



SOUTH FEATHERSTON
Town and Country School

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, 2, 3 Mar – Swimming
Wed 8 March – SW Interschool Swimming Sports – selected students only
Wed 8 March – no swimming for our school due to Interschool
 9, 10 Mar – Swimming
Tech for Y7/8 Mon 20, Wed 22, Wed 29 March, and Mon 3 April
27 Mar - 'Science Roadshow' in Carterton - Y2 - 8
Thurs 13 April - Last Day Term 1
Monday 1 May – First Day T2

Just when the hot weather kicks in . . . !

School Swimming: Our short swimming season is coming to an end. **Next Thursday and Friday** (9-10 March) will be **our last two days** of swimming. The South Wairarapa Interschool Swimming Sports will take place at the Featherston Pool this year, on Wednesday 8 March, so our school will not be swimming that day.

Parent and Whanau Questionnaire: This year the Board of Trustees is gathering information from all stakeholders within our community as we redevelop our Charter, review our Vision, Values and Mission statements, inquire into what people believe are important in a South Featherston School 'Graduate Profile', and fully engage our families and students in taking our school through into the future. Please click the link below, then follow through onto the Google Form or hit 'Continue' which will take you through to a Google Form questionnaire. Please fill in a new form for each of your children. With the information you provide us, we can gather your ideas and opinions and learn more about our students from those that know them best – YOU! This information will be collated and used by the Board as they review our school documentation. Those of you that receive a paper newsletter will have a copy of the questionnaire attached so that you can fill it out and return it to school by: Wednesday 15 March. If you have any problems filling out the form, please contact me on 3089433. Making better use of Google docs, and creating 'Google Forms' are some of my learning goals for this year, so I'm hoping I have done it properly!
<https://goo.gl/forms/qDaOuQbxYh8hm59n2>

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

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

Featherston Junior Netball: Featherston Junior Netball are seeking players for this season. Next Wednesday, Heather McLachlan and Laraine Kerr will be making a lunchtime visit to our school to talk to the children about playing netball and gauge interest. If your child is interested in playing (Year 3-Year 8, girls and boys) the first proper practise is set for Thursday, 23rd March, 3.30pm at Featherston School. For more information contact Laraine on 3089442 or 0273-411252 or Heather McLachlan 0274-766263.



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.

Tuhirangi Rugby Club registration day: This will take place on Wednesday 15 March at Pirinoa School at 3.30pm. All JAB players wishing to play rugby (including Ripapa Rugby) for the 2017 season needs to attend this registration and weigh-in. If for some reason you are unable to attend please contact Malcolm Jaspers on 06 3069896 or email stephjaspers@gmail.com and they can arrange a follow up time that suits.

Assembly Awards and House Group competition: At assembly this week, our 'Respect Award' winners were: Billy Sargent, Allegra Warrington, Joaquin Grey, Kara Kinnaird and Florian Fjaerestad-Jones. Our 'Super Writers' this week were: KD Joll, Arini Aporo and Bea Miller-Holley. Well done and congratulations to you all!

House Points: presently, Takaru (Winter) Blue house is leading with 300 points

Ngā mihi nui

Tana Klaricich

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Message from our Board Chair

Dear parents and caregivers,

As you may be aware, I have recently taken on the role of the board chair for the school.

As a person who only recently joined the board, understanding the education framework and how the board can best serve the community is my current focus.

This ties in to the board's work plan for the year, which has a strong focus on community engagement as we review and further develop the school's charter, mission statement and other factors guiding the development of our students.

My professional background is in compliance, which from what I have seen so far, suits the type of work involved in ensuring the school operates in an effective and compliant fashion.

I look forward to meeting more of you over the next year, and invite any feedback, compliments or concerns you have in relation to the school.

Zeb Walker
Chair, South Featherston Board of Trustees



There is an 8 week program running at Kuranui College on Wednesdays from 3:40-4:30 for any year one and two boys and girls interested in playing netball starting next week. The cost is \$25 all they need to bring is a drink bottle and sports shoes. The sessions include fitness, ball skills, a game and lots of fun. Please ask any parents of interested students to email okma@xtra.co.nz or phone 3077881 to register. Teams will be put together on the day.

Featherston Muay Thai (Kickboxing) - Kids class.

For ages 7 and up.

**Sundays at 5:30pm at the
Featherston School Hall.**

**Suitable for all fitness and skill
levels.**

**We also run bootcamp/adult
classes (Tues/Thurs at 630pm)**

**Contact Kelly on 0272115702 for
more information.**

AGM - Featherston Hockey Club Inc- will be held on Thursday 17th March 2017, 7.30 at The Tin Hut, Tauherenikau. All existing and new members welcome. Any queries please contact Jenny on 027 2331804.