

# Halcombe School

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Term 1 Week 2

5<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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

## Gala News

Here are a few things you can be doing to help with the Gala.

- Find a curtain sider truck we can use for an outside 'stage' for entertainment. Please let me know if you can help.
- If you know of anyone who might donate a lamb or a sack of potatoes/veges for the hangi, we'd love to hear from you.
- If possible, we'd like you to keep those larger items, which can be auctioned, at home until the week before the gala, as we don't have a lot of storage space. But, if you're dying to get it out of the way, do bring it along!

## Stall donations

- Send along books in good condition. Please **don't send** any magazines, Readers' Digest, National Geographics or encyclopaedias. We just can't sell these.
- Sort through the CDs you haven't listened to for ages and the DVDs you're sick of.
- Toys, puzzles and board games. Please **don't send** broken toys, puzzles with pieces missing or teddy bears with no arms or legs!
- Clean and tidy clothing always sells well, especially teenagers' clothing, boys clothes, baby gear, bedding and clean linen.

We have cardboard boxes you can take away to fill up and return. Please leave any donations in the hall foyer for our team to sort and take into the hall. We'll be organising stall holders and who can work on each stall over the next couple of weeks, so please be patient!

## Raffle

I would like to ask if each family could donate **ONE grocery item (per family)**. Now with about 100 families, that makes a substantial raffle for our Gala Day. Please leave your donation in the box at the Office and tick your name off. Everyone who donates an item will go in the draw to **win \$20** to spend at the Gala.

## Idol Competition

Children who have expressed an interest in entering the 'Halcombe School Idol' competition have taken a note home. Finals are held at the Gala.

## Lunchtime Tennis Coaching

If you were terribly disappointed that our tennis coaching was cancelled, never fear, all is not lost! We are able to offer lunchtime tennis coaching this term. The cost is \$50 per student, and is open to all ages. The children will have a half hour session 1 lunch-time a week, for 7 weeks. The programme is organised and run by Tennis Manawatu and all gear is supplied. We need a minimum of 16 students to sign up for the programme to go ahead. Please sign & return the slip below to indicate your child's participation. **DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY NOW** - we'll let you know, if we get the numbers, when the coaching begins and when to pay.

## Cricket Coaching (Not to be confused with tennis coaching!)

All children in Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will receive cricket coaching at school during class time, over the next six weeks (six 40-minute sessions). While the coaching is cricket related, the children will also learn lots of general throwing, catching and hitting skills. The cost is \$2 per child - please complete the slip below and

send this money to the Office as soon as possible. In addition to the cricket coaching, each child will receive a bat, ball and hat. What a great deal!

### **KIT Books**

Your child's KIT book is the way we 'keep in touch' with you. Already we know that several families have not read the first newsletter, nor looked in their child's KIT book yet. Notes and messages are often in KIT books and it would help us such a lot if parents could routinely check these books. We would really appreciate your support with this.

### **Swimming**

We are so lucky to have our 2 school pools! As you can imagine, during the recent hot weather, the pool has been used all day long, including the lunch time. We have been thrilled that children have remembered their gear each day and already we have seen confidence levels grow and children making progress. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

### **'Tall Poppies'**

There is a free 'open class' next Thursday lunchtime (14<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm) for children who might be interested in joining this drama class.

### **No Vandalism**

I am very pleased to report that once again the school was incident free over the holidays. What a great community we have. Thank you to those who keep an eye on the school and alert us to any problems.

### **'Getting to Know You' camps**

Each of the classes in the senior team (Rooms 4, 5 and 6) will be camping at school for 2 nights over the next couple of weeks. This is an excellent way for teachers to get to know their children outside the classroom. Thank you to those families which have offered tents, food and equipment for the camps.

### **PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ**

The PTA would like to invite you to meet your children's teachers at the **Family BBQ**, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, from 5.30pm. This is a great opportunity to come along and meet the teachers, other parents and their children.

Teachers will explain their class programmes for 2013 at the following times:

5.45 - 6.00pm	Rooms 1 and 2	Mrs Christiansen and Miss McCartin
6.00 - 6.15pm	Rooms 3 and 4	Miss Jeynes and Miss Campbell
6.15 - 6.30pm	Rooms 5 and 6 and 7	Mr Ricketts, Miss Simpson and Mrs Lynch

- The PTA will provide the sausages / sauce / bread and salads
- Please bring plates and cutlery for your family
- The swimming pool will be open.
- This is a family occasion and children attending should be accompanied by their parent/caregiver.

### **Buzzy Bee**

Is your child a fan of Buzzy Bee and friends? Take a look at [www.buzzybeetv.com](http://www.buzzybeetv.com). It has lots of great Buzzy Bee things to explore. The RDR TV link is especially fun and allows children to make their own wee videos. Take a look!

### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board will have its first meeting for the year next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the staffroom. You are welcome to attend to observe Board process. An agenda will be available at the Office from Friday. If there are issues you would like the Board to discuss, please contact us as soon as possible.

In April-May this year, school trustee elections will be held around New Zealand and all parents/caregivers have the opportunity to get involved in the governance of their school. Please give this some thought! More information will be available soon.

**Update of Family Contact and Health Information**

Unless you have just enrolled children at Halcombe School this year, please complete the attached Contact Update form and return it to school by the end of this week. It is important for our school to have up-to-date health information & contact details so we can look after your children.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Halcombe Community Waitangi Day Family Fun Day**

A reminder that the Halcombe Community Development Group hosts its famous Waitangi Day Family Fun Day tomorrow at the Halcombe Rugby Grounds. Everyone is welcome. This year there are exciting new additions including coffee cart, monster bouncy castle, mega foam cannon and Mr Kool! Please phone Wayne Short 06 328 8768 or Richard Bain 06 328 8627 for details.

**House for Sale** 1099 Halcombe Road. Gorgeous 1930 renovated bungalow. Spacious 3 bedrooms. Large bathroom. Great outdoor living areas at front with deck and rear including a covered area. Fully fenced with lots of room and great child's playground. Land in 2 titles, each 986m<sup>2</sup>. On water scheme and sewage. \$275,000 negotiable. Viewing by appointment. Phone 328 8885.

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**Tennis Coaching Permission Slip**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child/ren to sign up for lunchtime tennis lessons. This is a firm commitment. I understand the programme costs \$50 per student.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return slip to the Office by this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013 - send no money now.

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**Cricket Coaching (all students in Rooms 2,3,4,5,6)**

Please return this slip to the Office.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2 per student

- I enclose cash/cheque payment for cricket coaching.
- I will pay online to 01 0625 0106729 00 with "Cricket" as reference.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Payment due by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February (end of week 3).