



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!!

Term 1 Dates to Remember

- 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 – Mon & Tues Easter Holidays
- 5 April – BOT mtg @ 7.15pm
- 13 April – LAST DAY Term 1

FIRST DAY Term 2 – 30 April

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

Welcome to South Featherston School: This week we have welcomed Saxon Ault-Hall, who has joined us in Room 3. He has settled in very well. We look forward to being part of his continued learning journey! We also welcome Susan's little grandson to our extended South Featherston School whānau, who was born early on Friday morning in Auckland – welcome to the proud world of grand parentism, Susan! It's like nothing you've ever experienced before!

Swimming: We still have 2 more weeks of swimming, and even though the weather may look a little dodgy in the morning, we are finding that the afternoon turns hot and muggy - good for swimming! Please send along swimming togs regardless of what it may look like first thing. Remember: There will be no school swimming next **Wednesday 7 March** due to the Intercluster Swimming Sports. Those involved will bring a note home today.

Reminder regarding a 'no swim' day next week: We also have two big swimming events to come and some of our children will definitely qualify. It is a really good idea to send them with more than one towel and perhaps a blanket to wrap themselves up in between races, especially at the Featherston Pool event next week.

Year 7 and 8 Technology Dates for our Year 7 and 8 students:

Technology starts on **Monday Week 7** – dates are 12, 19 26 March, 9 April

Reminder about the Paid Union Meeting (PUM): As mentioned last week, the board have approved the closure of the school from lunchtime on **Thursday 29 March** in order for our teaching staff to attend a Paid Union Meeting. We ask that you **collect your child any time between 12.45 and 1.30pm** that day. The normal bus run will happen but this will be at 1.30pm so if that is the way your child usually comes home, that service will still go ahead. You will need to ensure you are picking your child up from their usual bus stop at around 1.45pm. Also, you will need to make sure someone is at home if your child/ren are rural drop offs.

"Feel Brave" programme: Our school has been accepted into the pilot programme of a new well-being programme designed to help children express how they are feeling, what is bothering them and enable them to build strategies around coping. The programme has been devised and written by a New Zealand author – Avril McDonald. She suffered from anxiety as a child so this is a topic that is very close to her heart. We are very excited to be part of this new up-to-the-minute programme which will benefit our children on both an emotional level as well as a social one. It will cover things like positive relationships, change, loss and grief, anxiety and self-confidence among other things. We believe that this programme will build beautifully on our "How to be a bucket-filler" programme which was implemented in Room 2 last year. I'm sure your children will keep you fully informed as we work through the programme! We will send more information home next week.

Ngā mihi nui

Tana Klaricich

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Featherston Junior Hockey -
Registration Day**
**Tuesday, 13th March, 4.30pm at the
Featherston Hockey Turf/Tennis
Courts, Underhill Road, Featherston.**

- For new and existing players to come along and register for all children aged 5 to 13 years (6 aside and 11 aside teams)
- Hockey sticks are available on loan.
- 11-aside teams B-Grade are played at Clareville Monday nights at 5pm or 6pm.
- 11-aside teams C & D Grade are played at Clareville Saturday mornings between the hours of 8am - 12pm.
- 6-aside teams played last season at Clareville on Tuesday nights from 4pm (day/time -yet to be confirmed)

We look forward to seeing you all there.
If you are unable to attend please text
Jenny:027 233 1804 or email:
jenny.devenport766@gmail.com
to register.

Featherston Hockey Club Inc, AGM -
will be held on Wednesday 14th March,
7pm at Balter, Carterton. All existing
and new members welcome. Any
queries please contact Jenny as above.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

We're **super excited** to be opening up
our **PIFA JUNIORS ACADEMY** to **ALL**
ABILITIES ages 5 - 11!

Visit www.paulifill.com/pifa-juniors to
register your child.

Sessions are **every Tuesday 3.40pm -
4.20pm starting 6th March - 13 April
2018 at the Trust House Memorial Park
Turf, Dixon Street, Masterton.**

This is a great opportunity if you're
wanting your child to be involved in a fun
and supportive environment, enabling
them to nurture their skills and friendships!