



## SOUTH FEATHERSTON

Town and Country School

"We're a SMALL school doing BIG things"

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Please remember to notify the school office of any absences before 9am each day.

# NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019

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, whānau!** We're heading into the busiest time, in terms of our annual fundraising. Please think about ways that you might help this small, but very dedicated team of fundraisers and hard-workers. Our group works tirelessly to bring extra funds into the school in order to provide extra-curricular activities and events for all our children here, and to support their learning.

**'House of Science' kits:** This amazing resource initiative has kicked off with great success! The children are loving the experiments and concepts, and we are looking forward to lots of scientific learning and 'hypothesising' over the next two terms. If you are happy to volunteer an hour or so of your time to support us, please give me a ring (via the office) and we will organise times and classes when that suits you best. At the moment, we are being ably supported by Janine and Clem, along with a few of our Year 8s where possible, but there are other times where another set of adult hands would be gratefully received! This will also enable you to come in and see the exciting work that is going on here in a wonderfully hands-on context.

### Term 3 Dates to Remember

**Thurs 8 Aug:** Sth F'ston Football Tournament  
**Fri 9 Aug:** Assembly  
**'Minecraft' Disco:** Fri 23 Aug  
**Mon 26 Aug:** Y6 Technology Taster Day @ F'ston School  
**Fri 30 Aug:** Y7/8 to Jazz Concert @ Kuranui College  
**Fri 6 Sept:** Wellington Free Ambulance "Onesie Day"  
**Wed 11 Sept:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Gardasil Clinic  
**Fri 13 Sept:** Science

**South Featherston Football Tournament:** Next Thursday (weather permitting) between 10am and 2pm, we are sending a 12-person team into Featherston to take part in this football tournament. It is open only to our senior students. A note about this will come home tonight to the whānau of those children who have put their names forward to take part. If you can get along to watch some of the games, I'm sure the children would love to see you there.

**'Minecraft' themed disco:** On Friday 23 August, our 'Friends' committee are putting on a disco here at school for our children. It will be between 6 and 8pm. Come along dressed up as your favourite 'Minecraft' character! If that doesn't appeal, just come dressed up . . . that's always fun! The \$5 cover charge gives each child entry to the disco, a drink, popcorn, a small pie and a glow stick. We will also have a table of yummy baking that can be purchased if they bring extra money.

### 2019 School Term Dates

**T3:** Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sept  
**T4:** Mon 14 Oct–Wed 18 Dec

**Year 6 'Technology Taster Day':** Every year, our Year 6 students spend a day at Featherston School taking part in a day where they can see what their Year 7 & 8 tech days are like. This year, this will be on **Monday 26 August**. Our children will come to school as normal, and will be bused into Featherston and back.

**Ag Fair/Lamb & Calf Day:** The date for our biggest fundraising event has been set down for **Saturday 19 October**. We are just completing a 2019 flyer which will be in next week's newsletter. We will put them up around the district in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to get in early and have a stall at the Fair, please contact the office and we will send you the necessary information. You can also start to send in your donations and contributions for the 'P & K Wheelbarrow of Goodies', which is our main raffle prize. We always try to 'change up' the stalls and rides, and this year is no exception! We have some pretty awesome new things planned! Watch this space, more to follow . . . !

**Invoices:** This month's invoices have been sent out to you. Schools are able to ask for payment for those things that sit outside the curriculum, such as uniforms, lunch orders, etc. Please pay at your earliest convenience or contact the office if you need a payment plan. We are always happy to help out.

### 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



## Lucky Book Club

Please return orders to the school office on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Loop orders for ordering online will still be open for another week after this date.

### National day of support for principals

The teachers and support staff of South Featherston School are joining with their colleagues all over the country on 9 August to call on the government to give primary and intermediate principals a fair deal. And we need your support as we stand up for our principal, and all principals.

Teachers recently won pay parity with their secondary colleagues, because a teacher is a teacher, regardless of the age of their students. But the government refused to give primary and intermediate principals parity with principals of comparably sized secondary schools, or any support for growing workloads. In small schools, principals are doing a complex job but often without any extra support, and while teaching as well. And these principals are often paid less than some teachers in large schools.

We're calling on the Government to do the right thing by principals. It's only fair.

Please support the principals of Aotearoa, who do such a vital job leading the teaching and learning in our schools.