



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 2 Dates to Remember

Y7 & 8 Technology: Final for T2:
Mon 10 July

Fri 30 June: Interim Reports

Tues/Thurs 4, 6 July: Learning
Conferences

Fri 7 July: Final Assembly 2pm

Term 3 Dates to Remember

Mon 24 July: First day of Term 3

Y7 & 8 Technology: Friday 28
Aug, Mon 4, 11, 18, 25 Sept

'Beatmakers' Workshop: 3 Aug

I talked too soon . . .! Wet, cold and muddy have been the buzz words for the past week! Winter in the Wairarapa – gotta love it!

'Outside of holidays' holidays: As per Ministry guidelines, all requests for release from school to take a child away on holiday during term time must go through the Principal, and the child's attendance will be noted as an "Unjustified Absence" (SFS Attendances and Absences Policy)

Learning Conferences booking reminder: A reminder that these take place after school on **Tuesday 4th** and **Thursday 6th July**. Click on the link below for the online appointment booking form where you can choose a time to see your child/ren's teacher/s to discuss the interim reports, which come home this Friday. An opportunity for teachers to discuss your child's learning progress with you is a very important part of what we know helps children achieve. Jo and I will be able to help you with this appointment booking process if you need us too.

Room 1 and Room 2's Y2's to "Songs of the Sea": The children really enjoyed their trip up to Carterton to this show last week - they all came back to school buzzing! I really love the fact that we can offer our SFS children the wide and varied opportunities that we do. On that note . . .

'Friends of SFS' Fundraising Committee: My personal philosophy on education has never been one of just focussing on "The 3 R's" but more of a holistic approach - teaching for the whole child, opening up their world and building that kiwi 'have a go' attitude, and so our focus here is to seek out and send our children to as many cultural, academic and sporting opportunities as possible with as little or no cost to families wherever possible. This is where our fundraising efforts make such a difference to the school's ability to do this – our Ministry of Education Operations Grant is tied up in overheads, teaching resources, repairs and maintenance, salaries and other boring stuff! 😊
Tonight is the inaugural meeting for the new 'Friends of SFS' committee – we are combining it with the organisation of this year's Lamb & Calf Day/Ag Fair. If you would like to be part of this, bring yourself, your energy and your ideas to the school tonight (Wednesday) at 7.15pm. The more people we get on board now, the easier it will be to get things done!

Featherston Matariki Festival: Thank you to everyone who made soup and/or donated rolls for Friday night's Matariki Festival at Featherston School. After expenses, we made around \$300 from the sale of 'soup & a roll' and the glow stick. The three school are now discussing ways in which we can use the night's combined profits from festival's stalls to benefit all our Featherston school children.

Community of Learning: Attached is some information explaining what this means to our school and learners and the progress being made with our CoL.

Final Assembly: A reminder that this is on next Friday, 7 July at 2pm. We have some very special awards going to some of our students and we'd love to have lots of parents there to enjoy the celebration.

Ngā mihi nui

Tana Klaricich

Link to Parent Interview app: <https://parentinterviews.co.nz>

Access code to event: K7VLR

2017 School Term Dates

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



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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