



SOUTH FEATHERSTON

Town and Country School

"We're a SMALL school doing BIG things"

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NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 2: 9th May 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 and others in our area. Remember you must **SLOW DOWN** to 20kms when passing a stationary school bus!! Please remind your child to wear their Hiah Vis Vest!

Kia ora koutou katoa. . .Hello to you all! It's hard to believe we are well over a quarter of the way through the year already!

'Our stories and Poems' Book Launch: Last night was a really lovely event, bringing the Featherston schooling communities together in a wonderful celebration of our creative kids! It was well attended by families from all three schools, including many of our families who weren't even with us in 2017! Thank you for supporting our children, our kura and our local community! Samuel Raj who helped MC the event, and Jack Berry who read his piece to the audience, did our school proud! Thank you again, boys! Each child at our school, who is now literally a 'published author' in the book, will receive their free copy over the next few days. It will be something to treasure . . .

Featherston Booktown 2019: Your children have been doing an amazing job on their entries for this year's Booktown 2019 writing competition! Our school's entries are up around the playground. All three schools' entries are truly stunning, so make sure you wander around the town to see what really talented kids Featherston we have!

'Food For Thought' Inquiry: Today, our two senior classes had the first of three workshops about food nutrition presented by Nova from Foodstuffs NZ, and the Heart Foundation. These workshops will support our children as they learn about the food pyramid, food groups, nutrients, good and bad additives, and the important role that food and nutrition plays in mind/body development, and our overall wellbeing.

Board of Trustees Triennial Elections: By now, you will have received a mail-out from Sandra Walters, our Election Returning Officer, containing information and a nomination form for the upcoming triennial Board of Trustees elections taking place soon. If you are considering putting in your nomination, and would like to talk to one of our current Parent Trustees about the role, please give Jo a call and she will put you in touch with one of them. I have again included the link to the School Trustees Elections. You can drop your completed nomination form into the sealed box at the office, or post/email/fax it directly to Sandra.

Please note: your nomination needs to be received by Friday 24 May.

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

Please see the attached two flyers: One is from SWDC, regarding a public meeting about wastewater practice. The other flyer is notification to our community about an upcoming workshop with leading New Zealand neuroscience educator, Nathan Mikaere-Wallis, "The Developing Brain". I have heard Nathan speak and he is quite fabulous! If you think you might be interested in attending, I would highly recommend it! The flyer contains all the details for registration.

Nga mihi nui
Tana Klaricich

P.S: Check out the photos of our latest new entrant . . .

Term 2

Dates to Remember

PUMs: Fri 10 May

13 – 17 May: Bullying Free Week

Y7/8s to NYLD: Wed 22 May

Fri 24 May: BoT nominations

21, 28 May, 5 June: Rippa Rugby with Doug

Tues 4 June: SW Cluster

Cross Country @ Kahutara

Y7/8 Tech: Mon 10, 17, 24 June, 1 July

Fri 28 June: Learning Docs

Tues 2, Wed 3 July: 3-way Learning Conferences

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

LUNCH FOOD

AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

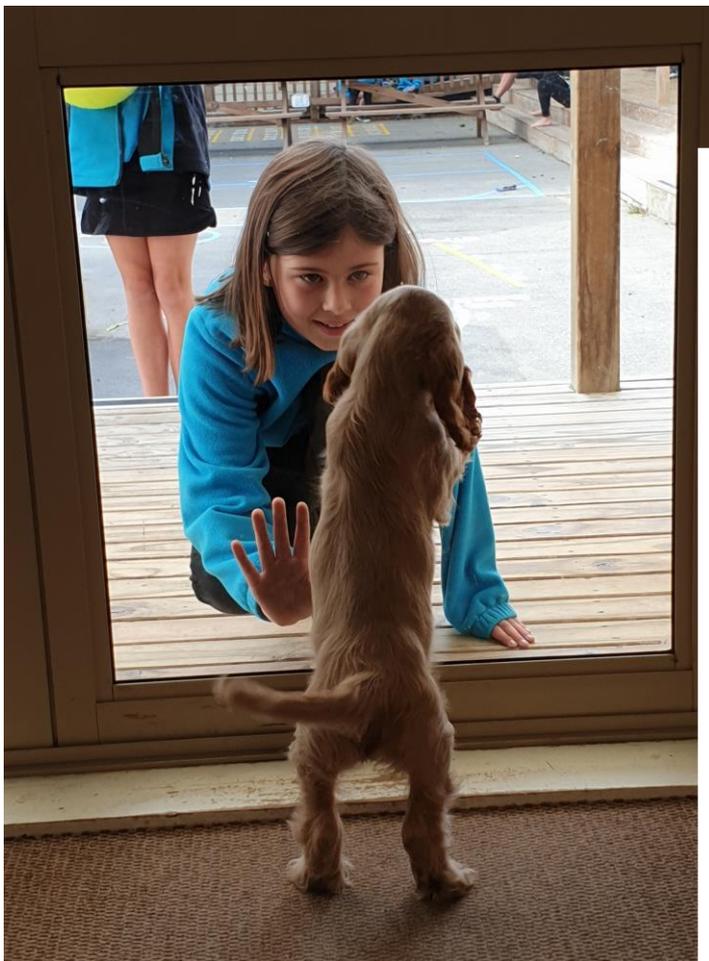
Ham and Pineapple Pizza	\$3.00
Small Mince Pie	\$2.00
Mince and Cheese Pie	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Butter Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Apple Pie	\$2.00
Butter Chicken Pie	\$3.00
Bacon & Egg Pie	\$3.00
Chicken Pie	\$3.00
Potato Top Pie	\$3.00
Vegan Cashew Kumara Pie	\$3.00
Blueberry muffin	\$1.50
Chocolate muffin	\$1.50

NB: We are a water only school.

Please ensure that drink bottles

contain water only

Meet Remy . . . ! No doubt, your children have all told you about this little guy! Jo's new baby . . .



He's already earned his keep by helping settle upset kids and making adults feel a whole lot better . . .

He sits at the doors (when he's awake!) and you can just tell he's itching to get out there amongst it all! Needless to say, visits to Jo and offers to take things to the office have increased tenfold in the past week and a half!

There is an enormous body of research out there around how animals can aid positively in a huge number of ways, such as: palliative care, dementia, grief therapy, ADHD and autism. We are already seeing how Remy can help to put smiles on the faces of our children when they need a 'cuteness' boost in their day.