



SOUTH FEATHERSTON
Town and Country School
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NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 2: 18th October 2023

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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!!



Term 4 Dates to Remember

Senior Room Camp at Makahika:

Wed 18 - Fri 20 October

Working Bee: Mon 23 Oct, 11am

Featherston Community Patrol

Garden Ramble: Sunday 29 Oct,
9.30-4pm

Thurs 9 Nov: Middle/Senior Athletics

Teacher Only Day:

Monday 20 November

Wed 29 Nov: Junior Athletics Day

Fri 24 Nov: Wings Over Wairarapa

We are gratefully supported by:



Team
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Steve Chapman
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2023 School Term1 Dates

T1: Wed 1 Feb - Thurs 6 April

T2: Wed 26 April - Fri 30 June

T3: Mon 17 July - Fri 22 Sept

T4: Mon 9 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

We are gratefully supported by:



Jen Bhati - Property Brokers
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022 516 9053

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Arrival Time at School

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

8.15am

Well, that week went flashing past! I think that is how it's going to be this term . . .

Nau mai haere mai ki to tātou kura: Yesterday, we welcomed another new learner (and her dad!) to our school. Willow (Y8) joins Julie and her class in the Senior Room.

Y5-8 Padder Tennis: Unfortunately, these lessons couldn't start yesterday. The weather would probably have seen balls (and our lighter kidlets!) ending up in Martinborough! Mark (the tutor) will come back on Friday (weather-willing!) and, with the Senior Room away at camp, he will work with the whole of the Middle Room as a bit of a treat. From next Tuesday, it will resort back to being the Y5-8 group.

Senior Room camp: Today is the day! Everyone was here, bright and early, packed and as ready as they'll ever be! I know they'll have a super time, and will come back buzzing from all the exciting activities Julie has planned for them! Mrs Bailey, Kara Wihone and Chris Miller have gone along as 'Camp Mum' and 'Camp Dad'! Pete (Mr Hull) wasn't able to go in the end, so Kerri kindly stepped up!

On that note - new teaching position appointments: As has been mentioned, Julie is retiring from full-time teaching at the end of this year. We are very sad to lose a teacher of her calibre, and I knew that to replace her, and her amazing curriculum knowledge, would be a VERY big ask. Thankfully, Julie is still going to be doing some relieving at times, and we will DEFINITELY keep her on our relieving list! So, I have just completed the process of nationally advertising and appointing the new teacher into the Senior Room from the beginning of 2024, and I'm very pleased to announce that Kerri Bailey has accepted the position. I have also been able to go through the same process to permanently appoint a teacher into the .8 position in the Junior Room, thankfully Anna applied for the job, and so I have also been able to permanently appoint her into that classroom. We are now looking to see what wonderful person we can employ to fill the Little Junior Room teaching role because, with the numbers we'll have starting in the Junior area in 2024, we will need to have our older ones off in their own little room again for the four mornings per week, just as Kerri is doing for these last two terms of this year. I could not be happier with the amazing staff we are heading into the new year with!

Working Bee on Monday 23 October: Please remember we are going to have one more big tidy up and planting-out time so that our garden can look as good as possible for the **Featherston Community Patrol 'Garden Ramble'** which takes place on Sunday 29 October, 9-4pm. If you're around this **Labour Weekend Monday**, please come into school to give us a couple of hours to help out - **11am till around 1pm**.

Featherston Community Patrol 'Garden Ramble': On the day of the Ramble, we will have a stall selling the plants grown from seeds harvested by our own kidlets and lovingly nurtured for the past 18 months. We will also have a 'café' in our staff room, where we will be selling home baking and tea/coffee to the 'ramblers' who come through to look at the garden. We'll be asking for any donations of baking to be dropped in after school on the Friday, or by arrangement with me at another time. If you can help out in the café for an hour or two on the day of the Ramble, please let me know when you see me, or flick me an email to (principal@sfs.school.nz).

Featherston Cluster Athletics Day: A reminder about this event coming up in **Week 5, Thursday 9 November** (pp day Friday 10th). This first athletics day is for our **Y3-8 children only**. The Junior athletics day is later in November. More information for both these events will come home to you closer to the dates.

Teacher Only Day: A reminder that this is on **Monday 20 November**.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



The 2023 Featherston Garden Ramble

proudly presented by the

Featherston Community Patrol unit

will be held on

Sunday 29 October 2023

9:30am - 4pm

NINE fabulous private gardens to tour, many not previously open to the public. These gardens range from compact to expansive, some established and some a work in progress. For those who are new to Featherston, this is a chance to see first-hand what plants and landscapes can be successfully grown in the region.

This Garden Ramble is an important fundraiser to upgrade the patrol car for the Featherston Community Patrol, and will go ahead regardless of weather. It is a great way to support your community as well as a wonderful way to explore Featherston.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available here

NO DOGS. Children under 14 free entry but must be accompanied by a ticketed adult and supervised. Parking on roadsides unless otherwise indicated.

Wheelchair friendly gardens are noted on programmes
Any queries? call 027 656 7736



Kahutara School **125th** Celebration 20th-21st October 2023

For Tickets and More Information

 Kahutara's 125th
Celebration
E : celebration@
kahutara.school.nz
P : School Office
9am - 3pm
(06) 308 8427



Schedule

Friday 20th October

Pet Day - Free
10:30am - 2pm

Kahutara Celebration - \$65
6pm - 11pm
Dinner & Dance



Kahutara School
125th
Celebration

Saturday 21st October

Gala
Kahutara School



Quiz Night
Kahutara School

Kahutara Gala - Free
10am - 2pm
Market Stalls, Official Ceremonies,
School and Wetland Tours

High Tea - From \$30
10:30am - 11:45am
12:15pm - 2pm

Quiz Night - \$15pp
Doors Open at 6pm
Teams of 4-6