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NEWSLETTER

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

Term 2 Dates to Remember

- Mon 15 May:** Vision and Hearing Screening
- Tues 16, 23, 30 May:** Rippa Rugby
- Wed 17 May:** NYLD 2017 Y7 & 8s
- Tues 23 – Fri 26 May:** Room 3 to camp at Waimanaaki
- Mon 29 May:** SW Cluster Cross Country @ Kahutara School
- Y7 & 8 Technology:** Dates still to be confirmed for days
- Wed 7 June:** Messines Memorial Service at ANZAC Hall
- Mon 12 June:** Whole School to Kahutara School for "STRIKE Percussion" performance
- Tues 20 June:** Rm 1 and Y2s to "Song of the Sea" show at Carterton Events Centre

We have got a busy few weeks coming up, especially for the senior students!

Vision and Hearing Screening: On Monday, the Vision and Hearing Screening ladies are coming to school. They will be doing routine sight and hearing checks on every Y7 child, plus any other children that may have been identified with having a potential need in this area. If you would like your child screened, please call the office by 9am Monday.

NYLD 2017: A reminder to the Y7 & 8s in Pete's class that they are off to this fabulous event next Wednesday. Pete has sent a letter home regarding what each child will need to take on the day and the timings for pick up, so please watch out for that one.

Room 3 Camp to Waimanaaki, Riversdale: The planning for camp has been finalised, and Pete has a great programme ready to go! We now need to hope for a week of more fabulous autumnal weather, like we've had up till today.

2017 School Term Dates

- Term 2** 1 May – 7 July
- Term 3** 24 July – 29 Sept
- Term 4** 16 Oct – 15 Dec

Bus User's Code of Conduct: With a change to a new bus driver, I thought it was good timing to ensure that all children understand and signed our school's Bus Users Code of Conduct. Unfortunately, our new driver, Catherine, came to see me this morning to tell me about a few incidences of children being rude and noisy, and annoying to other children. I have discussed the Code of Conduct with every class, and will insist that their behaviour improves radically or I will need to enforce the steps that may result in them being banned from using the bus. Please take the time to read this over with your child/ren and return it to school by Monday. Please also remember that unless you live within our bus zone, you must pay for your child to use the bus. The cost is \$5 per 10 trip ticket, or a \$50 term pass. The number of children continually not having a ticket is getting out of hand and the school is having to pay for their use of the bus.

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

A reminder that Jo will be away: Jo will be away from school from next Wednesday 17 May through to Monday 12 June. If you have any account or uniform queries/purchases, please contact her before she heads off.

Class Term Letters: Attached to this newsletter are the Term letters from each of the classrooms.

Booktown 2017: Don't forget that this weekend is Booktown 2017 in Featherston! Every child will be getting their \$10 voucher tomorrow before they come home.

Happy Mother's Day on Sunday to all our mums! I hope you all get thoroughly spoiled . . .

Ngā mihi nui

Tana Klaricich



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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Vision and Hearing Screening

Regional Public Health Wairarapa provides free vision and hearing screening at your child's school.

We will be screening:

- Distance Vision for Year 7 students and those Year 8 students who have **not** completed screening at Year 7
- Hearing and Distance Vision for 5 and 6 year old children who missed or did not complete their B4 School Checks
- Children who have transferred schools, who have not yet completed routine vision and hearing screening

Result slips will be sent home with your child if screened by this service

This screening is not a full assessment

*Near vision used for reading books or hand writing is unable to be screened by this service
If you have concerns in regards to your child's vision please arrange an appointment with an Optometrist*

You will be notified by mail if further assessment is recommended for your child. Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care for vision or hearing and have regular checks will not require screening by our service.



Parenting Helpline

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Call 0800 568 856
9am - 11pm Monday to Sunday

www.parenthelp.org.nz

we can help with your parenting concerns

Parent Help
For Parent and Family Support



The Featherston Library is hosting a Kids Book Quiz at 4.30-5.30 on Saturday 13th May during Booktown. Its lots of fun and book prizes to be won. Maybe you could enter some class teams!

We are also hosting a kids Superhero dress up session in the Library at 3pm. Come dressed up as a superhero and have your photo taken flying over Featherston! Really! There will be a craft activity while you wait to have your turn...Prizes for dressing up!