



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 10: 10th April 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!!



**"The only time you should look down on someone . . . is when you're helping them up."**

Good words to live by as, sadly, our collective concern for the wellbeing of others wanes.

**Kia ora whānau!** One more sleep and then your kidlets are all yours for two weeks! There are plenty of activities and events around the South Wairarapa area to fill the fortnight, and here's hoping that the gorgeous autumnal weather sticks around for a bit longer! Check out Featherston School's holiday programme poster later in this newsletter. Also, don't forget that St Teresa's have their programme happening, too.

**Did you hear the one about six dads, three teachers and the two tramp mats?** We had some fun and games on Sunday getting those two replacement tramp mats on! Our kidlets have been swamping the tramps since Monday morning so it shows me just how much they have been missed! A MASSIVE thank you to the following: Shawn Jolet, Brad Motion (and Seb!), Ben Lakomy, Neil Johansson, Nirmal Venkatesan, Dan Bailey, and our two lovely kaiako/teachers, Kerri and Ronel. At one point (when no-one could decide on just how to attach the springs to the mats!) I figured we were in for one looooooong afternoon! But thanks to the magic of Google, we were all done in two hours, including completely digging out all of the bark that had accumulated down underneath, doing some running repairs on the hard plastic surrounds (much thanks to Shawn and his saber saw), and transplanting the three baby ferns and young kowhai sapling that has somehow found their 'place in the world' down there! Pics on the following page . . . #wegotitdonewhānau

**A reminder: Term 2 'Teacher Only Day' and Kings Birthday public holiday notification:** Our kura/school will be closed on Friday 31 May for our TOD. The Kings Birthday holiday is **Monday 3 June**, so back to school on Tuesday 4 June.

**Featherston Junior Football Registration:** There is still time for you to register your mini-footballer with the Featherston Junior Football Club. They are particularly looking for a few more 9 and 10 year olds as that team is a little light in numbers. You can register via the website: [Featherston Junior Football Club](http://FeatherstonJuniorFootballClub) There is a boot swap happening this coming Sunday 14 April from 10am -12pm.

**Toddler Kicks** Volunteer sign-up will take place from **11am-12pm** (if you have a pre-schooler PLEASE think about signing up to help – if there are enough people that do, then a roster can be drawn up and it won't come down to only a few needing to set up each week. **An actual Toddler Kicks 'game'** will also happen at the same time.

**Featherston Junior Hockey:** Please see the poster and registration form which are on the last two page of this newsletter regarding registering for Junior Hockey this season. You'll find more information via their Facebook page link below: <https://www.facebook.com/FeatherstonHockeyClub>

**Cross Country season:** Term 2 sees the start of our interschool and inter-regional cross country events. The first big event is at **Kahutara School on Friday 7 June**. At this stage, the organisers haven't given us a postponement date. We've suggested to our tamariki that they should start a training schedule during the holidays. Also, they won't be able to run in bare feet, crocs or gumboots. They'll need a pair of sports shoes, or they can also run in their football or hockey boots if necessary especially if it's really wet and muddy.

**Please stay safe over the holidays, everyone! Enjoy your very precious time with your very precious kidlets – they'll be grown up before you know it! We'll see you all back here, safe and sound, on Monday 29 April!**

## Term 1 Dates to Remember

Last Day Term 1: Fri 12 April

First day Term 2: Mon 29 April

Term 2 TEACHER ONLY DAY:

Friday 31 May

King's Birthday: Mon 3 June

Back to school on Tues 4 June

Featherston Cluster Cross

Country: at Kahutara School

Friday 7 June

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

We are gratefully supported by:



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

In the recent past, we have observed that incidences of awful-ness, from one child to another, or by a group of children towards one child, is on the rise at our school. We are not immune here, in our little corner of the world, to the world-wide epidemic of bullying, racism, put downs, and aggression that our children see and hear around them, or what they are subjected to on social media, or when they might have largely unsupervised access to some pretty inappropriate stuff on the internet via TikTok, Instagram, Google or any number of other access points . . .

**“In a world where you can be anything, be kind . . . “**

This is the mantra we try to live by here at South Featherston School. You’ll see we have signs up around our kura to remind us all how we should be. We give out rewards to tamariki that we see doing unsolicited, random acts of kindness for others, or who exhibit help or concern for others. At each of our fortnightly assemblies, we give out Kindness certificates to those who have been ‘caught’ being kind, and have had their name put into our “Tūpore (Kindness) Box”. Two of those names are then pulled from the Tūpore Box, and those wonderful ākonga are able to choose a treat from my special reward box. We want to celebrate this more, so I’ll start to include their names here in my newsletters. I always try to encourage more kindness by saying we need to double the number of Kindness certificates at the next assembly.

This week’s 18 recipients of Kindness Certificates are:

Jack, Holly, Prayalini, Luca, Frances, Felix, Monty, Izzy, Senna, Braxton, Kayal, Keara, Payton, Rylan and Lilly. Jazzelle and Jack had their names drawn out of the Reward Box so they will get their special treat tomorrow.

**Replacing the trampoline mats!**

Again our thanks to Dan, Nirmal, Ben, Brad, Neil and Shawn, and of course Ronel and Kerri . . . and Seb!





Featherston School

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAMME



## Week One

Mon 15th April Arts & Craft day (School)

Tue 16th April - Sports Day - Bring a Ball (School)

Wed 17th April - Games Day - Board Games, Lego (School)

Thur 18th April - Carterton Park and Fish n Chips

Please bring \$3 for the bus

Fri 19th April - Talent Show - Sing, dance & have fun (School)

## Week Two

Mon 22nd - Wheels Day - Bring Bikes & Scooters (School)

Tue 23rd April - Baking Day (AOG for the Day)

Wed 24th April - Crazy Hair Day - Spot Prizes (School)

Thur 25th April - ANZAC DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Fri 26th April - Movie Day - Come in PJs (School)

Full Day \$60.00

8.00AM to 4.00PM

Please bring Lunch & Snacks  
& Water Bottle





# COMICFEST 2024

4 May 2024, 9am-4:30pm

National Library of New Zealand, Wellington

Free event!

Wellington  
City Libraries

Absolutely Positively  
Wellington City Council  
the people of Wellington

Te Puna Māhira o Aotearoa  
NATIONAL LIBRARY  
OF NEW ZEALAND

TURNBULL  
Supermarket Trust



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# FEATHERSTON JUNIOR HOCKEY

The Hockey Season is upon us! If you're looking for a great community sport for your kids 7 - 12 (Yr3 - Yr8) please get in touch with us. Games are played at Clareville Stadium and we often have amazing parent volunteers who can help with carpooling, orange slices and coaching.

<b>GAME LOCATION</b>	Clareville Stadium, 25 mins from Feathy *time and day dependent on draw
<b>PRACTICE LOCATION</b>	Featherston Turf on Tuesday for Feathy Black. Thursday arvos for Feathy Green & Blue (tbc)
<b>TERM FEE</b>	\$60 for the season 7 May to 16 August, payment plan and sponsorships available. Discount for 2+ children
<b>NEW TO HOCKEY?</b>	Join us on the Featherston turf for preseason training with current members and a hockey taster with our coaches. Saturday 6 April!



*Register today!*

Fill out our player registration form.

Message us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/FeatherstonHockeyClub>

or visit us on the Turf Saturday 6 April





## JUNIOR PLAYER REGISTRATION

### Player/s First and Last Name

Birthday :       School Yr :  Gender :  M /  F

### Contact details

Parent/Guardian	Email	Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Address :

City :

Postal Code :  School :

Emergency Contact	Relationship to child	Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### Medical Information

Does your child have any, medical conditions we should be aware of?  Yes  No

### Subs

- 1 x Junior Player \$60
- 2 x Junior Player \$110

**Uniform:** Club shirts are covered by your subs. Your player will need a mouth guard, black knee high socks, shin pads and a hockey stick (we have some club sticks available). If you need support with subs and kit please reach out to us.

Your privacy is important to us all information is kept in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020.