



**SOUTH FEATHERSTON**  
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# NEWSLETTER

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Please remember to notify the school office of any absences before 9am each day.

**Term 1 Dates to Remember**

- 1 Feb - 1<sup>st</sup> Day Term 1 2017
- Fri 3 Feb - Swimming starts 2pm
- Mon 6 Feb - Waitangi Day  
observed – School is closed
- 8, 9, 10 Feb - Swimming
- 13 Feb - BOT Meeting 7.15pm
- 15, 16, 17 Feb – Swimming
- Fri 17 Feb - Potential Family BBQ
- 22, 23, 24 Feb - Swimming
- 1, 2 Mar - Swimming
- Fri 3 Mar - Cluster Swimming  
Sports Day
- 8, 9, 10 Mar - Swimming
- Thurs 13 April - Last Day Term 1

**Welcome back to all our children and their families . . .** Even though dreaded alarm had to go off at 6.30am this morning, I actually jumped out of bed quite happily! This was partly due to my belief that this year is going to be a big year for us here at South Featherston School but it was also because I felt really excited about coming to school and seeing all the children's happy, smiley faces!

**Welcome:** We have Emma-Jayne Tadamas back into Room 2, who will be sharing the teaching for Term 1 with Jenny McKenzie. Susan is away for the first two weeks of this term so we have Patsy Wooles in Room 1. We also welcome three new students: Haylee Lanceley (Kayla's sister) and Jack Ward (Abby's brother) have both started their learning journeys with us as New Entrants in Room 1. We also have Samuel DeRitter who has joined us as a Year 4 student in Room 2. Samuel and his mum and dad, Mandy and Russell, have recently arrived from the UK and are settling in Featherston.

**2017 School Term Dates**

- Term 1 Wed 1 Feb – 13 April
- Term 2 1 May – 7 July
- Term 3 24 July – 29 Sept
- Term 4 16 Oct – 15 Dec

**Stationery needs for Year 2 students in Room 1:** Year 2 students who are still in Room 1 can buy their stationery needs via the Room 2 stationery list on our OfficeMax MySchool site <http://www.myschool.co.nz/southfeatherston>

**Swimming:** Swimming begins at the Featherston Pool **this Friday 3 February**. We have timetabled swimming for every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from now on until Friday 10 March (weather permitting). Your child will bring home a form today to give your permission to attend swimming and inform us how they will be going home on those 3 swimming days. Please fill this in (along with permission for any other trips during 2017) and **return it no later than this Friday morning. Without permission, children will not be able to go.**

**LUNCH FOOD**

**AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL**

- Ham and Pineapple Pizza \$3.00
- Small Mince Pie \$2.00
- Mince and Cheese Pie \$3.00
- Sausage Roll \$2.00
- Butter Chicken Wrap \$3.00
- Apple Pie \$2.00
- Blueberry muffin \$1.50
- Chocolate muffin \$1.50

NB: We are a water only school – please ensure that drink bottles contain water only

**High Vis vests:** Every child at South Featherston School will again be allocated a numbered High Vis Vest. This vest **is part of our school uniform** (included in our uniform policy) and must be worn to and from school. This is our way to ensure we keep your child safe during periods of the day where safety is an ongoing issue. You can support the school by insisting the vests are worn as requested.

**School lunches and water bottles:** We are moving further along in our journey towards a healthy food school with environmentally sound sustainable practices. To this end, please remember we are a **water only school** – drink bottles should contain only water, and we ask that no other fruit or milk drinks are included in lunch boxes. Also, over the next few weeks we will be sending home tips for reducing food and wrapping waste in lunches – Room 3 will be leading the way here . . .



**Steve Chapman** has generously offered to donate a percentage of his house sales to our school! If you, or anyone you know, are buying or selling a property, give Steve a call.

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**Lost Property:** At the end of last year, there was a ridiculous amount of lost property! **Please name every item of clothing your child wears to school!** It makes it easier for them to be responsible for their belongings. At the end of every week, before assembly, any lost property will be displayed and children/parents are asked to look over it and take back what is theirs. After two weeks, un-named items will be either recycled as second hand uniforms, or thrown away.

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Tana Klaricich



✓ **EVENTS** ✓ **INSTANT SCHOOL MESSAGES** ✓ **ABSENTEE**

## Download Our School Calendar App



**HOW:** In Play Store or App Store search "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose our school once installed.

As has been mentioned in a number of previous newsletters, we have signed up for the Parent Teacher Calendar App. This is a free app and is a really quick and easy way for us to contact families with any news/information/updates/cancellations. I know I am finding the calendar really useful with so much happening at school this term! You will get instant notifications to let you know when any information has been updated. It also gives you access to the latest school newsletter, and has an absentee function for you to notify the school of student absences.

I am sure you will find this app useful and extremely easy to use so please download it to your phone; I will be really interested to hear your feedback.

Please feel free to give me a call or drop into the school office if you have any questions about the app.

- **Instant Notifications**
- **Absentee function**
- **School events calendar**
- **Free 😊**