



SOUTH FEATHERSTON
Town and Country School

NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 3: 8th 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!

Loads of reminders today! Please make sure you read through this newsletter to be sure of what is happening. We will also put things up on to the Skool Loop app, as well as our Facebook page.

Football Tournament: A reminder that tomorrow, Thursday, 9 August, we have two football teams – a Y5/6 and a Y7/8 one – heading up to Carterton to take part in a fun day playing football. This is taking place at Howard Booth Park. A huge thank you to those parents who have offered to transport our children and to supervise a team during the day. Pete has all the information you will need and we will see you here in the morning. It looks like we could have good weather, so fingers crossed! The postponement day will be this Friday, in which case the teams will go up to the day on Friday instead of going to Rippa Rugby at Featherston School, but things look pretty good for tomorrow. We will keep you informed though . . .

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 Day
- 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
- Fri 28 Sept:** Last Day T3

Transportation for the Year 3 – 8 Rippa Rugby games: This Friday there is the first of two games that our Y3-8 Rippa teams will play leading up to the Rippa Rugby Tournament on Tuesday 21 August. 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. Please make sure you send back the form with how your child will get home.

A reminder of the Strike Action by NZ teachers next Wednesday: On 15 August, the school will be **closed**. Please ensure that you have made other arrangements for the care of your children for that day. Teachers across New Zealand are striking for better teaching conditions, higher funding for student support particularly those with special needs, smaller class sizes and better pay conditions to enable greater retention of teachers. Strike action is never something teachers do lightly and there has not been this type of action taken for 24 years. We will continue to remind you over the next week about this.

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

Parent Helpers: We would really love to have a few more parents coming in, who are free to help out at school during the day. Trust me, even an hour of your time would be well utilised here! It could be with reading, or art, working in the resource room, or supporting the classroom teachers in another way. We have our major building project starting in early September and we will need to pack down the library and move everything out of that area into Room 4, so we really need a team of supporters that can help there, otherwise it will be left to staff to do it after school. We would be so very grateful for any time you might have to offer.

'Friends of South Featherston School' committee Meeting: Next Tuesday night, at 7pm, there is a 'FSFS' committee meeting. This is the group of people who organise our fundraising. Come along if you're keen to help!

Ngā mihi nui

Tana Klaricich



Lucky Book Club Orders

Please return all orders to the school office by
Wednesday 8th August
or order online through 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.