



SOUTH FEATHERSTON

Town and Country School

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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 9: 3rd April 2019

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

Tēnā koutou i tēnei ahiahi (Good afternoon): April! How did that happen? It's hard to believe that we are now into our ninth week of the first term already and that the school holidays are just round the corner. I'm sure we will all benefit from some well-deserved down time as it's been a very busy term!

Community Dental Education Day: Our school has very recently been invited to an education event around dental awareness which will take place on Friday, from 10.30am, at the ANZAC Hall. There will be three visiting dental students who will present information, discuss dental hygiene and answer questions, with a focus on children's dental health. The event is open to everyone in our community. Unfortunately, we don't have a staff member available who could supervise a group of interested children, but you are most welcome to take your own child/ren along if you want to. Please complete the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to Jo in the office by 9am Friday. You will need to **sign your child/ren out of school** by 10.15am in order to make it into town to the ANZAC Hall. The event will be about an hour long, and on returning to school, you will need to sign your child/ren back in to school via the office.

Term 1 Dates to Remember

Community Dental

Awareness Programme:

Fri 5 Apr, 10.30am,

@ ANZAC Hall

Last T1 Y7/8 Tech day: 8 Apr

Assembly: Friday 12 Apr @ 2.15pm

First Day Term 2
Monday 29 April

Term 2 Whole School Inquiry: Next term, our school will be working on an inquiry into (among other topics) healthy eating, what's in our food, 'food as fuel', reducing food waste and healthy lunchbox options. We also have the Heart Foundation coming in to present their "Food For Thought" nutrition education programme to our two older classes over a series of three sessions. This whole school inquiry has been planned in response to the replies we received from our community in our Health & PE survey earlier this year. We are confident that our children will get an enormous amount out of the inquiry, and that they will come home full of some amazing tidbits of information that may well change their (and perhaps your own!) perceptions around food.

2019 School Term Dates

T1: Mon 4 Feb – Fri 12 Apr

T2: Mon 29 Apr – Fri 5 July

T3: Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sept

T4: Mon 14 Oct – Fri 18 Dec

Easter Raffle: We now have enough goodies for a raffle, actually Jo has been able to do up two prizes worth! Tickets came home yesterday. Please have all money and tickets back next Wednesday for the draw.

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

Netball: In light of what has happened with local netball, Danielle Sargent danielle@tehauora.org.nz has put out the call for any children, including juniors, who might be interested in starting a Sth Wai 7-a-side netball competition on Saturday mornings. Flick her an email.

Nga mihi nui

Tana Klaricich

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YES! I will be taking my child/ren to the Community Dental Education Day presentation on **Friday 5 April at 10.30am at ANZAC Hall**. I will return them to school following the event, which finishes at 11.30am

Students Name/s: _____

Board of Trustee elections: A reminder to keep in mind whether you feel you may have something to offer the school by putting forward your nomination to become a trustee in the upcoming Triennial BOT Elections in June. Click on the link below to find a whole raft of information about the role of being a trustee.

<https://www.nzsta.org.nz/advice-and-support/information-for-parents/>

Last week I mentioned that I'll be including some short pieces written by our trustees, both current and past, about what being a trustee means to them, what they accomplish in their role as a school trustee, and how that supports our school, our staff and our learners. This week we hear from Ali Ward, who was a trustee and chair on our school board for a couple of years.

"As you are all aware we are coming up to the time where nominations are called for those that might like to serve on the Board of Trustees. I remember "falling" into my role on the Board through an initial offer to assist with the recruitment of a new principal several years ago. It was a good introduction for me to see the Board in action, working together to make a crucial decision for the school that would have a direct impact on our kids and the learning opportunities they would be given under new management.

After that I was asked whether I might like to join the Board. I realised that this would be a unique opportunity for me to really have a say in ensuring my child was not only given the best education but would be looked after while at school by a team of dedicated and caring staff.

The time commitment is not big, you only need to attend 10 meetings a year which are held in the evening so if, like me, you work full time, you can still be home to feed the kids before heading off to the meeting. There is no specific skill set you need to be a board member, you just need to have an interest in seeing the school do well!!

If you have ever considered playing a role on the Board, I encourage you to speak with Tana or Jo who will be able to tell you more about it, or feel free to ask the school to put you in touch with me, I'd be happy to chat. I know there will be a number of people who are curious about what it means to be on the Board and whether they have anything to of value to contribute but I strongly encourage you to put your hand up! It's an amazing opportunity to play a part in the continued success of our amazing little school. You'll get some really interesting insights into the education sector that you never knew about and will come away from the experience with a newfound appreciation for the exceptional work of the staff at South Featherston and the commitment they have to seeing our kids grow into amazing human beings!!"

- Ali Ward