



SOUTH FEATHERSTON
Town and Country School
"We're a SMALL school doing BIG things!"

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 8: 23 March 2022

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Please remember to notify the school office of any absences before 9am each

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!!



Term 1 Dates to Remember

Y7/8 Tech dates: Wed 23 & 30 March

Wed 17 March: Y7 immunisation

Mon 28 March: Vision & Hearing Screening

Last Day T1: Thursday 14 April

Mon 25 April: ANZAC Day

First Day Term 2: Mon 2 May

Thurs 12 May: Board meeting 6pm staff room

2022 School Term Dates

T1: Wed 2 Feb - Thurs 14 April

T2: Mon 2 May - Fri 8 July

T3: Mon 25 July - Fri 30 Sept

T4: Mon 10 Oct - Fri 16 Dec



RayWhite

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 . . . !

Classes start at 9am!

Thank you to all our families for being so patient as we have worked our way through the last 4 messy, Covid-minefield weeks! As Chris said in his board communiqué last week, just when I think I have understood the latest information from the Ministries of Education and Health, and we have any new conditions sorted out and in place . . . it changes again! There is to be another announcement from the Government this afternoon, but until then, any current requirements to do with isolation, house-hold contact criteria, keeping children away from school if they are exhibiting symptoms until after those symptoms have gone, remains firmly in place. So far, we have had very few positive cases within our students, and none within our staff, so our protocols are definitely working!

Update: Following the PMs Press conference a few minutes ago, we are still at Covid Red. We will continue to have you drop off and pick up your child at the gate, and if you need to come onsite, go directly to the office and not to the classrooms. Children in the Middle and Senior Rooms (and our staff) will still need to wear masks. We will still be washing and sanitising hands as we have been doing.

Second seed collection morning with Pae Tū Mōkai o Taurira:

This morning we had 12 tamariki heading out with Ronel and Gina for a second morning of gathering seeds from native trees on Anne and Derek Hynds' beautiful Underhill Road property. After a morning tea of freshly picked, home-grown apples, some biscuits and juice, the important mahi began! You will see from these photos just how engaged our kidlets are in what they are doing!



They have all really embraced this learning, and all are gaining a real sense and understanding of what Kaitiakitanga/guardianship means for us here at our little kura. Each time we have another 'field trip' planned, we are just inundated with requests to go, and I think, eventually, we might end up having the WHOLE school going along! The next step will be to learn about how to clean the seeds, then plant them into pots for germination. It feels good to be working with the passionate Pae Tū Mōkai team, to be doing something 'real', and what we are learning will help us when we move onto the development of our own native plant nursery in the old school pool area.



Easter Raffle: The basket of goodies is growing wonderfully! We still need a LOAD more though, please, people! Hopefully you are all madly selling tickets. Thanks to those that have already done so, and have gotten their money and tickets back to the office. If you need more, let Jo know (via email or cell phone) and she will send some more home with your child.

Fire Wood Raffles: We will also be organising a couple of firewood raffles over the next couple of months, just in time for stocking up for winter!

Lamb & Calf Day/Ag Fair: We are looking forward to being able to have this day this year after two years of no go! Please make contact if you are keen to help organise this event. Although we're super heroes, our staff can't do it on our own . . .

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



KaPai Kids Club
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 FEATHERSTON | CARTERTON
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Right click on the link for Kapai Kids Club update! [Kapai Kids Club](#)

South Featherston Lunch Order

ITEMS AVAILABLE	PRICE
Ham & Pineapple Pizza	\$ 3.00
Mince & Cheese Pie	\$ 3.00
Sausage Roll	\$ 2.00
Small Mince Pie	\$ 2.00
Butter Chicken Wrap	\$3.50
Butter Chicken Pie	\$3.00
Bacon and Egg Pie	\$3.00
Vegan Kumara and Cashew Pie	\$3.00
Blueberry Muffin	\$ 1.50
Chocolate Muffin	\$ 1.50


Lunch orders are available every day. Please write name and order, with money inside and leave at the school office before 9am.
 Children are to line up outside the staffroom at lunchtime to collect their order.

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It's Who Awareness Month!

- March 2022
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- Where: Francis Free Flight Aviary



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