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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

- 14, 21, 28 Feb - Room 3 'Pedal Ready' Programme
- 15, 16, 17 Feb - Swimming
- 22, 23, 24 Feb - Swimming
- 1, 2 Mar - Swimming
- Fri 3 Mar - Cluster Swimming Sports Day - Y3 - 8
- 8, 9, 10 Mar - Swimming
- 27 Mar - 'Science Roadshow' In Carterton - Y2 - 8
- Thurs 13 April - Last Day Term 1

"It'll be a quiet start to this year . . . " " Yeah right!! To use the favourite saying of a previous principal I worked with, we have literally hit the ground running! Actually in our case, I should change that to sprinting!

This term's VALUES focus: Our schoolwide focus for this first term of the year is "Respect". Each class has been doing teacher and self-directed inquiry around what respect may feel, look and sound like. We are concentrating on how we talk to each other as this is the first impression we get of others. We gave out our first 'Respect Awards' at assembly yesterday, and the recipients were Kayla Lanceley, Henry Millar and Allegra Warrington.

Schoolwide curriculum focus: This year we have a focus on writing. This is our area of greatest learning need. With this in mind, we are presenting children with writing awards and having them share their wonderful writing examples at assembly. This week our writer award winners were Bianca Nicholas, Gabe Richardson and Samuel Raj. Their writing will be uploaded to our Facebook page, so take the time to read their work.



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

A heads up's . . . We have had a few children in the first weeks of this term who have had a **vomiting bug**. Just be wary of any complaints from your child about a sore tummy. Err on the side of caution and keep them at home. Don't forget to ring or text us! The other thing doing the rounds at the moment, helped along due to swimming, is **headlice**. Please check your child's head for these nasty little blighters - obviously a lot of scratching is a dead give-away but also the nape of the neck and around the ears are 'happy places' for nits! You will need to follow a treatment regime, and also wash all bedclothes, hats and brushes to eliminate an infestation.

Lost Property: So far, so good! We only have one shirt in the Lost Property box by the library! Any items of clothing that have been misplaced during these first two weeks have been correctly named, and therefore were able to be given straight back to their owner.

Featherston Based Schools Combined Enviroschool Group: The three Featherston based schools have come together to share our expertise and resources in order to provide better learning opportunities within the environmental and sustainability education area. We also see it as an opportunity where we can be working together, for the greater good of our local environment and collectively achieve more, rather than working separately and not achieving as much. Our very own Pete Hull is leading this group of nine senior school leaders (3 from each school) who will filter back learning and information to their individual schools.

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



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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"Pedal Ready": The Senior class's 'Pedal Ready' programme began well yesterday. Everyone had a fabulous time, and the children are looking forward to their next two sessions with the instructors.

Ngā mihi nui
Tana Klaricich



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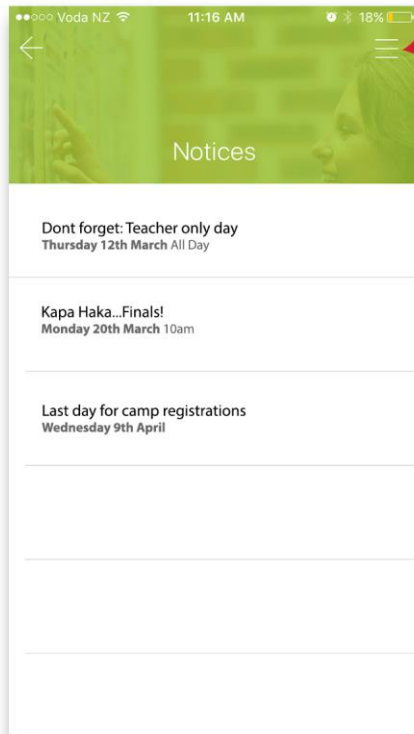


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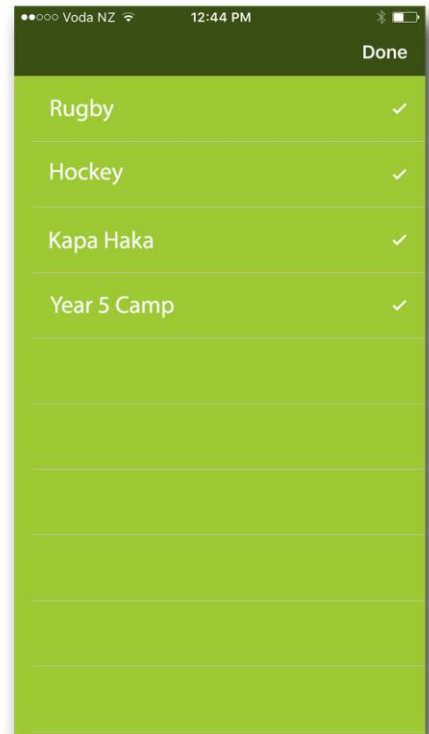
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Through your School Calendar App

1. Open the "Notices" tab in our school app and tap here



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The Parent Teacher Calendar App

The Incredible Years Parenting Programme: **Free** programme for parents with children aged 3-8 years. To register contact Pauline Cave 06 308 8028
Pauline.Cave@psc.org.nz
Starting 21st Feb 2017 Tuesday mornings 9.30-12 Family Works 42 Fox Street Featherston.