



# NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 9:14 December 2022

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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!!



**Happy last Hump Day of the school year . . .** and suddenly we're at the end of a very tough year! I know my staff are really needing a good break and we can see our children flagging fast, with many literally wilting in the heat. Thank the gods and all that's holy for whoever invented air conditioners!

## Final Assembly and Prize Giving:

Our assembly will start at 12 o'clock on Friday.  
Please be seated by **11.45am**.

**Important reminder about the bus and pick up on Friday!** If your child/ren are going home (either rural) or back into town on the bus, it will be leaving school just after **1pm** so you will need to have something organised for them from around 1.30pm when they get home. If you normally pick your child/ren up from school and you're not coming to assembly, you will need to **be here at 1pm** to pick them up, please. There may be a few minutes to wait while goodbyes are being said, but we hope to have all away no later than 1.15pm.

### Last Day Term 4 and 2022:

Fri 16 December

Final Assembly – 12 o'clock

Seated by 11.45 please

School closes for 2022 at 1pm

The bus will leave just after 1pm

### 2023 Dates to Remember

Wed 1 Feb: First Day Term 1

### Whānau Picnic & BBQ Night

Fri 10 Feb, from 5.30pm

### 2023 School Dates

T1: Wed 1 Feb - Thurs 6 April

T2: Mon 24 Apr – Fri 30 July

T3: Mon 17 Jul - Fri 22 Sept

T4: Mon 9 Oct - Fri 15 Dec



Team 'Mr Sold!'

Steve Chapman  
0276875809

### Arrival Time at School

Just a gentle reminder that children shouldn't be arriving at school before

**8.15am**

unless you have organised that with me (Tana).

While I'm usually here no later than 7.45am, anything could happen which means I haven't arrived - traffic, natural disaster, locusts . . . !

**Stationery for 2023:** Please click on the following link to our OfficeMax MySchool site <https://www.myschool.co.nz/southfeatherston> which will take you directly to our school's 'OfficeMax MySchool' page, click on the year and class that your child will be in for 2023, and take the easy route of buying next year's stationery online. You can opt for it to be sent directly to school or to your home.

**Lost Property:** At this time of the year, we ask that parents come and sift through the lost property box. There are more pairs of socks and polar fleeces in there than we have children! There are also shoes and a gumboot or two . . . A warning: after Friday, any decent unnamed fleeces will be washed and used as second hand uniforms. Now is a good time to remind you that you should be naming all your child's uniform - it's a lot easier for us to check the tag and just be able to give it straight back to whomever it belongs!

**End of Year Learning Achievement documents:** These came home to you today in a large white envelope, with extra named copies for those families that have two homes. Please take the time to read your child's document, share it with them and discuss how their year has gone. Every one of our tamariki has had a big learning year, with each making good progress! Our amazing teachers put a huge amount of thought and effort into these, and having read every one of them, I can assure you that they know your child inside and out. Just an FYI: I do the attendance data at the end of each document and some of you may be very surprised with how LITTLE time your child has actually been in school! There are two things that have a major impact on a child being successful in their learning: attendance and relationships. I know we nail the relationships one here at our kura – I'm afraid the attendance is on your shoulders . . .

**Have a wonderful break!** On behalf of our staff and board, I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas! I hope you all get some much deserved 'down time' and enjoy some fabulous family time together with your loved ones. Stay safe, eat loads, drink however you're going to, be happy, and we will see you all again on **Wednesday 1 February 2023** for the start of what I know will be another amazing year!

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



OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!

**OUT OF SCHOOL CARE**

FEATHERSTON | CARTERTON

FB: KAPAI KIDS CLUB | E: KAPAIKIDSClub@GMAIL.COM



Right click on the link for Kapai Kids Club update! [Kapai Kids Club 2022](#)

**COBBLESTONES museum** AND EARLY SETTLERS' VILLAGE

## Carols at Cobblestones

Saturday 17 December  
Gates open 4.30pm

KOHA ENTRY, CASH BAR, DELICIOUS FOOD FOR SALE.  
SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY SANTA!  
KINDLY SPONSORED BY **TREMANS**



20 & 21 DEC

## KIDS STORY-TELLING BY STRINGBEAN PUPPETS

**THE PENGUIN AND THE SNOWMAN**  
Tuesday 20th December  
Featherston Library 10.30am  
Martinborough Library 2.00pm

**THE TREE FRIENDS**  
Wednesday 21st December  
Greytown Library 10.30am  
Carterton Library 2.00pm

FOR MORE INFO: [WLS.ORG.NZ/WHATS-ON](http://WLS.ORG.NZ/WHATS-ON)