



"Teach the child first, not the curriculum!"

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 4, 25th February 2025

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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!!

Ata marie, whānau! It's so nice to finally get a good run of great swimming days! Being able to take our kidlets into the pool for 4 out the 5 days last week is pretty unusual, and this week looks good too. Please make sure you send your child to school with their togs every day. We are starting to see a few children arriving at school with no togs, so PLEASE check with them that they have got all their gear in the morning. We only have next week left (swimming season ends on Friday 7 March) so let's make the most of it! Speaking of . . .

Featherston Cluster Swimming Sports: Next Monday sees the first of the year's interschool sports fixtures. The Featherston Cluster Swimming Sports takes place next **Monday, 3 March**, at the Featherston Pools. Our teachers/kaiako are just finalising the swimmers who are eligible to attend, and notices will come home with those children tomorrow. The postponement day (if the weather is horrible) is set for Thursday 6 March. The next round of competition, SW Swimming Comps, is scheduled for Tuesday 11 March, and we hope we get some swimmers making it through there!

Final Day of Y7/8 Technology Term 1: You will see in the list of events on the left hand side of the newsletter that there has been a last minute change to our final day of Y7/8 Technology. Hopefully all Y7/8 parents received their notification via our SkoolLoop app first thing this morning. Today (Tuesday) should have been the last day, but the Tech teacher is away. At this stage, we have been told that the final tech day for Term 1 will be **next Tuesday 4 March**. If this changes again, I'll let our Y7/8 parents know directly. Today, your Y7/8 kidlets will be coming home their usual way from the Featherston Pools instead.

Senior Camp to El Rancho, Waikanae: Our Senior Room camp is coming up fast! Please make sure you look out for any notices and communication coming your way from us about their 4 days away. Kerri has planned a SUPER camp experience for our Senior Room tamariki, and they are all looking forward to heading off on the Tuesday of the last week of this term. What a way to finish a term!

Easter Raffle: This year, we will be having our fantastic Easter raffle fundraiser again. It's one of those events that ALWAYS goes down a treat! I mean, who can resist loads of yummy chocolate and other niceties? Please start sending in your Easter treats so that we can have as many really good prize baskets as we can! Chocolate, toys, anything! We'd like to make up our usual two or three baskets if we can!



Our SkoolLoop app: Please consider downloading our SkoolLoop app if you don't already have it! It is an easy and free way to enable us to send messages and notices directly to the device in your hand! With having to pivot this morning due to Tech not going ahead, it's become clear to us that not all Y7/8 parents received the notification. If you had SkoolLoop, you would have! It is also a really effective way of pushing out notifications of school closures due to emergencies. Jo and I just wouldn't be able to ring, text or email every parent in good time if we had to contact everyone in a hurry. With SkoolLoop, we only have to send out ONE message or notification. You can also get the newsletters straight to your palm, and a few other essential things like booking Parent Learner conferences in Terms 2 and 4. Just below, at the end of this page, are the directions to access the app. If you need a hand to download and set up SkoolLoop on your phone, please just pop into the office and Jo or I will be happy to give you a hand.

Term 1 2025

Tues 4 Mar: NEW Final Y7/8 Tech

Mon 3 Mar: Fstn Cluster Swimming Sports (Y4-8) (pp: 6th)

Thurs 6 Mar: Y7 vaccinations

Fri 7 Mar: Last day of swimming

Thurs 11 Mar: SW Swim Comps

Tues 8-Fri 11 Apr: Snr Rm Camp

Last Day Term 1: Fri 11 April

First Day, Term 2: Mon 28 April

Fri 6 June: Teacher Curriculum no students at school (MoE)

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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 - Tues 16 Dec

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Arrival Time at School

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

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.skooloop.com/> If you need help downloading the app, come in and see Jo or me.

Week 4 Fun 'n Games! Oh and heaps of learning too!

Junior and LJR Rooms had a scavenger hunt!



Celebrating these 5 wonderful classroom helpers who happily helped clean up their classroom!



LJR: Cuisenaire rods' value addition



Junior Room Science: learning to compare capacity



Mrs Bailey and her Y6s made Mac 'n Cheese while the Y7/8s were at Tech on Tuesday!



There's measurement in cooking, too!



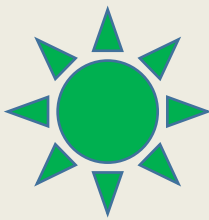
Junior Room Science: learning to use scales to compare weight



Junior Room Science: comparing weights, heaviest to lightest



You can never have enough cheese, right?!



Keeping a close eye on proceedings . . . !



LJR: learning about 10g increments

