



SOUTH FEATHERSTON

Town and Country School

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NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 4: 23rd 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 High Vis Vest!

Morena whanau. . .kei te pehea koe? Good morning family. How are you?

Welcome: This week we welcomed Nirvana into Room 2. Nirvana and her family have recently moved to Featherston.

Board of Trustees Triennial Elections: A reminder that your nominations for parent trustees in the 2019 triennial Board of Trustees elections need to be in to Sandra Walters or in the box in the office **no later than 12pm tomorrow - Friday, 24 May**. If you are on our voters roll, you will have received papers from Sandra for voting purposes. As a registered voter, you may elect yourself or someone else. Note: this other person does not have to be a current parent of an enrolled child at our school.

South Wairarapa Cross Country at Kahutara School: A reminder that our district's cross country event takes place on **Tuesday 4 June** (the postponement day will be Friday 7 June). Our school will be traveling together to and from Kahutara School by bus. The school day will begin here at the usual time – 9am. Next week, a note will come home with a list of what each child will need to bring with them, the time table for each race, and any other information you may need. We love to have as many parents and supporters there as possible, so bring a picnic and make a day of it . . . !

Term 2 Dates to Remember

Fri 24 May: BoT nominations to be in by 12pm

21, 28 May, 5 June: Rippa Rugby sessions

Wed 19 May: School closed due to Strike by primary and secondary teachers.

Tues 4 June: SW Cluster Cross Country @ Kahutara (pp day 7 June)

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

Fri 28 June: Learning Docs

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

Notification of School Closure: Our Board of Trustees has resolved to **close the school next Wednesday, 29 May** as our teachers will be participating in the nationwide primary and secondary teachers and principals strike day. The school will reopen as usual on Thursday 30 May. On the following page is a communique from the local branch of NZEI which will provide you with some facts and figures that may be of interest. Please support our teachers in any way you can! There will be local events, including picketing of MPs, along with a number of huge events in the big cities. Most of us will be traveling down to Wellington to take part in a march to parliament buildings. Kua tae te wa! It's time!

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

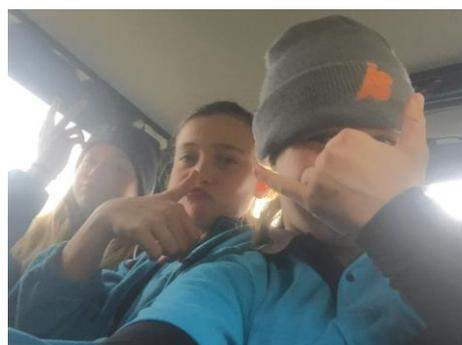
National Young Leaders Day: Yesterday our Year 7 and 8's went to NYLD at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua. It is one of the events we have our school leaders attend at least once in the Year 7 or 8 years here at school. It is a wonderful, inspirational day and our guys had a great day!

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

Nga mihi nui
Tana Klaricich



**From: Wairarapa Branch, NZEI Te Riu Roa (New Zealand Educational Institute)
Primary Teachers and Principals Union**

May 2019

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning and behavioural needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term underfunding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads, otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

On Wednesday 29 May we hope you will join us at our local public event, likely to be from midday. We would love to see you and your children standing with us – together we are a community and we can make a difference. We will advise you of further details when they are confirmed.

Kua tae te wa! Its time!

Sensory Needs Resources

This morning I had a visit from the lovely May Brown – a lady on a mission! She and the Featherston knitting group have been developing a resource for Alzheimer's sufferers, in conjunction with South Wairarapa care facilities. May had the idea that these amazing resources, which I think are total works of art, may have a place in our classrooms, to help those children with sensory needs. As you'll see from the attached photos, they really are an amazingly thoughtful and unique gift!

We would like to help May and her band of knitters by providing them with bits and bobs that they can incorporate into these unique resources. If you have any little toys, buttons, beads etc that you 'd like to donate to this wonderful project, please send them along to school and I'll make sure they get to May.



Message from Josh Drake, Chair, South Featherston School:

23 May 2019

Hello everyone

Appointment of Limited Statutory Manager

Earlier this year, the Board of Trustees (the Board) considered its duties and responsibilities and the skills and experience it possessed. The Board felt there were areas where it could do better. The Board asked for support from the Ministry of Education (MoE).

The Board looked at various support options to improve its functioning. In consultation with MoE the Board requested the appointment of a Limited Statutory Manager (LSM).

On 15 May the MoE made a 'Notice of Direction' to appoint an LSM. The LSM will be responsible for all functions, powers, and duties of the Board as an employer (whether statutory or otherwise). And will advise the Board in other areas. All other powers remain with the Board.

The LSM taking responsibility for the function of employer will ensure the Principal and staff continue to be adequately supported while the Board focuses on developing its capabilities across its other responsibilities.

The Board sees the appointment as a positive step in building the Board's capability to manage all its functions, powers, and duties independently. And to ensure each of our students continues to attain their highest possible standard in educational achievement.

The appointment of an LSM is in no way a reflection on the Principal or staff. The day to day management of the school remains with the Principal.

Right now, we're preparing to hold 2019 triennial Board of Trustee elections. The LSM will remain in place to support the new board, once elected, until no longer required.

If you would like to discuss the appointment of the LSM further, you're welcome to contact me at joshd@sfs.school.nz or have Tana point me out and say hi.

You can read the notice to appoint an LSM at <https://gazette.govt.nz/>.

Kind regards

Josh Drake
Interim Chairperson
South Featherston School Board of Trustees