



SOUTH FEATHERSTON
Town and Country School
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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 3: 16 February 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

Thurs 10 Feb: Swimming ends
Fri 11 Mar: Teacher Only Day – no children at school, please
Tues 15 Mar: Board meeting 6pm, Staff Room
Tues 12 April: Board meeting 6pm, Staff Room

Last Day T1: Thursday 14 April

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 . . . !

Hump Day, Week 3 already! Seems like another year is going to race by on us!

Covid-19 organisation at our school: Please keep reading all emails and newsletters that come to you. I'll be sending out a lot of very important information to you over the next few days about the protocols in place for our kura - how we will manage things if there are children and/or staff with confirmed cases of Covid-19, or when we have close contacts within our school community. I will also clarify what will happen in terms of our school remaining open, implementing a combination of school-based and home-based learning (*Hybrid Learning*) or if we need to move completely to a Lockdown-like working from home scenario (*Home-based Learning*) It will be your responsibility to read and understand the information, but if you need clarification at all, or if you have any questions that I can answer, please ring me at school.

Because these are all symptoms of Covid, please do not send your child to school. While these may be the normal bugs/sniffles that occur, we encourage you to get your child tested.

POTENTIAL SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



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First and foremost, however, **if your child has any of these symptoms, please keep them home from school.** Text, email, ring or use SkoolLoop app to let us know, then consider taking them to the medical centre to be tested. It would be hugely appreciated if you could keep them home for **72 hours** (3 days) post symptoms, but certainly the medical centre staff will be able to tell you definitively. **If your child tests positive for Covid, please let me know so I can activate close contact protocols.**

SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9am: Far too many children are being dropped off after 9am. **Please help your child by getting them to school BEFORE 9am.** Even arriving 10-15 minutes past when the bell has gone causes not only your child to be behind the 8 ball going into the day, but it also disrupts their class who have already been through the welcoming and settling in part of their morning. The stats are this: If your child arrives to school **15 minutes late every day**, that will be an **1 hour 15 minutes of learning time they lose across a week.** If that happens every day for a month, they are **losing 5 hours** of learning time, which equates to a whole day. Across a term, 15 minutes late each day means they will **lose 13 hours of learning time** which equals to almost 3 whole days away. If they come to school consistently late across a whole school year, they could potentially lose up to 12 days of learning, just by being late.

Featherston Cluster, South Wairarapa and Regional Swimming Events: The School Sports group have made the decision that these swimming events will not go ahead.

Seed collection opportunity with Pae tū Mokai O Taurira: We have been given an amazing opportunity to be the first local school to take part in this project! It sits wonderfully alongside our school philosophy of sustainability and environmentally focussed learning, building on our burgeoning student-led gardening initiatives that Ronel will be leading this year. Next Monday, a group of 8 very interested tamariki will be going out to a local farm with Ronel and members of the Pae tū Mokai O Taurira for a bit of a field trip to learn how to correctly gather the seeds of our native trees. The next steps will be learning how to propagate then grow those into seedlings which, in turn, will be distributed and planted out. Thanks for choosing us, Riki!

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

Message from Nifo:

Kia ora Team,

It is that time of year again, we have the Featherston Sports Hub Open Day this Saturday, 19th February 2022 from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon at Card Reserve, Johnston Street, Featherston. All our sports hub partners are holding their expression of interest day and registrations. Please find attached is the registration forms for Featherston Netball Club and Featherston Rugby JAB Junior Rugby Club. We are looking for coaches, managers and any support from our community, if you could please add this to your next newsletter and notices to our community.

If the registration forms can be completed, signed and returned to the school and I will come and collect these from you.

Thank you so much for your support. Look forward to hearing from you



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.