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NEWSLETTER

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

Please remember to **SLOW DOWN to 40kms** between the signs near our school and to also **SLOW DOWN to 20kms** when passing a stationary school bus!! Please remind your child to wear their High Vis Vest!!

Considering we have had two short weeks to start this year . . . we have already packed a lot into it! And it will continue right the way through this first term of 2018. Please ensure you read all the newsletters along with any notices that come home to you so that you are able to stay on top of everything that involves your children.

Term Letters – Attached to this newsletter will be the teachers' term letters that are relevant to you and your children. They are filled with lots of really good information about your child's class learning programme and their focus for this term. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Swimming – This has started off well, with very few hitches. A massive 'shout out' to those parents who have offered to help. The roster is up and running, so we'll see you at the pool at around 1.50pm on 'your day'. Just a reminder that if you are picking up your child directly from the pool, please ensure you are on time. If you are late, it means that the bus, full of damp, cold kids, has to wait for you before it can leave. It also puts our wonderful bus driver, Katherine, behind on her afternoon bus run, which has a knock-on effect on the other schools in town.

Consent/Permission forms – We are still waiting for some of these forms to come back to school. If you still have yours sitting on the kitchen bench, or buried on the coffee table, please dig it out and send it to Jo in the office. You'll make her a very happy lady!

Family Picnic – Don't forget we have our South Featherston School Family Picnic tonight, starting from 5.45pm, for a couple of hours! Bring your yummy food, your family and something to sit on! Please DON'T bring any alcohol or your dogs . . .

Sun hats – We have signed up to become a 'SunSmart School' which will mean we receive support and resources from our local branch of the Cancer Society. We all know that the New Zealand sun is one of the harshest in the world. In order to become accredited, we need to fulfil obligations to both our children and the SunSmart programme. With this in mind, we are going to enforce our school uniform bucket hats. From next week onwards, children will not be able to go out in the sun to play unless they are wearing one of our uniform bucket hats. They will need to stay under the shade during all break times. Peaked caps, which seem to now outnumber bucket hats in our playground, do not afford enough protection from the sun. As a one-time offer, if your child doesn't already have a school bucket hat, we will give them one for free. If this is the case for your child, please make sure they come to the office on Monday morning and we will give them one. Their bucket hat will be named and it will stay at school in their classroom so there is no chance of them being forgotten.

Ngā mihi nui
Tana Klaricich

Don't forget to go to our Facebook page and 'like' it – this is another way for you to keep in touch with what is happening at school.

<https://www.facebook.com/southfeatherstonschool/>

Term 1 Dates to Remember

- 9 Feb – Family Picnic 5.45pm
- 13/14/15 Feb - Swimming
- 16 Feb - Chinese Dance Performance @ Anzac Hall
- 20/21/22/23 Feb – Swimming
- 27 Feb – - Featherston Cluster Swimming Sports
- 28 Feb/1/2 Mar - Swimming
- 6 Mar Swimming
- 7 Mar – Intercluster Swimming
- 8/9 Mar - Swimming
- 13/14/15/16 Mar – Swimming
- 30 Mar – Good Friday Holiday
- 2/3 Apr – Easter Holidays
- 13 Apr – LAST DAY Term 1
- 30 Apr – FIRST DAY Term 2

2018 School Term Dates

- Term 1 1 Feb – 13 Apr
- Term 2 30 Apr - 6 July
- Term 3 23 July – 28 Sept
- Term 4 15 Oct – 13 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