROOKIE BALL** – Ages 5 to 8 play games on Saturday morninas at 9 am

### MAJORS 10U/12U DEVELOPMENT (School Yrs 5-8)

 Ages 9 to 12 play games on Friday afternoons at 4pm, training Thursdays 4pm

### MAJORS 14U/16U DEVELOPMENT (School Yrs 9+)

Ages 13+ play games on Friday afternoons at 5.45 pm, training Thursdays 5.30pm

### **12U/14U/16U TRAVEL TEAMS**

– Competitive baseball in the Wellington Regional Competition.

Wairarapa Spitfires Club Travel Teams will be formed mid-Sept, email <a href="macwilliamae@gmail.com">macwilliamae@gmail.com</a> asap if you are interested. Games are on Sundays and played at home on the Spitfires Baseball Diamond at Kuranui College and away at other Wellington regional diamonds in Terms 4 and 1.

Our HAVE A GO OPEN DAY is on Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm at the Kuranui College Baseball Diamond. Come along for a fun morning learning about baseball and free sausages. For more information and to register check out our website <a href="https://www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball/register-for-the-2024-25-season">https://www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball/register-for-the-2024-25-season</a> Join our Facebook Page for news and updates: Wairarapa Spitfires contact our Teams Coordinator, Eileen McWilliam <a href="mcwilliamae@gmail.com">mcwilliamae@gmail.com</a> or phone 0276028597







