

# Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 11

9<sup>th</sup> April 2013

*Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers*

## **Student Council Fun Day**

A reminder about the Fun Day at school on Friday.

- Bring along 'wheels' (scooters, ripsticks, skateboards, and skates but no bikes, please).
- Helmets are recommended.
- Ice cream Spiders for lunch - order these at the Office before school for \$1.50.
- Bags of lollies on sale for \$1 on the day.

## **PTA Trail Ride**

We wish everyone involved in the Feilding Honda Halcombe School Trail Ride, good wishes for a successful event on Sunday. The Trail Ride is an important fundraiser for our school and a major event in our community. We expect up to 500 riders to take part, and they will be riding their motorbikes on a 100km course across many farms in the district. It is all-hands-on-deck for our PTA! Feilding Honda is the principal sponsor this year and they are providing valuable publicity and support. They have also donated a new MTD Chainsaw for a quick-fire raffle on the day! Our thanks to Kevin Carian and his staff at Feilding Honda.

Please bring your trail ride muffins to school now. They can be left at the Office.

## **PTA News**

In-between the Gala and the Trail Ride, the PTA also found time to hold its AGM! Congratulations to the PTA office-holders that will be continuing in their roles for 2013: Anne Humphrey (President), Matt Langtry (Vice President), Michela Fox (Secretary), Mel Henderson (Treasurer), Paula Stace (Pastoral Care). Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to Halcombe School!

## **Board News**

The Board of Trustees met last Wednesday evening - one of the last meetings for the current Board! The meeting began with a presentation by Wayne Short & Richard Bain of the Halcombe Community Development Group (HCDG). The HCDG shared their draft Community Plan that will shortly be submitted to the Manawatu District Council. As one of the first communities within the region to have this opportunity, the group has worked hard to develop this exciting plan for improvements in Halcombe, and want to make the most of funding available. Following extensive consultation, five areas of development have been identified - Domain, Vegetation Framework, Memorial Square, Village Traffic Calming, Structure Plan. The HCDG invites involvement from all community groups within Halcombe, including the school, and encourages these groups to work together to support each other's initiatives and events, and maintain a high, positive profile for the community.

The Board also discussed:

- the student achievement targets for 2013
- planned property projects, including the upgrade of Room 2, improvements to school electrical systems and lighting, remedial work in the Hall, and on-going problems will the pool paint-job
- the upcoming trustee elections (see below)

The Board confirmed Term Dates for 2014 and approved the school switching to electronic attendance registers, to better track student attendance and absence from school.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7pm (week 2). This will be the last meeting for the current Board and time to celebrate the achievements of the last three years and thank those trustees that are moving on.

### Juicies

Will be on sale again tomorrow for \$1, and next Wednesday.

### Assemblies

Next term, assemblies will be every second week on Thursday, from 2.20pm in the Hall. Parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend our assemblies.

### Rippa Rugby

Students in the Senior Team thoroughly enjoyed their Rippa Rugby sessions with James and Tom from the Manawatu Turbos last week. Hopefully our teams competing in the Rippa Rugby tournament today will achieve some great results!



### Sleepover at Taumata O Te Ra

The Senior Team sleepover at the marae was a huge success. Staying the night at a marae was a first for many students, and will be an experience they won't soon forget. We would like to sincerely thank our hosts, and Mr Kereama in particular. We look forward to visiting again sometime in the future. Highlights included:

- experiencing a powhiri.
- being able to hongī.
- having another look at the special carvings, tukutuku and kowhaiwhai inside the whare tipuna.
- sharing a delicious meal with our hosts.
- everyone sleeping together in the wharenuī!
- morning exercise - even though it was FREEZING!
- having breakfast together - and what a fabulous breakfast it was.



### Halcombe School Board of Trustees Election 2013

We will call for nominations for the school trustee election from next week. If you are interested in being on the Board, please contact one of our current trustees. Our Board Chairperson, Anne Langtry, will give a brief presentation at our upcoming Celebration of Learning. We will also host an information evening on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May (week 1 next term) for you to come along and find out more about trusteeship and, perhaps, put yourselves forward in the Election!

## Book Clubs

Book Club orders close this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Books will be delivered as soon as available - this may not be until the start of next term.

## Repeat Notices

- 'Celebration of Learning' evening in the school hall at 6pm next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. All children attend.
- Tickets for the 'Kids for Kids' concert on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**, are on sale now. Follow the link: <http://www.kidsforkids.org.nz/index.php/dates-and-locations>
- School will close at 1.00pm on the last day of term - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Buses will run at 1.00pm.



# FEILDING HONDA HALCOMBE SCHOOL TRAIL RIDE Sunday 14th April 2013

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal



**"SILVERTON FARM"**  
Property of Mike & Donna Abbiss  
**336 Tokorangi Road  
Halcombe**  
(sign-posted from Halcombe & SH1)

**MAIN RIDE: BIKES OVER 65CC.** Excellent course over rolling farmland. Approx. 100km riding (optional shortcuts) split into morning & afternoon rides.

**GATES OPEN: 8.30AM - RIDERS' BRIEFING: 9.45AM** - Ride starts: 30 mins after briefing. (Late entries: no morning ride)

**SUPERVISED KIDS' TRACK AVAILABLE:** All kids must be signed in by parent/caregiver.

**HELMETS & BOOTS COMPULSORY. NO PASSENGERS.**

### ENTRY FEES:

Trail Ride: \$30.00 PER RIDER

Kids' Track: \$15.00

(Entry includes B.B.Q lunch)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Full details on [silverbullet.co.nz](http://silverbullet.co.nz)

### *Great Raffle on sale at Gate!*

MTD 40cc  
chainsaw with 16" bar  
(by Oleo-Mac)



*Kindly donated by  
Feilding Honda*



Raffle tickets: \$5 each

Raffle drawn at riders' briefing.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Dry firewood for sale

Gum cut last year. Easy access to load your own trailer/ute. Any amount. Ask at the office or phone 328 8845.

### Holiday Hockey

FAHS Turf Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 12.30 - 2.30pm. 'Have a Go' Hockey, for newbies. No gear required. 'Learn More Skills' for those already playing. Bring stick, shin pads and mouthguard.

\$30 for 3 days or \$12 per day. Registrations essential: Phone Raewyn Beattie 323 6325 (home) or 323 4029 ext. 750 (work)