



NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 8, 6th December 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 4 Dates to Remember

Senior Room overnighter at Bucks Road: 12-13 Dec

Final Assembly: Thurs 19 Dec with an 11.30am starting time

Last Day Term 4, 2024: Thursday 19 December Final Assembly: 11am-1pm

First Day Term 1, 2024: Mon 3 February 2025

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2025 School Term Dates

- T1: Mon 3 Feb - Fri 11 April
- T2: Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July
- T3: Mon 14 July - Fri 19 Sept
- T4: Mon 6 Oct - Wed 17 Dec

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Arrival Time at School

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

It's Week 8, whānau! I get to whip out the Christmas border for my newsletter!

End of Year Learning Achievement documents: By now you will have received your child's EoY Learning Progress document. I know that there will be many delighted parents, whānau and caregivers out there tonight! Your children have all done exceptionally well this year! Every single one of them has shown such pleasing growth in all areas of school life, and many have experienced accelerated progress in some curriculum areas (ie: more than 18 months progress in 12 months). Whilst you are understandably proud of your own child's achievement, I am immensely proud of ALL our tamariki! I've read every one of the documents and can say that our wonderful kaiako/teachers have 'captured' our 75 learners perfectly! The beauty of a small school such as ours is that we ALL really 'know' our ākonga well – we know their strengths, their quirks, their anxieties, the areas they need more support with . . . and we love each and every one of them!

Don't forget to meet us for the Featherston Christmas Parade: The notice about tomorrow came home the other day. Thanks to all our SFS kidlets who will join us for the 2024 Featherston Christmas Parade! Juliane, Mrs Johansson and I will be there from 11.15am, at the Watt St end of Revans St. The parade will kick off at 12pm/midday. If you can wear black or green on the top and your gumboots. We have a few spare bits and pieces for heads for the few who might not have anything to 'sparkle' in! Otherwise, wear your very best 'Christmas bonnet' (aka: antlers, Santa hat, elf ears . . . !) and we'll see you in the morning!



Senior Room Overnighter: We've had to have a minor re-jig of the Senior Room's overnighter which is happening next Thursday/Friday (12th, 13th). They will now camp out 'under canvas' here at school, and both Thursday (during the day) and Friday will see them all participating in some pretty cool EOTC activities!

REMINDER: End of Year Learner/Parent Conferences: There will be two days next week to choose your time/s for meeting with your your child/ren's teacher/s – **Tuesday 10 December** between 3.30pm and 7.15pm, or **Wednesday 11 December** between 3.30pm and 5.15pm. Go to the SkoolLoop app (see below) and select 'Bookings' then follow the prompts to select times. If you need help booking, please contact Jo and she can help you with that.

Stationery for 2025: On the last pages of this newsletter, you'll find all the information you need to buy your child's stationery needs for next year. You can order it now and have it delivered to your home during the Holidays, or it can be delivered straight to school. By the middle of next week, everyone will have had a letter from me confirming the class placement for your child for next year, so just follow the relevant link for the list for their 2025 classroom. Any questions, give Jo a call and she can help you out.

Our SkoolLoop app: Some of you have been experiencing a few ol' 'bugs' in the system. We've been told to let you know that the best way to fix this is to delete the app from your phone, and reinstall it. Rest assured, your absence notifications are definitely arriving here, sometimes multiple times, so give reinstalling the app a go.

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: <https://www.skoolloop.com/> If you need help downloading the app, come in and see Jo or me.



The joy on these faces CANNOT be faked!

Love my school, love my job!

From our youngest bunch of great friends . . .



. . . to our eldest bunch of great friends!



Constable Julie brought her scooters!



Mayor Martin came to visit today . . .



Senior shenanigans!



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