



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 3: 23rd 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!!



**Evening, all! Apologies that this is late!** It has been a very busy week, hence why I'm sitting at my desk still trying to get this newsletter out to you! To our newbies who hadn't experienced it before this week . . . how about that 'breeze', huh? We were literally catching hold of kidlets as their feet got whipped out from under them! Thankfully, last Friday evening was picture perfect South Wairarapa weather for our Whanau Picnic/Meet the Newbies night! Speaking of which . . .

**Whānau Picnic and Meet the Newbies:** What a GREAT evening we had! It was quite literally THE best one we've ever had! We had 29 of our 45 families here (which if you're a maths nerd) equates to 64.4% 'attendance'! The vibe throughout was super chilled, friendly and relaxed. Every area of the school was being used – the covered area where people were eating and chatting, the turf where kidlets used their bikes and scooters or kicked a ball around, the playground was seeing good 'patronage', and the back field saw a Frisbee being thrown about while parents and staff stood around chin-wagging happily. I'm glad I got the bbq out because that was certainly well utilised! Thanks to EVERYONE who came along to enjoy some quality 'out of school hours' time together! Makes me want to do one EVERY term!

**A reminder to PLEASE name all your child's gear!** We continue to have lost shoes, shirts and other unmentionables being left behind at school or swimming. If things are named, we can get them straight back to their owners.

**No more dental Bus:** So the lovely ladies on the dental bus have moved on to Te kura o Paetūmokai/Featherston School. Following the few weeks they'll be situated there, they will be moving onto St Teresa's School. At any time, if your child needs any dental treatment, you can go there. The number to call to make an appointment is:

**Reminder: 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! We have scheduled this parents session 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! If you are interested in attending, please contact me. We still have plenty of spaces available, and there is no cost involved for you, just a lot of validation, strategies and support!

**Featherston Cluster Swimming Sports:** This is happening next Tuesday 27th February (pp day Thursday 29th) and only involves those tamariki who have qualified. Information notices went home to their parents today, and must be back by Monday morning, please. If the organisers postpone, it will be because of the weather and temperature. I'll let the parents of those involved know if the event is postponed as soon as I know.

**No swimming days next week:** There is the potential that we may have two days next week where we don't go swimming as a whole school. With the Cluster Swimming Sports taking place on Tuesday, there will be NO SWIMMING for the rest of the school on that day. If the event is postponed to Thursday due to bad weather or low temperatures on Tuesday, we will have no swimming on Thursday either because that is the postponement day for the Swimming Sports. Obviously, if it's not good enough for the Cluster Swimming Sports to go ahead on Tuesday then we wouldn't be going swimming anyway. . .

## Term 1 Dates to Remember

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

**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**

We are gratefully supported by:



## 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**

Ma te wā!  
Tana Klaricich

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.

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind . . ."

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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## 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.

This is an initiative to help raise funds towards repairing the indoor pool at the Carterton Pools complex.

Just scan the QR code to find more out about this!



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