



**SOUTH FEATHERSTON**  
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# NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 3: 9th August 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!!



**Kia ora whānau!** It's been an interesting week . . . many of our tamariki are looking very tired, and to be honest our staff are feeling pretty wiped too! I can only assume it's the end result of a pretty tough winter, a lack of sunlight (yes that's really 'a thing'!) and we've had loads of sickness doing the rounds, in particular a really debilitating, ongoing cough. If your wee one wakes up feeling less than great, with a snotty nose, sore throat, or any of the usual list of symptoms, keep them home if you can, please. Things spread way too easily in this petri dish that we call school! If they start to go downhill during the day, we will always err on the side of caution, and give you a call.

**Nau mai haere mai ki to tātou kura/Welcome:** We have a new learner who has started with us this week. Chloe joins Alison (and Pete) and their lovely learners in LJR. Chloe and her mum and dad (and brand new baby brother) have recently made the move to Featherston. Please, as always, welcome them when you see them! I have to say, it's very nice to have another girl in that room which is chock-a-block with boys. Madison now has Alex with her, as of this term, and now Chloe too! #happydays

**South Featherston School Fundraising Group:** Our meeting is now on **Monday 12 August** at 3.15pm, and it will be in our library.

## Term 3 Dates to Remember

**Y4-6 String Quartet concert:**

Thurs 8 Aug, 11am

**Fundraising Group meeting:** Mon 12

Aug, 3.15pm, library

**Year 6 Tech Taster Day:** Tues 20 Aug

**Y7 vaccinations:** Thurs 5 Sept

**Board mtg:** Tues 10 Sept, 6.15pm

**Life Ed:** Tues 24 - Thurs 26 Sept

**Last Day Term 3: Fri 27 September**

**Replacement Y5-8 Football Tournament:** Some happy news for our 22 disappointed footballers! Featherston School, St Teresa's and our school are having a mini-tournament in Week 5. More information will come home to the parents of our footballers who are still dead keen for this to happen. It will be an afternoon only event, probably at one of the town schools, but we'll give you more details next week

**Year 6 Technology Taster Day:** Just a reminder to parents of our Year 6s about the upcoming Technology Taster Day on **Tuesday 20 August**.

**Year 7 vaccinations:** These will take place here at school on **Thursday 5 September**. More information will come directly to the parents of our Year 7 students soon.

**Chocolate Slabs Fundraiser:** The first shipment of chocolates has arrived! Your family's box of 36 slabs for you to sell will come home to you tomorrow. All the information you'll need will be supplied. We will only be sending home **one per family** initially, but there are a few extra boxes if you'd like another (or even a third!) Please be aware that before another is given out, the full payment for the original box will need to come back to Jo in the office. Please note: if your family decides to EAT the whole box, then that will need to be paid in full by you!



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## 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**

**Board Matters:** On Tuesday night, we had the first of our two board meetings for this term. Chris Miller (our Presiding Member; aka board chair) will be putting out his termly communiqué soon, and in that (as we are required to) there will be a brief analysis of our mid-year learning progress data which I presented to our board at the meeting. No child is identifiable in any way in our data, even when I am presenting it to the board. As always, a reminder that this is purely information about where our school's ākonga are currently sitting at this mid-year point, with another two terms of learning to be undertaken. There is a lot of misinformation floating around in the ether at the moment (as it always does!) and this has been added to by our current government putting out details of 'mathematics achievement data', which was actually gathered from only 42 primary schools (we have around 2550 primary schools across our country). At the end of the day, you must look at how YOUR child is progressing. If after reading their Mid-Year Learning Progress document, and following your parent conference in the last week of Term 2, you have any concerns at all about their progress, please contact your child's teacher.

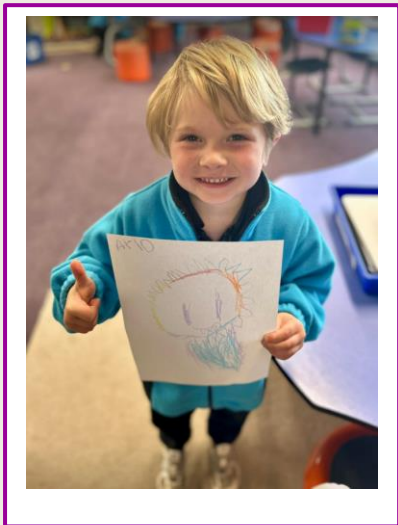
Ma te wā!  
Tana Klaricich

"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.

# School 'Happenings' . . .

. . . in week 3! Check out the pics below!



100 Days at School shenanigans!



Our Junior Room made the Olympic rings with their classroom equipment!

