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NEWSLETTER

Term 3 - Week 4

Kia ora,

It's been a busy couple of weeks at school and we are nearly at the end of the winter sports season. Lunchtimes have been full of energy with students involved in sports training and Kapa Haka practices, showing great commitment and teamwork. In the classroom, there's been a strong focus on reading, writing and maths, with students making excellent progress, particularly in spelling. A big thank you to our dedicated teacher aides who have been running a fantastic gardening programme with students in their classrooms, once each week in the afternoon – it's been wonderful to see students getting their hands dirty and learning about sustainability and nature.

Technology Lessons at Featherston School

On Tuesday 19th August (Week 6) our Year 6 students get to go to Technology at Featherston School so they get an idea of what next year will be like. Technology for Hub 1 will resume on Tuesday of Week 7.

Note: The Hub 1 students in Kapa Haka who are sleeping over at Kohunui Marae will be picked up by staff on the morning of Tuesday 26th August and taken to school so they can catch the bus as usual to Technology. We will provide lunch for them that day.

Battle of the Books

In Week 2 we hosted 'Battle of the Books' a reading challenge for students in Years 7 - 8 in our Featherston Cluster. This is a new challenge that we initiated, and we invited each school in our cluster to enter a team of four students into the competition. Four novels were selected, and students from all schools had 12 weeks to read the four books. We came together in Week 2 and hosted the battle, where we quizzed the students about the four books. Our team consisted of Paige, Eve, Bailey and we are grateful to Flynn, who is Year 5, for stepping up and helping fill our team! Congratulations to St Teresa's for coming in first place, and South Featherston School who came in second place.



Girls Rippa Rugby Tournament

We had two teams represent our school at this event in Carterton yesterday and they had a fantastic day. A huge thank you to Stella Khoo and William Delaney for helping transport students as we had a large group of students to take, and to William Delaney, Elizabeth Eneliko, Becky McGuinness and Sandie Fletcher for managing the teams on the day. Both teams had great results and the girls had an awesome day.



This photo was taken when we visited Pirinoa School and Jane was in her element back at her old stomping ground :)



Thank you Mrs B!

Jane Borjesson has been teaching our Year 0 - 2 students since the start of Term 2 and tomorrow is her last day before she heads off for a well-deserved holiday to Rarotonga. I am incredibly grateful to Jane for the way that she quickly stepped in to help in Room 4 when Kimmy Rowland was unable to work, and for all of the extra work that was required during a difficult time. *Thank you Jane for the dedication and care that you always give to our students and our school. Have a fantastic break and we will see you back at school soon I'm sure...as a reliever!*

Welcome to Kim Macdonald

We are looking forward to welcoming Kim Macdonald to our teaching team; Kim will be the new teacher for Room 5 and will start with us on Monday of Week 7. She is currently working at Kuranui College as a Learning Support teacher, and prior to this she taught at Redwood Primary School for 17 years.

Relief Teachers

Some good news to share, Shannon Daken now has a LAT (Limited Authority to Teach) through the Teaching Council which means she is allowed to be a relief teacher if/when needed. Susana Scott Te-Tau also has a LAT which is also very helpful as our students know them both well, and they know the routines at our school. When teachers are sick we will always try to find a reliever, but as you will all know, there is a huge shortage of relief teachers so it is often a challenge.



South Wairarapa Kapa Haka Event

We have 41 students who will represent the school at the Kapa Haka event in Carterton on Thursday 4th September. Whaea Kuini has helped us to prepare a great performance bracket for the event, and she is also being supported by Matua Chris lately, who has come with her to help on the guitar. We have planned a Noho Marae for the students in Kapa Haka which will be at Kohunui Marae from Monday 25 August to Tuesday 26 August. We will use this time at the marae to continue working as a roopu (group) on our items and prepare for the event. Te Uru Manihera has been an important support for our roopu, helping with practices and also helping whānau of our students weave a pake for our boys and girls. Room 4 has become a busy hive of activity, with mums and dads coming in to learn how to make a pake, as well as helping to weave extras.



Ngā manaakitanga,

Ariana Te Whetu

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Board of Trustees' Election 2025 Declaration of Parent Election Results (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Marson, Dion Handyside, Hugo Khoo, Stella Jaquiere, Amy Sparks, Bridget

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Board of Trustees' Election 2025 Declaration of Staff Election Results (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as there was one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Munro, Inga

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TERM 3 POLICY REVIEW - SCHOOL DOCS

Our school policies are provided by SchoolDocs. SchoolDocs is an independent service that provides core policies that meet legislative and regulatory requirements and good practice, incorporating relevant school-specific information. Each term, there are specific policies that are to be reviewed by the Board, and feedback is also open to parents, whānau and staff. The policies under review this term are:

- Child Protection
- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Food and Nutrition
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Missing Student Procedure

Login details for our school are:

<https://kahutara.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

Username: kahutara

Password: community

UPCOMING DATES

- 11 August - Dental Bus arriving (staying approx 4 weeks)
- 14 August - Mathrapa Competition
- 19 August - Year 6's at Technology
- 20 August - Sth Wairarapa Mixed Ripa Tournament
- 25 - 26th August - Noho Marae (Kapa Haka students)
- 26 August & 2, 9, 16 September - Hub 1 Technology
- 1 September - Board Meeting 5pm
- 3 September - Year 7 Immunisations (2nd dose)
- 4 September - Kapa Haka Festival
- 9 September - Sth Wairarapa Hockey Tournament
- 17th September - New Board of Trustees takes office
- 19th September - Last day of Term 3
- 6th October - First day of Term 4
- 20th October (Term 4) - First meeting for new Board 5pm

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