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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

Learning Conferences: Tues

10 Dec, Wed 11 Dec

Yr 8 Leavers Dinner: Mon

16 December

Final Assembly: Wednesday

11.15am, 18 Dec

Final Assembly and last

day of school: Wed 18th

December

School finishes at 12pm

Bus for rural and

Featherston chn leaves

at 12.15pm

2019 School Term Dates

T4: Mon 14 Oct-Wed 18 Dec

2020 School Term Dates

T1: Mon 3 Feb - Thurs 9 Apr

T2: Tue 28 Apr - Fri 3 Jul

T3: Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sept

T4: Mon 12 Oct - Tues 15 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
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

Morena e te whānau . . .

End of Year Learning Conferences: These are booking up fast but there is still time to book for both days. Please remember that families are unable to book back-to-back conferences either with the same teacher or between rooms. Please get your booking done for either **Tuesday 10 December** or **Wednesday 11 December**, by clicking on the following link:
<https://parentinterviews.co.nz/book/welcome?code=GDN79QS3>

Christmas Parade: From the photos and feedback I got, it seems that everyone had a really good time on the float! Many thanks to Clem for organising this, and to Kelly and other mums who helped get the costumes together. I was sent loads of photos while I was down in Wellington on Nana duty and it was lovely to see so many happy smiling faces! Let's make this a regular occurrence again!



Class and Individual photos: Rebecca will be dropping our orders down to school next Monday. We will give them to the children for the end of the day to ensure they stay in perfect condition. We have a really photogenic bunch of kids here and it was delightful looking through everyone's shots!

2020 staffing: As you'll see from the attached update, we have conducted interviews to fill the teaching vacancies, and have a full teaching staff going forward into 2020. The interview panel feel, collectively, that we have employed the right people for the positions, and we are really excited to have retained Ned here as the senior class teacher, and to have employed Ronel into the middle classroom (please see more information on the attached staffing update). New Zealand, from Cape Reinga to Bluff, is currently experiencing a lack of teachers available for positions, and so to be heading into 2020 with all vacancies filled is hugely comforting.

Bus tickets: A reminder that if you live in town, your children must have a bus ticket to ride to school and back.

Accounts: Please pay any outstanding accounts before next Wednesday.

Final Assembly and Last day of school: Our 2019 **Final Assembly** will begin at 11.15am on Wednesday 18th, and **school will finish at 12pm**. We would love to see as many of you here next Wednesday for our final assembly as possible. Once the assembly is finished, you can then take your babies home for 6 weeks! I have organised an early bus to pick up those children who normally go on the bus, or who will do that day, at 12.15pm. If your child is coming home by bus, please ensure you have made arrangements for them to be met at the bus stop, or if they normally walk home, that they know to go straight home and not to after school care.

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/>

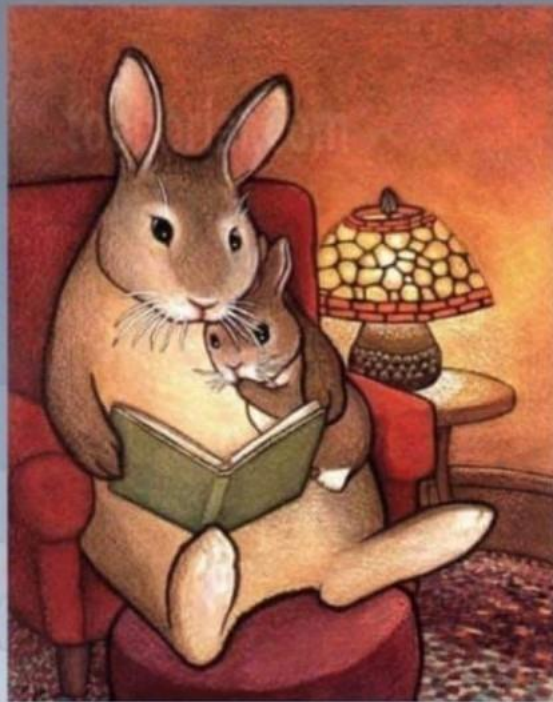
RayWhite.



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.



There is no app to
replace your lap

READ TO YOUR CHILDREN

Holiday Time at Pukaha Mount Bruce

Kia ora koutou,

A quick update for your children and their parents about some things happening at Pūkaha these holidays:

Junior Rangers School Holiday Programme is happening. It will run every Wednesday and Friday over the school holidays throughout JANUARY except public holidays from 11am – 3pm. The January dates are 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th (Wednesdays) and 10th, 17th, 24th (Fridays). Kids will have a ton of fun. Plenty of exploring and nature activities for inquisitive minds. All welcome. Find more details here under our tours and talks: <https://pukaha.org.nz/tours-and-talks/> Or contact us at info@pukaha.org.nz or phone 06 375 8004 to book your place or to talk to someone.

Hapori Rates. These are our locals rates. If you live along State Highway 2, between Featherston and Norsewood, you can get 50% off entry fees at Pūkaha. Just bring in a utilities bill or similar proof of residence. That means a family of say 2 adults and 4 children that would normally get in for \$50 would get in for \$25. All good. If you have friends or family visiting and bring in a full paying visitor from outside of the region then your entry is free!

Opening Hours. Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre is open daily from 9am – 6pm everyday except Christmas Day. So don't come on Christmas Day. You'll be disappointed. Come on every other day and you won't be.

Saddleback. We have two new Saddlebacks in Aviary 6A. These are unique birds. Only 7000 in New Zealand, with most found on offshore islands.

Manukura. The world's only white kiwi in captivity is active and often seen looking for grubs and worms in her nocturnal enclosure. Come and say hi. She'd love to see you these holidays.