



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 2: 15th February 2024

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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!!



**Kia ora e te whānau kura! Good afternoon, school family!** Everyone has settled in FABULOUSLY! It's like we never had a break . . .

**Something very sad:** Yesterday one of our beloved in-ground trampoline mats tore in half. They don't last forever, we know that, and they have certainly been well used! We will need to replace both, most likely, as the other one may go at any time as well. Looks like we're now on the fund-raising trail for two new trampoline mats, folks! Replacing these certainly wasn't budgeted for and will cost the school in the region of around \$4000, but I'll get them ordered and replaced as soon as I can so that our kidlets aren't without them for too long. Seeing as they are unbudgeted items, we'll need to replace that expense during this school year, so we'll come up with some clever fundraising ideas. If you would personally like to make a donation to our brand new "Replace the Mats" fund, we would never say no! The school bank account number is at the top of this newsletter, and you would just need to reference it as 'Trampoline'. Any help would be greatly appreciated by all!



### Term 1 Dates to Remember

**Y7/8 Tech Dates:** Wed 14, 21, 28 Feb, 6 March

**SFS Whānau Picnic/Meet the Newbies:** Fri 16 Feb, 5.30-8pm

**Featherston Cluster Swimming Sports:** Tues 27 Feb, 10am

**CAMHS Parent Evening:** 12 Feb 7pm  
**Swimming finishes:** Fri 15 March

**Easter Holiday Weekend:** Fri 29 Feb - Tues 2 Apr - school back Wed 3rd

**Last Day Term 1: Fri 12 April**

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### 2024 School Term Dates

**T1:** Wed 7 Feb - Fri 12 April

**T2:** Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July

**T3:** Mon 22 July - Fri 27 Sept

**T4:** Mon 14 Oct - Thurs 19 Dec

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### Arrival Time at School

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

**8.15am**

**Whānau Picnic and Meet the Newbies:** Just a final reminder about tomorrow evening's get-together here at school between **5.30pm and 8pm**. Bring your own picnic, we'll fire up the ol' school barbie if you want to cook anything - we'd love to see you here! Come and meet our new families and staff, and give them a warm South Featherston School welcome!

**Please, please, PLEASE name all your child's gear!** We already have a small pile of lost property and we've only been back at school for 7 days . . . ! This is particularly important during our swimming season with all clothes coming off all bodies and being left about instead of going straight into bags. Managing one's own gear is a learned skill, and even our bigger kidlets aren't always that great at doing it! Our staff will always do a 'sweep' of the changing rooms and bag areas at the pools, so we usually pick up anything that is left behind. It's not failsafe - we do the best we can whilst attempting to 'herd wet cats' . . . !

**After School Care at Featherston School:** Don't forget that the offer from Gina at Featherston School for after school care is available if you need to utilise that service. I'll leave the advertising poster in the newsletter for a few weeks.

**Dental Bus:** We currently have the dental bus parked here at school, and I have been SUPER proud of each and every one of our tamariki who have previously struggled to go along for a check-up! The lovely dental ladies have been powering through our school's kidlets and should be moving on from here next Tuesday. This will free up a bit more parking space for you to use when you drop off or pick up.

**Parent Information Evening:** Across last year, our staff did a number of professional learning sessions focussing on what we see coming into our classrooms more and more - childhood depression, anxiety, childhood trauma, to name a few. One of the professionals we worked with was Jenny from **CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service)**. She and I got talking about the potential for planning an information evening early this year for a small number of our school's parents who may have children who face these types of difficulties. Suffering from this type of thing as an adult can be hard; as a child it can be crippling! If you are interested in attending, please contact me. We have scheduled it for **Tuesday 12 March**, from 7pm. We will provide child care for anyone who needs it as we'd love to see both parents attend!

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: <https://www.skoolloop.com/> If you need help downloading the app, come in and see Jo or me.

# Check out our Junior Room mahi!

A sneak peek inside the creativity that happens in our Junior Room!

This amazing zoo has evolved over the week and is full of all that is fabulous about learning through play! The tamariki have collaborated together, included others, negotiated different ideas, problem-solved when things didn't work out, applied their creativity and imaginations, explored mathematics through size, shapes and measurement, used their literacy and communication skills, expanded their vocabulary, and so much more!



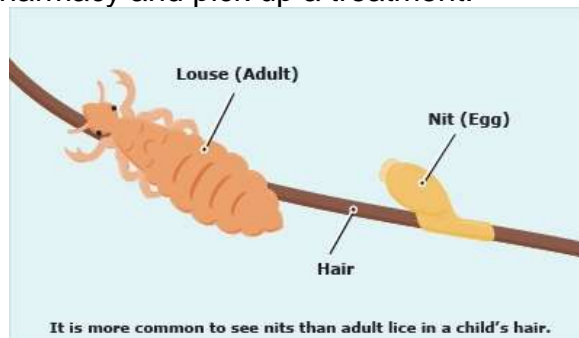
# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Watch out, NITS are about!

At this time of year, we always see an upsurge in the cases of head lice (commonly called nits). They are very catchy!!!

We know we already have some children here at school who have nits, and I really urge you to check your child's head, particularly behind the ears and at the nape of the neck.

If you find either the small eggs (nits) or the actual live 'louse' please head into the pharmacy and pick up a treatment.



## Changes to your family details:

Please let Jo know if you have moved house, changed phone numbers, or your children's caregiver details need amending, and she will update that information within our School Management system

### In-home child care

Hi, my name is Paige, and I am a trained ECE teacher. I've worked in early childhood for 10 years before having my own daughter, who will be 3 in April.

For the past four months, I've been a part-time in-home caregiver to one of South Featherston School's families, who are happy to provide a reference if needed. However, their little boy has started kindy this year and so I am looking for another position.

If you have a wee one (or two!) that you would like me to come and care for in your home, please give me a call. My preference would be during school hours at the moment as we are currently living in Carterton - anything past 3pm makes it a long day for my little girl. My family is moving to Featherston in the near future so I'm hoping to set up a child care facility at our new home.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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## PARENT INFORMATION

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to Whare Humarie After School Care which will be starting at Te Kura O Paetūmokai Featherston School from Thursday 08 February 2024. We have Ms Sue Campbell joining us as our programme supervisor from day one. It would be great for you to come in and introduce yourselves so she knows who you are as you sign your children out at the end of the day.

At present we are still waiting to be OSCAR affiliated, hopefully that process will not take too long to come through. I will check up tomorrow with how that is coming along. Until then the charges are as follows:

For the first child: \$7 per hour

For every child after that: \$3.50 per hour

Casual students: \$7 per hour (to be paid upfront online)

Parents who have children attending on a regular basis will have an invoice emailed fortnightly.

Your children will be provided with healthy snacks, fun activities and a safe environment to enjoy the time after school. If the weather is too hot we will open the hall so they have a cooler place to play in. The whole of our campus is open including our playgrounds, bike track and PE equipment.

Please ensure that you sign your children out from the programme when you pick them up as this is a Health and Safety requirement. If you are going to be late or have organised for alternative pick up arrangements please let Sue know prior to pick up. She will give you contact details as she meets you.

South Featherston Parents: we can organise for your students to be met off the bus at the Revans Street crossing once we know the timing so they are able to cross safely.

For enrolment forms please contact the Featherston School Office or look on our website. We will set up social media in the near future.

Whare Humarie is being run through the Te Kura O Paetūmokai Featherston School Board of Trustees as a service to our community. It is not being run as a profit making venture but we do need to ensure we cover our costs. We look forward to your support over the coming year as this is something that the community asked for.

Ngā mihi

Gina Smith

Tumuaki/Principal

Te Kura O Paetūmokai Featherston School