



## 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 4: 14th 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!

**Happy Week 4, people!** It is so hard to think of it being half way through August already . . .

**Room 2 teacher:** I am very happy to now be able to let you know that our new teacher for Room 2 until the end of this year is Julie Clarke. Julie is a highly experienced teacher, who did quite a bit of relieving for us back in 2017. It will be lovely having her back with us, and she tells me she is pretty excited for her upcoming move southwards to our school.

**'Minecraft' Disco on Friday 23 August:** Don't forget we have this coming up next Friday night. Plans are well under way to make this an awesome event for our children. Kids, don't forget to dress up as your favourite Minecraft character! Our Friends committee have some pretty cool things organised. We are again (with your help) having a baking table with (hopefully!) loads of yummy things for children to buy on the night. If you can help out in this area, please have baking at school next Friday. If you are feeling particularly creative, decorating in the 'Minecraft' theme would go down a treat!



### Term 3 Dates to Remember

**'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:** 2nd Gardasil

Clinic

**Fri 13 Sept:** Science

Roadshow @ Kuranui

College

### 2019 School Term Dates

**T3:** Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sept

**T4:** Mon 14 Oct-Wed 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

**Football (soccer) workshops:** I am pleased to let you know that we have booked in a series of football workshops, with partial sponsorship from the Hutt City Council and Kiwisport, which will be coming up in a couple of weeks. Our football mad tamariki are all pretty excited about this! These workshops are organised similarly to that of our Rippa Rugby, cricket and basketball ones, with all equipment needed provided by the team. The support and partial sponsorship from Hutt City Council means that the cost to our school is reduced significantly. Next term, through the same agreement, we have basketball workshops planned.

**Jazz Martinborough Free Concert:** On Friday 30 August, our Year 7 and 8s are again being given the opportunity to go to Kuranui College to experience music presented by some of the jazz musicians who are attending the Martinborough Jazz Weekend at the end of this month. These free 'To SW schools only' concerts are an annual commitment by the Jazz Martinborough committee to enable the students in our district to experience world class jazz music.

**Local events:** There are a number of local events coming up, including Featherston Library's Poetry Day competition (Aug 23), Pirinoa School's 'X Factor' event (Sept 13), and the launch of Joy Cowley's latest book "Gobbledegook Book" (September 14). Please check out the flyers that are attached with this newsletter.

Nga mihi nui  
Tana Klaricich

## National day of support for principals

Last Friday, the teachers and support staff of South Featherston School joined their colleagues all over the country 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.

Your children showed their support along with the staff by presenting Tana with a gorgeous handmade card for all the hard work she does! Well done kids!!!

