



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 1/2 Dates to Remember

13 April – LAST DAY Term 1

FIRST DAY Term 2 – 30 April

Tues 29 May – F'ston X

Country @ Kahutara School (postponement day is Friday 1 June)

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
Butter Chicken Pie	\$3.00
Bacon & Egg Pie	\$3.00
Chicken Pie	\$3.00
Potato Top Pie	\$3.00
Vegan Cashew Kumara Pie	\$3
Blueberry muffin	\$1.50
Chocolate muffin	\$1.50

NB: We are a water only school – please ensure that drink bottles contain water only

Well, we all made it . . . bar two more days! It's been a long busy term and even though we were lucky enough to have the extended Easter holiday, we have some pretty tired kids in the school at this end of the term!

Sick days: We're seeing increased numbers of children coming down with colds and coughs. It makes really good sense, wherever possible, to keep them home for a couple of days, get them over it and then send them back to school. Not only does that stop the spread of their bugs, but it also helps the sick child get over being ill a lot quicker.

School holidays: (or as we refer to them . . . "Non-Contact Days"!) During the holidays, our teaching staff are all attending a full day seminar in the "STEAM" Curriculum. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. We are joining 75 teachers from throughout our South Wairarapa Kāhui Ako/Community of Learning, upskilling ourselves on the latest tools and strategies for better integrating these curriculum areas into our planning, looking at the latest ideas around engaging learners through robotics and coding, with an emphasis on increasing writing achievement and looking towards future work place skills. I also went to another seminar earlier this term regarding the best tools and devices being used in classrooms across the country and believe me, our wish-list is very long!

Assessment seminar: Next Tuesday, I'll be attending a day-long seminar in Wellington around assessment. With the removal of the National Standards requirement to assess children's progress and achievement against, lead educators across the country are being given the opportunity to engage in conversations around, and have their voices heard, regarding the re-development of how we best assess children's achievement and progress. Within our school, we will be looking at how we report to you as parents and whānau, and so there will be some conversations going on here too.

Working Bee for the playground: Keith Dennis (Jo's husband) has an old boat that he wants to donate to the school. We are going to 'dig' it into the playground for the children to play in and on. Keith has said there is a bit of work to do on it to make it safe, plus of course we'd need a bit of hard work to dig a hole and place the boat. If you are keen to help out, please give the school a ring and I'll collate a list of 'good keen people' and we'll plan a date.

Skool Loop app: A reminder to download the 'Skool Loop' app onto your phone so you can be kept up to date with everything happening at school. (Don't you hate it when they mess with the spelling??)

New lunch menu: As you'll see from the list to the left, we have introduced some new food items for trialling. When I conducted a survey of the school, we had a high number of children who requested a vegan/vegetarian option. Those who have tried the new items have said they are very tasty!

Parent Reading Support: Many thanks to Chris Konig and Alistair Reid who have taken time out of their busy days to come in and work alongside some of learners that need a little extra support with their reading mileage.

Ngā mihi nui

Tana Klaricich

Don't forget to 'like' us! <https://www.facebook.com/southfeatherstonschool/>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Registration for Martinborough Squash Club Juniors will be Monday 23rd April at 3.30 pm at Martinborough Squash Courts.

The programme includes a coaching session on Monday afternoon and a game on Friday Club night.

All levels are welcome from beginners to experienced players. Club nights are relaxed with food available for dinner. There is also the opportunity to play in tournaments for those who are keen.

Come along and register or send me an email at lynettenetty@outlook.com if you would like to join.

PIFA Holiday Programme

Date: Monday 23rd & Tues 24th April

Where: Trust House Memorial Park Turf,
Dixon Street, Masterton

Time: 9am - 12pm.

Price: \$45 a day or \$80 for the 2 days

Register online at www.pifa.co.nz



**I LOVE
NETBALL**

JUNIOR NETBALL 2018

If you are interested in playing netball this season (girls/boys), please meet at Featherston School netball courts on Wednesday, 11th April at 3.30pm. We will take your details and have a friendly game.

Contact: Laraine Kerr 027-341-1252

Or Nifo ILI 021-081-18209

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