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Term 1 Week 3

12th February 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Fundraising and school charges

We are aware that we have asked for money for several activities so far this term already. We also know that with class camps, trips, fees and sporting activities, parents feel like they're always putting their hands in their pockets.

Please be assured that the money we raise at the Gala and Trail Ride is used for the benefit of your children by allowing us to keep these costs to a minimum, as well as buy much-needed equipment and resources.

With the fundraising events this term we really will be expecting all our families to help in some way, so that everyone can benefit from the fundraising. We look forward to your support.

Raffle

A reminder that we are asking each family to donate **ONE grocery item**. 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.

Gala News

- If you're NOT a cook but would be able to donate sugar or butter for the Annabel Langbeins of this world, please send these ingredients along to the office.
- If you ARE a cook and want to get started baking, or making jam and lemon honey, we can supply the sugar and butter! (she said hopefully!)
- Ladies - how about a good cleanout of shoes and bags? There must be at least a couple of pair of shoes or a bag in every woman's wardrobe that were bought on impulse and have been hiding in the back of the wardrobe ever since.
- Now is a good time to send those 'too small' rugby and soccer boots along, too.
- We have had some wonderful kitchenware donated. Casserole dishes, fruit bowls, coffee mugs and cutlery - we'll take the lot!
- If you have a gazebo we could borrow for the Gala, please let us know. We need about 6.
- If you are donating electrical goods, PLEASE make sure they are in working condition.
- A reminder just to leave your goodies in the foyer of the hall. We have a group of children who love being responsible for sorting and shifting everything.
- If you're someone who goes out for a walk/run in town, you might be able to help advertise the Gala by delivering flyers. Please let Kirsten know.
- We have a curtain sider truck. Thanks, Cameron Waugh
- We have had the meat for the hangi donated. Thanks to Brent Thompson, Vaughn Munn and Larry O'Fee.

Idol Competition

Well done to the 12 children who have put themselves forward for the Halcombe School Idol Competition. Auditions are 2 weeks away.

Lunchtime Tennis Coaching

17 students have signed up for tennis coaching at lunchtimes and have received individual notices about the arrangements. Tennis fees are due by this Friday. Lessons will begin next Monday.

Kapa Haka

Our fantastic new uniforms have arrived and look amazing! Thank you to our PTA and JBS Dudding Trust for providing the funds to purchase these lovely outfits. We have invited Robyn and Marianne Hallett to come along and help Anna Christiansen with our Kapa Haka group this term. The first practice is on Thursday this week for children in Years 5 - 8.

PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ

Don't forget the **Family BBQ**, tomorrow evening 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. *Please supervise your own children.*
- This is a family occasion and children attending should be accompanied by their parent/caregiver.

Board of Trustees Meeting

- We are dealing with several Novopay issues at the moment. It is extremely frustrating and time consuming.
- The revised 2013 Charter was approved by the BOT. Strategic Goals include more emphasis on The Arts, continuing to develop ICT, and ensuring we retain a rural focus and take advantage of EOTC in the wider community.
- Student Achievement data in reading, writing and maths was shared with the BOT. Students continue to perform extremely well in reading and maths, while there is still room for improvement in writing.
- The 2013 Budget was approved.
- The BOT supported a proposal for some students in the senior class to set up their own blogs.
- There are several major property projects this year. The Hall has been classified as a 'leaky building' and substantial recladding and some structural work is needed. Room 2 will be upgraded and a new resource room added between the junior and middle school toilets.
- Anne Langtry was appointed as the BOT Chairperson.
- The BOT elections will be held on 30th May. If you would like to find out more about what it means to be a Trustee, please ask Kirsten at the office.

Update of Family Contact and Health Information

A reminder that we are updating our contact and health information for all families. Please return the form from last week's newsletter as soon as possible (unless you have just enrolled children at Halcombe School this year).

Cricket Coaching

A reminder that cricket coaching will be given to all students in Rooms 2 - 6, and payment is due by this Friday, please. Use the slip below.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal



Jack Poulsen and Brett Shortall show off their cooking skills at their 'Getting to Know You' camp last night.

A big thank you to Kelly Campbell, Chris Ricketts and Di Simpson for organising these camps for Rooms 4, 5 and 6.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wow - what an awesome Waitangi Fun Day!

It was great to see so many families come along and enjoy themselves so much! The foam cannon and Big Kahuna slide proved a huge hit with the kids as did the "Mr Kool" ice cream van. In the tug of war the children managed to pull the firemen over the line and get them wet under the fire hose. A big thank you to the Halcombe Fire Brigade and Halcombe Rugby Club for their support on the day. This year's new games were lots of fun. The interaction and feedback from the Halcombe Community Planning boards was very valuable and you have another chance to comment on these at the school Gala Day. It was also very pleasing to see Mayor Kouvelis, Councillors and Council staff support the day, too. Another successful day within our community - we now look forward to the next big community event - the Halcombe School Gala.

Wayne Short for the Halcombe Community Development Group

Blue Light Disco - Friday 22nd February 2013 at the Feilding Civic Centre

A fun event for primary school students brought to you by the Feilding Police and the Blue Light Committee. Yr 1 - 6 5.30pm - 7pm; Year 7 - 8 7.30pm - 9.30pm. \$2 entry. Drinks, lollies and glow-sticks for sale at venue. You MUST have an official permission slip, signed by your parents, to enter. Permission slips will available at the venue and from Halcombe School. For more details, ring Scott Mackenzie 027 241 6407.

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 986m². On water scheme and sewage. \$275,000 negotiable. Viewing by appointment. Phone 328 8885.

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

Please return this slip to the Office.

Student: _____ Room: _____

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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 15th February (end of this week).