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NEWSLETTER

14 March 2024 - Week 6

Kia ora koutou,

We've had a very busy two weeks with lots of great work going on in our classrooms, interschool swimming events, Hub 1 and Hub 2 visiting the Golden Shears, our mufti day fundraiser for Carterton Indoor Pool and Technology lessons at Featherston School starting for our students in Hub 1. I'm really pleased with how settled our classrooms are, and the work that our students are creating as part of our unit - Who am I? Ko wai ahau? I've particularly enjoyed looking at students' writing about the meaning of their name, and places that are important to their family.

Our teaching team has been using a range of assessments to get a snapshot of student achievement, and to be able to identify learning goals and next steps. Students have completed an easTTle writing assessment, 1-1 maths interviews with their teacher, online reading and maths assessments for Years 3 - 8, running records for Years 1 - 6 and a school-wide basic facts and spelling assessment. We've staggered the assessments across the term so we don't overwhelm students, and I will now begin analysing our school-wide data and identify areas we need to target and goals for acceleration.

We will be holding parent-teacher meetings in Weeks 8, 9 and 10, so you have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and find out how your child has started the year, their results from recent assessments and so we can answer any questions that you may have about the class programme or your child's progress to date. Information about the days, times and how to book these interviews will be shared via a separate newsletter at the beginning of next week.

Well done to all of our students who competed at the South Wairarapa Swimming event last week in Masterton. You gave it your best effort and we can be very proud of the number of Kahutara School students who were selected for this event! Congratulations to the following students who have made it to the Wairarapa Swimming event on Wednesday 20th March; Flynn Boyle, Ben Jaspers, Samantha Morgan, Kate Polaschek and Brooke Davies. Good luck to you all!

 **THANK YOU ALEX POLASCHEK (KATE'S DAD) FOR DEALING WITH ALL OF THE UN-INVITED WASP NESTS!** 

PADDER TENNIS



A huge thanks to Mark Steventon from Padder Tennis NZ for taking Hub 1 & 2 through some training sessions. A team has been chosen to compete at the South Wairarapa Schools Padder Tennis Tournament on Thursday 14 March.

Congratulations to Samantha, Kate, Jessy, Brooke from Hub 1 and Louisa, Jesse, Ben and Hunter from Hub 2.

WE HAD A MUFTI DAY TO SUPPORT THE CARTERTON POOL LAST THURSDAY - THANKS TO EVERYONE'S SUPPORT WE RAISED A WHOPPING \$277.80!



UPCOMING DATES:

Hub 1 Tech - Term 1

- 19 March
- 26 March
- 9 April

25 March - Board Meeting (5pm in the staffroom)

29 March, 1st and 2nd April - Easter Holiday

12 April - Last day of Term 1

In our last newsletter I shared a link to an online survey, where families could give feedback on our school. I will share this feedback with our Board, and we will use this as we plan our strategic and annual implementation plan. I have sent a paper copy of this survey home with all students today, and asked them to return this to the office once it is completed. It is really helpful to hear your voice as we plan for the years ahead. Thank you to those families who have completed this already.

And finally, I'd like to thank Dion Marson, Claire Wilkie and Sarah Beyer for being timekeepers last week at the swimming event in Masterton and our family members who helped transport and support the trip to the Golden Shears in Week 4; Karly Polaschek, Wilbur Davies, John Hodgson, Rachel Gillespie, Trixie Duckett and Victoria Shaw.

Ngā mihi nui,

Ariana Te Whetu

FEATHERSTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Registrations are open

Please find our registration form, as well as a jersey sizing guide in the office foyer.

Parents and caregivers can also register online [HERE](#).

We have had a team in each age group these last few years, so kids from the ages of 5 - 12 [girls to 13] are able to play, and all of our teams are made up of local kids.

THANK YOU - Last season we had 80+ kids in our teams, and it was epic! That may not sound like a lot, but we continue to be the largest junior Club in Featherston by quite some distance.

Congrats to our Values Certificate receivers!



Correspondence

SAVE THE DATE!
CARTERTON COLOUR RUN

When: Saturday 20th April 12pm
Where: Carrington Park
Wear white and bring your gold coin entry

Register your interest here-

CARTERTON-MASTERTON & GREATER WAIRARAPA AREA

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- *Band practices will be orchestrated by an experienced band leader
- *Start date in Term 2 2024 (TBA)

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90 Holloway Street, Carterton, 5713

Saturday, March 23rd
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Questions may be directed to Christie wairarapanwomen@gmail.com

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