



**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!!

One of the parts of my job that I love is that I can spend a good amount of time during my day visiting classrooms and interacting with children as they are beavering away . . . I am really enjoying the 'buzzy feeling' I pick up on throughout the school! We are already halfway through the first term now and it is great to see engaged, busy learners!

**We have welcomed another two new students to our school this week:**

Awatea Burns has joined us in Room 3. She has moved over to Featherston from Wainuiomata. We also welcome Riley Connell-Drake into Room 2. He and his mum and dad have relocated to the South Wairarapa from the Hutt Valley. We look forward to sharing Awatea and Riley's learning journeys.

**A reminder that Year 7 and 8 technology starts on Monday:** Our Year 7 and 8 students will all be at Technology at Featherston School starting from this coming **Monday 12 March**. The other three days for Technology this term are Monday 19, 26, March and 9 April. A notice has come home today.

**Reminder about the Paid Union Meeting (PUM):** As mentioned over the past two weeks, our school's Board of Trustees 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 bus drop offs.

**Easter Weekend Holiday:** This year, the Easter weekend falls within the term, which means we get a nice long mid-term break! This term is 11 weeks, so the Easter weekend will come as a welcome 'R & R' opportunity for both children and teachers! All New Zealand schools will be **closed Friday 30 March, Monday 2 April, Tuesday 3 April, and will re-open on Wednesday 4 April**.

**Cancellation of Intercluster Swimming Event tomorrow:** This event has been **cancelled** completely. If your child initially qualified to go to the Featherston based event, their swim time from our own Cluster event last Tuesday will now be used to determine if they do in fact go forward to next Wednesday's Regional competition being held in Masterton. Pete will contact the families of those swimmers that qualify.

**And on the subject of swimming:** We have all had a bit of a shock to our systems with this cold southerly currently blowing through! However, we live in hope . . . ! Please make sure that your child has brought their swimming gear each day (except for next Monday). Next week is our last chance for swimming and the weather is certainly looking brighter than it did this week!

Ngā mihi nui

Tana Klaricich  
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**Term 1 Dates to Remember**

8/9 March - Swimming  
Y7/8 Tech: Monday 12, 19, 26 March and 9 April  
13/14/15/16 Mar - Swimming  
29 Mar - School will be closing @ 1.30pm  
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

# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**JUNIOR HOCKEY  
REGISTRATION  
DAY - now  
changed to  
Thursday, 22nd  
March at 5.30pm  
at Featherston Turf**

**JAB registrations are Thursday 8th  
March 3.30pm at the Pirinoa Hall.**

**If any of you still have jerseys from  
last season can you please  
ensure you bring them with you  
tomorrow.**

**Can I also ask that any of last  
years Under 6's that were  
awarded a cup that you also  
bring that so that we can pass  
them onto the other recipient.**

**Thanks and we look forward to  
seeing you all.**