



**SOUTH FEATHERSTON**  
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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!!

**We are just coming up to the end of our second full week of school ....**

We are seeing a lot of children who are tired and scratchy. The unusual weather is playing havoc with them! It is also the season for those funny little coughs and colds, tummy grumbles and of course, 'tis the season of those dreaded NITS!! Swimming only increases the likelihood of catching them. Please take the time to regularly check your child's hair – especially around their ears and the neck area – and treat immediately with a proven treatment. Prescriptions for these are free from your doctor. Nits spread like wildfire, quite literally . . .

**Swimming:** There are still three more full weeks of swimming. It has been quite a good season for us so far, and we have only missed two days. Please send your child to school with their togs, regardless of how it may look in the morning. It often clears away and becomes quite muggy. We can still bus them down for a swim. Remember to let the office know, via phone call or text, if there is a change to how your child will get home from the pool on any of our swimming days.

**A couple of 'no school swim' days are coming up:** There will be no school swimming next **Tuesday, 27 February** – this is booked for our Featherston Cluster's swimming sports. Those children involved in that will have had a note come home from Pete. Also, The Intercluster Swimming Sports takes place on **Wednesday 7 March**. Again, there will be no school swim that day, but those involved in the Intercluster event will receive information from Pete.

**Year 7 and 8 Technology Dates:** Monday 12, 19 26 March, 9 April

**Paid Union Meeting:** The board have approved the closure of the school from lunchtime on **Thursday 29 March** to allow teaching staff to attend a Paid Union Meeting. This is a big year of change within education and educators across the country believe we have the makings of a Ministry of Education that may finally give teaching and learning back to those who know it best – our teachers. PUMs enable all teachers to come together to be heard collectively and to have their say in how education should look, going into the future. We ask that you **collect your child any time between 12.45 and 1.30pm** that day. I will organise for our normal bus run at 1.30pm so if that is the way your child usually comes home, that service will still go ahead. I will ensure that there are plenty of reminders in the newsletters about this school closure between now and then.

**High Vis Vests:** Thank you to the 99% of South Featherston School parents who are helping us here at school to keep our children safe by making them put on their High Vis vests as they leave home in the morning. As I've said on many occasions, we want them all to be SEEN and SAFE, whether they are walking in town, sitting in a car, riding on a bike, or getting on the bus.

Ngā mihi nui

Tana Klaricich

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**Term 1 Dates to Remember**

- 20/21/22/23 Feb – Swimming
- 27 Feb - Featherston Cluster Swimming Sports
- 28 Feb/1/2 March - Swimming
- 6 March - Swimming
- 7 Mar - Intercluster Swimming
- 8/9 March - Swimming
- Y7/8 Tech: Monday 12, 19, 26 March and 9 April
- 13/14/15/16 Mar – Swimming
- 29 Mar – School closes @ 1.30
- 30 Mar – Good Friday Holiday
- 2/3 April – Easter Holidays
- 5 April – BOT mtg @ 7.15pm
- 13 April – LAST DAY Term 1

**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