



SOUTH FEATHERSTON
Town and Country School
"We're a SMALL school doing BIG things!"

NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 5: 12th November 2019

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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!**

Term 4

Dates to Remember

ERO visit: Week 6

Y7/8 Tech: Mon 18, 25 Nov,
Thurs 5 & Mon 9 Dec

'Writers in Schools': 20 Nov

South Wai Athletics Day:

Wed 20 Nov, for qualifying
Y4-8s only in M'ston

Jnr Athletics: Thurs 21 Nov

School photos: Tues 26 Nov

Epro8 Y7/8 Semis: 25 Nov

Epro8 Y6 Semis 27 Nov

Teacher Only Day: Fri 29
Nov, SCHOOL IS CLOSED

'Mr Sold!'
Steve
Chapman
0276875809

Ray White



2019 School Term Dates

T4: Mon 14 Oct-Wed 18 Dec

LUNCH FOOD AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

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| 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

Kua tērā wiki te rima . . . It is already week 5 . . .

South Wairarapa Athletics Sports: We have had 11 students progress through to the next round of this year's athletics competition. The next event takes place on **Wednesday, 20 November** (pp: Friday 22 November) at **Pelorus Sports Bowl, in Masterton**. A notice will come home to the families of those children involved tomorrow.

Junior Athletics Morning: Featherston School have organised a Junior Athletics Day for next **Thursday 21 November, 9.30 – 11am**. This event is only for Susan's class. A notice will come home tomorrow about this event. We will need to rely on parents to transport their children to the event, and then back to school afterwards, so please start thinking about whether you are free to help that morning.

'Get to know your board': At a recent board meeting, it was decided that trustees would take turns to write a 'blurb' about themselves to be included in the newsletter over a period of a few weeks. Included here in this week's newsletter is: Josh Drake.

My name is Josh Drake. I'm the Chairperson of the South Featherston School Board of Trustees. My son Riley is an intelligent and unique young person in room two. He joined the school at the start of 2018 after we relocated to the Wairarapa from Wellington (although Riley was born in the Wairarapa).

I was co-opted onto the board in late 2018 to support the board with its financial responsibilities. And appointed to the role of interim Chairperson in March 2019. In June 2019 I became an elected member and appointed Chairperson.

I'm a Chartered Accountant and have worked as a senior finance leader across central government, corporate, and not for profit sectors. I currently lead a fast growing multi-national beverage manufacturing business. Professionally, I'm most proud of my time as a senior finance leader at New Zealand Red Cross during the Canterbury earthquakes, where in excess of \$110 million was raised to support recovery activity. And as a senior leader and governance committee member of the Hawkins/IAG Canterbury Recovery project, where in excess of 20,000 Canterbury families were supported to move forward with their lives after the earthquakes.

We have an amazing group of skilled and committed trustees. We are thankful for the support, dedication, and commitment of the principal and staff and the Friends of South Featherston School. It's an honour to serve our students and school community as a member of the board of trustees.

Teacher Only Day: Please don't forget that the school is **closed** for instruction on **Friday 29 November**.

Learning Progress documents and Learning Conferences: The End of Year Learning Progress documents will come home to you Friday 6 December. The following week, on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th, we will have Learning Conferences for you and your child to meet with their teacher and discuss both the Learning Progress document and this year's achievement.

Y8 Leavers Dinner and Final Assembly: Our **Y8 Leavers Dinner** will be on Tuesday 17 December – more details soon. **Final Assembly** is 11.15am on Wednesday 18th, **school will finish at 12pm**, with early buses organised.

Nga mihi nui
Tana Klaricich

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind . . ."

If you haven't already done so, please download our **Skool Loop** app to your phone so you can keep right up to date with what's happening at school and any important notices or emergency notifications: <https://www.skoolloop.com/>

RayWhite.



Steve Chapman is 'Mr Sold!' in the real estate world. He is a Featherston local, and supports the local schools and community with sponsorship and a helping hand.

Call Steve for all your real estate needs on 0800MRSOLD or 027 687 5809.

If any school families sell their properties with Steve, or refer someone that does, he will make a \$500 donation to South Featherston School when it sells. Steve is also going to donate \$100 for every sale he has in Featherston, regardless if the children attend the school or not.

Finally: A colleague shared this in our principal's group. You may well recognise your own child in the words:

"Have you noticed that your child is more emotional, temperamental and difficult to deal with lately? You are not alone! In education circles, this month is sometimes referred to as "Madvember".

The combination of lighter nights (which makes it difficult to get to sleep), the unpredictable weather, the low-level anxiety about leaving their teacher and class, and the excitement of Christmas on the horizon means that children can be particularly tired and temperamental at this time of year.

Another thing you might notice with younger children is the urge to build forts and huts or to get under furniture. This is all part of the changing of the seasons.

Sometimes November can be hard for adults too as we gear up for a huge two months ahead. The best remedy for all of this is slowing down and ensuring there is ample down-time for everyone, and meeting all temper tantrums and tears with compassion and understanding."

I can thoroughly vouch for Jeanette and the Certificate in Small Business Management course! My daughter, Paige, and I did this course over a year in 2017/2018. We learned so much and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!

Tana Klaricich

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36 week **Certificate in Small Business Management** (business knowledge and tips) **Tuesdays or Wednesdays evenings, or Wednesday mornings.**

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