



NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 1: 1st May 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 ki te whānau o Te Kura o South Featherston! Welcome back to another exciting term! There is LOADS going to be happening this term so buckle, sit back and get set for the ride!

Nau mai haere mai ki to tātou kura/Welcome: We have had four new learners and their families who have joined us this term. George, Archie, and Arlo (all new entrants) have started their learning journeys in the Junior Room with Anna. We also have Jaxson (Y5) who has joined Ronel and her class in the Middle Room.

Contacting staff outside of school hours: Just a reminder that I have an expectation that staff won't answer emails or phone calls after 6pm on weekdays, or on their much needed weekends. I ask that you please respect this and, unless it's an emergency, understand our staff will reply the next morning, or on the following Monday. If you (or your child's teacher) feel that the conversation or request needs more dedicated time and discussion, they will organise a time to meet you after school. While all of us here at South Featherston School are 100% dedicated to supporting our learners (and their families!) it's equally important for us to try and maintain a healthy work-life balance. Mutual respect and clear communication ensure that our staff can be fully present when they engage with our learners and their families/whānau. Thanks so much for your understanding with this. It is greatly appreciated by us all.

Cross Country: This term is our cross country training and competition term. Our first interschool competition is our Featherston Cluster day out at Kahutara School on **Friday 7 June**. Please note: **no child is allowed to run in bare feet, crocs or gumboots**. They will 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. We always bus to and from Kahutara School for the day, and more organisational information will come out to families closer to the event. Parents are ALWAYS welcome to come out and support.

Name your child's gear please: We are accumulating a lot of lost uniforms bits 'n pieces, and requests from parents to help their children find their gear. If clothing is named, it's an easy job to give found uniform items back to the rightful owner. If clothing is un-named, it's time-consuming and pretty much impossible to reunite kids and clothing. PLEASE check EVERY piece of your child's uniform is clearly named.

Year 7/8s Technology Days: Unfortunately, Featherston School/Te Kura o Paetūmōkai is struggling to fill their vacant Technology teacher position. At this stage, our Year 7 and 8s won't be going into town for their Technology days. Gina (the principal of Featherston School) is doing her absolute best to employ the right person for the role, but at this stage it's a matter of "watch this space"!

Don't forget that there is After School Care at Featherston School if you need it: If you have a need for after school care for your child/ren, whether on a regular or on a casual basis. Please see the notice on the last page of this newsletter.

Booktown Opening Night: As usual, our tamariki will be taking part in the Combined Schools kapahaka performance for the Fish 'n Chip event which kicks off Booktown on **Friday 10 May**. A separate notice will be coming home tomorrow about that.

Term 2 Dates to Remember

Booktown Opening Event: Friday 10 May from 5pm – 7pm (latest)

Pink Shirt Day: Fri 17 May, more information to follow

Teacher Only Day: Fri 31 May

King's Birthday: Mon 3 June

Back to school on **Tues 4 June**

Featherston Cluster Cross Country:

Fri 7 June, at Kahutara School

Last Day Term 2: Fri 12 April

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

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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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Speak UP
**STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING**
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

EVENT DETAILS:
Friday 17th May
Wear 'Pink' Day, and
\$2 Sausage Sizzle lunch

 Mental Health Foundation
of NEW ZEALAND
mauri tū, mauri ora

 PINK
SHIRT
DAY^{ED}

“Shave for a Cure”

One of our amazing mums, Sadie Prestidge, is doing this years “Shave for a Cure”, which raises money for leukaemia treatment and research. She will be shaving her head for the cause!

Sadie would love to have as many people as possible donate to this, and would be keen to try and raise about \$800. She will be shaving her head on 25th May.

Here is the link to Sadie’s donation page:
<https://www.shaveforcure.co.nz/sadie-prestidge>

Thanks from **Sadie!**



LICE are not NICE



YUCK. HOW DID MY CHILD GET LICE/NITS?

Head lice cannot hop, jump, swim, or fly – they spread strictly through direct contact.

Basically, schoolkids spend a lot of time in close contact with each other, and lice take the opportunity to move from one head to the next. They can also temporarily live on combs, hairbrushes, hats, hair ties, and even cushions or soft furniture. **Getting lice has nothing to do with hygiene** – you could be washing your child's hair every night, and they can still get lice.

Head lice are happy on any head, whether the hair is long, short, young, old, clean, or dirty.

WHAT ARE LICE?

Head lice are small insects that live on humans' heads and feed on small amounts of blood. Adult head lice lay eggs (often called nits) on the hair, usually within 5 mm of the scalp.

Lice are specialised to live on human heads and can only live for a short time away from one. They don't live anywhere else on the body, or on any other animals.

Head lice are hard to see because they are small, can hide in the hair, and come in various shades of brown and grey. Adult head lice are 1-3 mm long, and the eggs/nits are usually pale in colour and about a millimetre in size.

TREATMENT

Does your child or someone in your family have lice? Never fear!

The best method for getting rid of lice is **combing**. You must be sure to have a proper comb: fine-toothed metal, with long teeth is best. **The COMB is KEY!**

FOLLOW THESE STEPS

- 1 Comb through hair with a regular comb or brush, to remove any tangles.
- 2 Cover the dry hair with conditioner from roots to tips.
- 3 Separate hair into small sections, then comb from root to tip with the metal, fine-toothed lice comb. Deposit any lice or eggs that are dislodged into a bowl of hot, soapy water.
- 4 Comb each section of hair twice.
- 5 Repeat these steps every 2-3 days, until you haven't found any lice or eggs for 10 days.

TIPS

- Comb under a bright light if you can – it's easier to spot the little creatures!
- Head lice shampoo and lotions are available from your chemist, but you must follow the instructions carefully. Some lice have become resistant to these chemicals due to overuse.
- NEVER use harsh chemicals, such as fly spray, flea spray, or kerosene, on your child's head. It's unnecessary and can cause serious harm!



PREVENTION

- Don't share hats, brushes/combs, or other personal items.
- Brush hair regularly. Brushing or combing can remove head lice before they have a chance to lay eggs and settle in.
- Tie up long hair to help prevent lice from spreading.
- Don't hang hats, coats, and scarves too close together at school.
- Check your child's hair at least once a week, especially if you know lice have been detected on others in the classroom.
- Put pillows, bed linens, and stuffed animals in the dryer on high heat for 30 minutes to kill lice and eggs.

PARENT INFORMATION

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to Whare Humarie After School Care. We have Ms Sue Campbell joining us as our programme supervisor from day one. It would be great for you to come in and introduce yourselves so she knows who you are as you sign your children out at the end of the day.

Charges are as follows:

For the first child: \$7 per hour

For every child after that: \$3.50 per hour

Casual students: \$7 per hour (to be paid upfront online)

Parents who have children attending on a regular basis will have an invoice emailed fortnightly.

Your children will be provided with healthy snacks, fun activities and a safe environment to enjoy the time after school. If the weather is too hot we will open the hall so they have a cooler place to play in. The whole of our campus is open including our playgrounds, bike track and PE equipment.

Please ensure that you sign your children out from the programme when you pick them up as this is a Health and Safety requirement. If you are going to be late or have organised for alternative pick up arrangements please let Sue know prior to pick up. She will give you contact details as she meets you.

South Featherston Parents: we can organise for your students to be met off the bus at the Revans Street crossing once we know the timing so they are able to cross safely.

For enrolment forms please contact the Featherston School Office or look on our website. We will set up social media in the near future.

Whare Humarie is being run through the Te Kura O Paetūmokai Featherston School Board of Trustees as a service to our community. It is not being run as a profit making venture but we do need to ensure we cover our costs. We look forward to your support over the coming year as this is something that the community asked for.

Ngā mihi

Gina Smith

Tumuaki/Principal

Te Kura O Paetūmokai Featherston School

