



"Teach the child first, not the curriculum!"

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 2, 12th February 2025

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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.

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

Welcome to Week 2 . . . or wait a minute, Week 2 is done and dusted tomorrow!

So this year has made it known that it's going to fly by just like last year, I guess! Apologies that this newsletter is a tad late – I was away from school all day today, and yesterday was pretty frenetic, so the newsletter is what has to 'give'!

Reminder about our school whānau Family Picnic and BBQ: Don't forget this is happening tomorrow evening (Friday) from 5.30 to 7.30pm. Bring along whatever food your family would like to eat, and we will have the school bbq on and hot, ready for any meat you'd might like to bring along to cook. It's always a really fun evening, with music and games, and loads of 'getting to know you' happening! Please note: this is a strictly NO ALCOHOL event. Hope to see you here!

Stationery: Thank you to all of you who have been able to get the correct stationery for your child, and early on in the term, too. It means that they have the correct 'tools' for their learning. Some children have been sent to school the wrong types of books, so we are just working through that small group, offering to buy the correct books for them or making sure they are clear what the right ones are. Each class teacher gives us their list to explicitly support the learners they have this year, and those learners specific needs. If, for example, a child who still needs support with formation of letters, their book requirements will have wider lines, or lines with a dotted line in the middle to support them while writing their capital and lower case letters correctly. Not all maths quad books are equal – generally Y3-5 will have a 10mm quad/square, rather than the smaller 7mm quad square that older ākonga can handle. If Jo or I ask you contact you about any of your stationery needs, please remember it is so that YOUR child has the right 'tools' for their learning.

Swimming: This started on next Monday, it was a gorgeously hot afternoon, and we got ALL our kidlets in the pool! What a coup! And then we had two fairly cold nights which meant we couldn't swim on Tuesday and Wednesday. Sadly, that's the way it goes when you live in the South Wairarapa and you swim in an outdoor, unheated pool. Please keep sending your child's togs EVERYDAY. Even on wet mornings, the sun coming out and a quick rise in water temperature can mean it is worth the trip into town. Also, keep a look out for the 'No swimming' sign on the gate, or on one of our two Facebook pages [South Featherston Principal](#) (the most used one) and/or [South Featherston School](#) or check your SkoolLoop app to see if Jo has sent a cancellation message. Otherwise, if you have any doubts, just call school and we'll confirm whether we are going swimming or not. Just a reminder: we need to be ready to get on the bus at 2.50pm (whether the bus is there or not – I've been told it was late today!) so that we don't hold up the bus run which picks up St Teresa's and Featherston School's rural children as well. If you can't be at the pool by 2.45pm, let us know and we will happily bring your child back here so that you can pick them up.

A reminder that school starts at 9am: Please, please, PLEASE have your child here and ready to start learning BEFORE the bell goes! It means they can have a play and a hang out with their mates, rather than do that in the classroom. Every minute they are late into class means a disruption to the rest of their class, and for the teacher, who has already begun the day. With the necessary final hugs and goodbyes, it can mean that it is 15 minutes into the first precious hour of the day, and things haven't gotten started yet. If you feel a tad guilty at this point of reading, how about you make one small change for this year, and leave home 10 minutes earlier from now on . . . trust me, it will make a huge difference to your child, their classmates, and the teacher! (Thank you on behalf of ALL our kaiako/teachers!)

Term 1 2025

Tues 11, 18, 25 Mar: Y7/8 Tech

Fri 14 Feb: School Whānau Picnic & BBQ, 5.30-7.30pm

Mon 3 Mar: Fstn Cluster Swimming Sports (Y4-8)

Thurs 7 Mar: Y7 vaccinations

Tues 8-Fri 11 Apr: Snr Rm Camp

Last Day Term 1: Fri 11 April

We are gratefully supported by:

Team 'Mr Sold!'
Steve Chapman
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2025 School Term Dates

T1: Mon 3 Feb - Fri 11 April

T2: Mon 29 April – Fri 5 July

T3: Mon 14 July – Fri 19 Sept

T4: Mon 6 Oct – Tues 16 Dec

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Arrival Time at School

Just a gentle reminder that children should **not** be arriving at school before

8.15am

Ma te wā!
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 receive any important notices or emergency notifications: [SkoolLoop Sign up](#) If you need help downloading the app, come in and see Jo or me.

Week 2 water, playground shenanigans, and science!



Do these belong at your house?

