



Kia ora e te whānau

As we move into the final weeks of the year, there are some important kura events and reminders we'd like to share. This Saturday we have the Featherston Christmas Parade, and we would love to see our tamariki and whānau taking part. Assembly Point: Revans Street (between Watt and Wakefield Streets)

Arrival Time for Children: 11:45 am

Next Wednesday at 11am we will be hosting our Helpers' Morning Tea in the staffroom. This is our opportunity to say ngā mihi nui to those who have supported us throughout the year, driving, reading with groups, attending trips, gardening and generally helping out. Nau mai, haere mai, it would be lovely to see you.

- On Monday 15 December we celebrate our Year 8s with their Leavers' Dinner, a significant moment as they prepare to move on to secondary school.
- The following day, Tuesday 16 December, we welcome all whānau to our End of Year Celebration.

Below is a sneak peek of a legacy project being completed by some of our Year 8s. They have been working on this for a long time, and we are excited to see the finished taonga they will leave behind for future ākonga of Featherston School Te Kura o Paetūmokai.



- If you have preschoolers who will be joining us next year, please enrol them early so we can plan for staffing and class numbers. Likewise, if your whānau is moving away or changing schools, please let us know as soon as possible. With our enrolment scheme, some year levels are close to capacity, and early information helps us greatly with planning.

As this is our final official newsletter of the year, I want to sincerely thank you all for supporting our kura, for the conversations at the gate, the shared goals for our tamariki, the encouragement, and the strong sense of community. We are so grateful to be on this journey with you.

Meri Kirihimete, mā te wā, and ngā mihi o te tau hou, wishing you and your whānau a safe and happy festive season.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Vanessa Phillips
Tumuaki | Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Every Friday

Ice block Fridays

- \$2.00 Juices
- Fundraiser for Playground

Tue 9 Dec

Final Full School Assembly

- 1.45pm
- All whanau welcomed
- Presentation of Certificates for all classes

Mon 15 Dec

Y8 Leavers Dinner

Tue 16 Dec

End of year Celebration

- 6-7.30pm
- Please be seated prior to start time.

Wed 17 Dec

Last Day of School

- School finishes at 12 noon
- No Lunches

Wed 4 Feb 2026

School Starts

- Welcome back
- 8.55 Bell rings

Fri 6 Feb 2026

Waitangi Day

- School closed



NOTICES

The school office will be open for enrolments and uniform sales on
Thursday 29 January and Friday 30 January 2026.

The office will be shut on Monday 2nd February and Tuesday 3rd February 2026

The school will be open for learning on Wednesday 4th February 2026



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School Bell Timetable

8.00 am	Breakfast Club
8.30	Classrooms open
8.55	Class time & roll
9.00-10.55	1st learning block
10.55-11.05	Kai time 1
11.05-11.35	Play break 1
11.35- 1.00 pm	2nd learning block
1.00 - 1.10	Kai time 2
1.10 - 1.40	Play break 2
1.40 - 3.00	3rd learning block

OUR SCHOOL VALUES



I am responsible.
Ka whakaatu mai i te kaitiakitanga.



I am resilient.
Ka whakaatu mai i te aumangea



I am respectful.
Ka whakaatu mai i te manaakitanga

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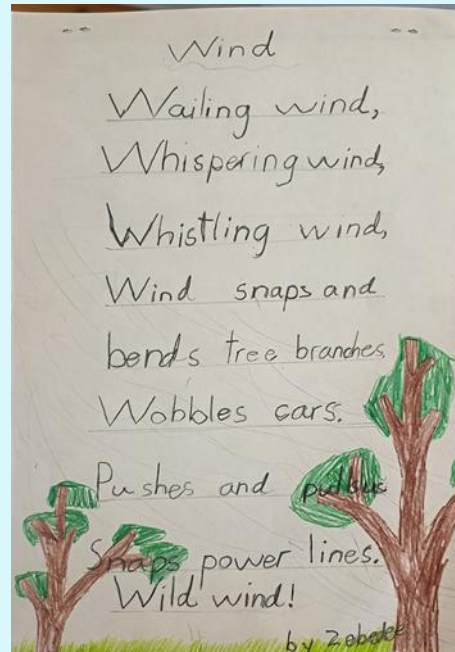
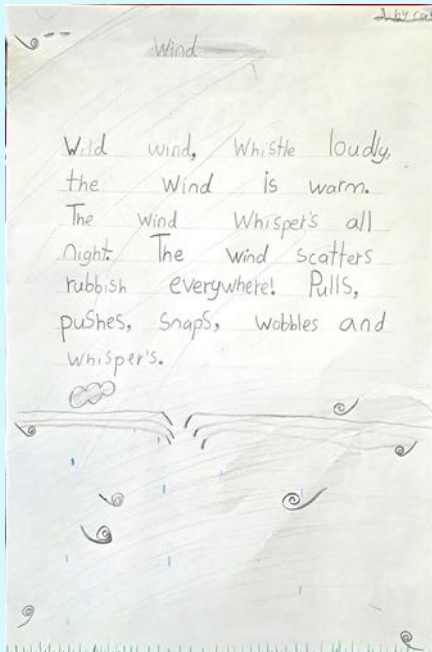
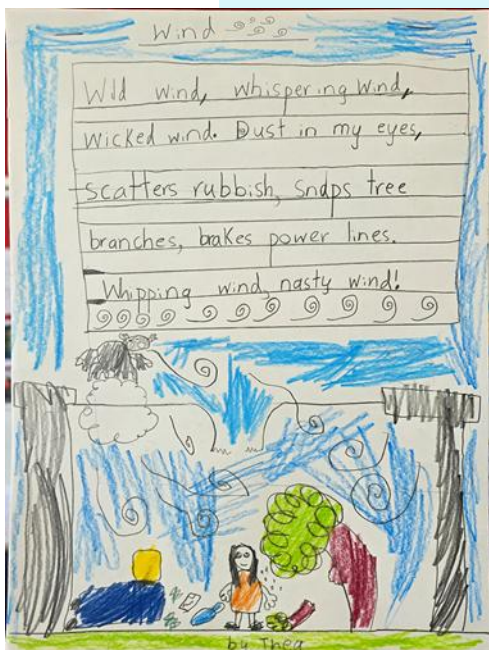
Whaea Annette

Our talented writers never fail to impress me! Recently, the students created wonderful poems inspired by the wild weather we experienced a few weeks ago. Although we can't include everyone's work in this issue, we're excited to share these fantastic pieces written by **Thea, Cortina, and Zebedee**.

By Thea (7 years old)

By Cortina (8 years old)

By Zebedee (8 years old)



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Whaea Rebekah

Hauora Day for Year 7s

On Monday the 1st of December around 140 year 7s from around the Wairarapa came to Carterton Event Centre for Hauora Day while the Year 8s went to have a day in college.

In the morning when we got onto the bus it was packed with heaps of Year 7 and 8s because we had to drop the Year 8s off at college. Throughout the bus ride to Greytown it was loud and noisy until we dropped the Year 8s off at Kuranui College.

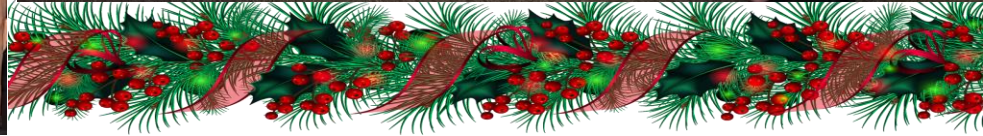
After we dropped them off we headed to Carterton. It took us 6-9 minutes to get there but we finally stopped at the Carterton Event Centre. We all hopped out of the bus and walked into the lobby where we had to register for what we were going to do for the day.

Amber, Puawai and I picked art and food, while the others picked pampering or Ki O Rahi. Before we started our session, Alice took us to Carteron Park for a bit. Then we had to go back to the event centre and sit in the hall to talk about what was going to happen. Next, we had morning tea for 30 minutes.

Then we started our first session at 11.05. Amber, Puawai and I went to art where we had to draw something Māori which was fun to do. After we finished we had a BBQ outside by the park. Next we did our second session which was food. We had to close our eyes and smell the food and taste it.

It was really fun and I had a good day. My favourite part was doing art. My least favorite was the blind tasting food. I hated the ginger but the rest of the day was fun. I got to hang out with my friends from different schools.

By Katalaya



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