



SOUTH FEATHERSTON
Town and Country School
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NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 7: 15th May 2021

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

Please remember to **SLOW DOWN to 40kms** between the signs near our school.

Remember you must **SLOW DOWN to 20kms** when passing a stationary school bus!!



Term 2 Dates to Remember

Wed 16 June: Kuranui College Parents Open Evening 7pm
Thurs 17 June: Vision & Hearing
Tues 6 July: Teacher PUM 2pm
Tues 6 July: BoT meeting 6pm
Wed 7 July: 'Strings' music concert
Thurs 8 July: Learning Progress docs home

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2021 School Term Dates

T2: Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July
T3: Mon 26 Jul - Fri 1 Oct
T4: Mon 18 Oct - Wed 15 Dec

Teacher Only Days

Friday 26 Nov



Team 'Mr Sold'!
Steve Chapman
0276875809

Ag Fair/Lamb & Calf Day:

If you are interested in helping with organising this year's big day, please give the office a call, text or an email. We desperately need more people to help share the load! It can be a HUGE job when there is only 4 or 5 of us . . .

Kia ora e te whānau! I hope you are all keeping warm! It seems that the weather hung on for us just until we had finished with our two local cross-country events, and now it's turned pretty chilly and wet! Please make sure you send your child along to school with plenty of layers on – it's far easier for them to take something off than for us to try and find something extra for them to put on. Speaking of keeping warm . . .

Firewood Raffle: The Greytown Lions Club have donated a trailer load of wood to our school so we can raffle off it off. The funds raised will be going to our small music scholarship fund from which we cover the cost of either a term's worth of music lessons or the cost of hiring an instrument for any child who would like to learn violin or cello on a Wednesday, but their family may not have the financial means to do so. Our small music scholarship fund was initially seeded through a donation from Steve Chapman (Team Mr Sold, Featherston), and then added to via a small donation from the local South Wairarapa Lionesses when their club wound up. The scholarship has already helped quite a number of our tamariki who have been learning with Caitlin since the beginning of the year. Please support this when the tickets come home for you to sell. We will be organising this as we do with the Lamb & Calf/Ag fair raffle – each family will get 10 tickets each to sell and can ask for more if needed. We will also be asking for volunteers to sell tickets at the local supermarkets. By the way . . .

Strings Concert: Our students will be giving a concert on Wednesday 7 July, 9.30am.

Wairarapa Cross Country: We have seven of our Year 4-8 children who have qualified for the next cross-country event up in Masterton on Wednesday. We wish Ellie, Miley, Bridget, Florian, Bailey, Coopa and Juliet all the best! Run hard, guys!

Kuranui College Parents Open Evening: A reminder that the Open Evening is taking place on **Wednesday 16 June at 7pm.**

Pukaha Mt Bruce 'Chasing Zero' Predator Hunting Hui: On the following page is a message from the team at Pukaha Mt Bruce advertising a very unique event! Please take the time to read it and see if you are interested in attending.

Teacher Paid Union meetings (PUM): All of our teachers here at South Featherston School are members of NZEI Te Riu Roa and will be attending a paid union meeting on Tuesday 6 July, at 2pm. The purpose of these meetings is for teachers to discuss the priorities for the renegotiation of their collective agreement in 2022. Issues being discussed, such as school staffing levels, directly impact on the education of your children. These meetings are a critical component of the negotiation process, and it is the legal right of all members to attend a meeting and have their say. While there will be some impact on the usual school programme that day, Gina and I will take the whole school during that last hour of the day and the school will remain open.

MoE Provided Lunches: Hopefully more of your children are coming home lately saying they are enjoying the lunches a bit more! It's been a rocky start, to put it kindly, and in the past two weeks I've been working with the MoE, Trust House and their cooks to get some changes made to the menu, the quality of the food being brought to school, and tackle the amount of wastage. Before the end of Term 2, a survey will come out to all families to gauge whether or not we continue with the lunch scheme as it is, or whether we look at an alternative method of provision. Please talk with your child about their opinion as they are the ones who have to eat it . . . or not!

School Policy review via our SchoolDocs: Up for review is: **Reporting to Parents on Student Achievement** Take the opportunity to review our current policy and suggest any changes. Please go to: <https://sfs.schooldocs.co.nz/> and click on the policy you wish to review. **Username:** sfs **Password:** creative.

Ngā 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/>

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Kia ora koutou.

We are holding a Predator Hunting Hui called 'Chasing ZERO' on 20th June 2021, from 9am – 3.30pm and we thought your students and school community could be interested in attending. We'd be ever so grateful if you'd consider sharing this information with them or printing out the attached poster for your school newsletter.

Attendees will learn tips, trapping tricks and predator insights from our resident trapping expert - John Bissell. This is an opportunity for trappers – beginners or experts, there'll be something for everyone - to spend a day with John and learn what actually works. Much of his advice you won't find in a manual. It's built up over his 30+ years of experience "out there doing it". This is also a chance for trappers to get answers to those burning questions that will improve trapping skills, knowledge, and results. John's delivery style is an active one and he promises that it won't be boring!

Tickets available from eventfinda.co.nz. ['Chasing ZERO' Predator Hunting Hui - Masterton - Eventfinda](#) Adults \$30. Seniors / Students / Children \$25.

Every ticket purchased includes lunch, morning tea, entry to the reserve and a free D-rat trap valued at \$25 donated by envirottools. There is also a Facebook event that can be shared here: <https://fb.me/e/28oosqXf>

Thank you very much. We hope some your school students and whānau can make it.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sarah and Alex, the events team

Please note Sara works part time (Monday to Thursday) and will reply as soon as possible.

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



Here's some tips to ensure you receive notices and push notifications

- When you download the Skool Loop App you will be asked if you would like notifications please **tap yes**. Some devices don't ask this question and automatically tick yes for you. This can be changed in your settings
- If your notifications are turned off in your device settings, some phones apply that to all apps when downloading. In the phone settings please make sure your notifications are turned on
- Check your App Store or Google Play regularly for any outstanding updates
- There are 2 different notices school will send out: **push notification** (banner and ding) or a **notice** (visual alert only)
- You will only receive a push notification if you are not using the app at the time
- If your volume is off you will not hear an alert
- You will see a visual alert if a **notice** has been posted. You will not hear a ding
- You will only hear a ding if the school sends a **push notification**.

