



**SOUTH FEATHERSTON**  
**Town and Country School**

# NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 2: 3rd August 2018

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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.  
 Remember you must also **SLOW DOWN to 20kms** when passing a stationary school bus!!  
 Please remind your child to wear their High Vis Vest!

**The school is really buzzing at the moment!** There is lots of learning going on, the sun is shining, and we continue to have new children arrive to start their learning journeys with us. Yesterday, we welcomed Felix Fjaerestad-Jones, younger brother of Florian, into Room 1. During lunchtime today, I saw him running around the fort madly, with everyone else, up and down the slide! When I asked who was helping Felix settle in, there were about 7 enthusiastic "I am!" I reckon he's going to be just fine!

**Football Tournament:** Next Thursday, 9 August, we have two football teams – a Y5/6 and a Y7/8 one – heading off to take part in a super fun day of playing football against loads of other school's teams. This is taking place at Howard Booth Park in Carterton. Many thanks to those parents who have already offered to transport and supervise during the day. Let's hope this weather continues!

**Year 3 – 8 Rippa Rugby games:** Next Friday is the first of two games that our Y3-8 Rippa teams will play leading up to the Rippa Rugby Tournament later this month. The first is at Featherston School, and the teams will go home at 3pm from there. The following week is at St Teresa's and again, the children will go home from there at 3pm. Pete has sent out notices about these events. Check with the school if you have any questions.

**Kapahaka Update:** Katherine and Kay are doing amazing things with our small but enthusiastic kapahaka group! They have started the process now of the whole school learning the three waiata, one of which has been written especially for our school, by Kay's cousin, which is very special indeed! These two lovely ladies are also getting help from the local sewing group to update our kapahaka costumes as well.

**'Kia kaha' programme:** We are currently working through issues of bullying, inclusiveness and well-being in our senior class. We have implemented the 'Kia Kaha' programme in conjunction with the Wairarapa Community Policing officer, Julie Orr. The class have had two workshops so far and we are really hoping to see some changes in attitude and a greater tolerance. We ask for the support of all our families by having those conversations with your children about what is the right way to treat someone who may be different from you, or who may think or act in ways that you might find challenging. We don't have to like every one we work with, but we should at least strive to be kind.

**Strike Action by NZ teachers:** On Wednesday 15 August, the school will be closed. Teachers are taking the difficult step to strike for better teaching conditions, higher funding for student support, smaller class sizes and better pay conditions to enable greater retention of teachers. It is not something we do lightly and there has not been this type of action taken for 24 years. There will be lots of reminders over the next 2 weeks. Please start looking at alternative care for your children for that day.

Ngā mihi nui  
Tana Klaricich

**Term 3 Dates to Remember**

**Thurs 9 Aug:** Football Day  
**Fri 10 Aug** - Y3-8 Rippa Game  
**Wed 15 Aug:** Strike Action Day – school is closed  
**Fri 17 Aug** - Y3-8 Rippa Game  
**Tues 21 Aug:** Rippa Rugby Tournament  
**Thurs 30 Aug** - BOT Mtg 7.15pm  
**Thurs 13 Sept:** Y5/8 Hockey Day  
**Thurs 20 Sept:** Epro8 Y5/6 in Masterton  
**Thurs 20 Sept:** Epro8 Y7/8 in Greytown  
**Thurs 27 Sept:** Kapahaka Festival in Masterton

**2018 School Term Dates**

**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	\$3.00
Blueberry muffin	\$1.50
Chocolate muffin	\$1.50

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



## Lucky Book Club Orders

Please return all orders to the school office by  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
or order online through [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP)

## REWARD

LOST – YOUNG TABBY CAT  
MURPHY'S LINE  
IF SHE FINDS YOU...PLEASE  
PHONE 3089535  
THANK YOU



## IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

## WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- \* More teachers – so your kids can get more attention
- \* More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs
- \* A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future.

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Let your teachers know you support them and join in campaign activities at your local school.