# Kura Pānui – Week 2, Term 4

*Featherston School Te Kura o Paetūmokai*

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a lovely start to Term 4! It has been wonderful seeing our tamariki back at school, enjoying their learning and making the most of the warmer weather. Here are a few updates and reminders for our school community.

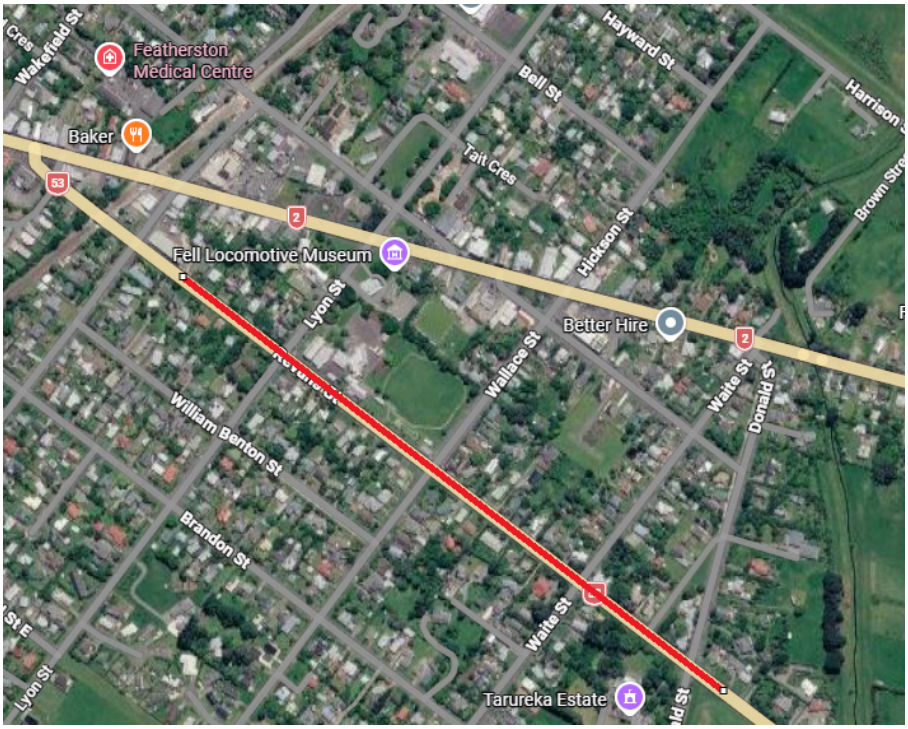
## Staff Only Day – Tuesday 27 October

School will be closed to tamariki on Tuesday 27 October 2026 for our Staff Only Day. Our kaimahi will be undertaking professional learning focused on strengthening assessment and teaching practices across our kura. With Labour Day on Monday 26 October, tamariki will enjoy a four-day weekend. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 28 October.

## Roadworks – Revans Street / SH53

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi has advised that chipsealing work will take place along a section of Revans Street (SH53) on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 October, from 8:00am to 4:30pm, weather permitting. Stop/go traffic management will be in place, with possible delays. Access to Lyon, Wallace and Donald Streets from the affected section will be closed temporarily during the work. On-street parking will be restricted and a temporary 30km/h speed limit will apply. Please allow extra travel time on Wednesday morning.

Roadworks location map – the red line shows the affected section of SH53:




Dates may change due to weather. Source: Wellington Transport Alliance / NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.

## Staffing and Classrooms for 2027

We are working through our staffing and classroom organisation for 2027 and expect to have decisions finalised next week. I will send out an update to whānau once everything is confirmed. As in life, things change, and while change can sometimes feel uncertain, it can also bring new opportunities. We always approach our planning positively, with the best interests of our tamariki and their learning at the centre.

## Our Night Market Is Coming! Friday 20 November 5 - 7pm

We are looking forward to our upcoming School Night Market and would love our community to get involved! If you would like a stall to sell crafts, handmade goods, plants, kai or something else, or know someone who would, please contact the school office to book a site. Please spread the word! office@featherston.school.nz ph. 06 3089242

## Play Week | Waka Tākaro Trailer

What a fantastic sight it was walking back into school today after being at a hui and seeing so many tamariki outside playing, laughing, running and enjoying all sorts of games! We were lucky to have the Waka Tākaro Play Trailer visit as part of Play Week. A huge thank you to Darren from Nuku Ora for bringing the trailer to our kura. Play builds friendships, confidence, cooperation, resilience and problem-solving skills, and today was a wonderful reminder of how much learning happens through play.

***Play Week in action***

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| *Tamariki making the most of the Waka Tākaro Play Trailer during Play Week.* | *Outdoor games, teamwork and fun in action at school.* |

Thank you to our whānau for your continued support. Enjoy the long weekend, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday!

Ngā mihi nui,
Vanessa Phillips
Tumuaki | Principal