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Term 1 Week 5

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

There is a LOT on at school at the moment, so please read our newsletters carefully. We don't want children to miss out on activities, because parents aren't aware of what's happening at school.

Gala Raffle

The oldest child in your family will bring home a raffle book today to sell. We have some fabulous prizes and we're sure the tickets will be easy to sell. There'll be a \$50 prize draw for all those families which sell 3 or more books.

- First prize: Portable Stereo (Karaoke and MP3 device included) Value \$250
- Second prize: \$100 cash
- 3rd prize: Zip 5.5 litre Slow Cooker

Gala News

Thanks for the offers of gazebos from Petterssons, Te Whatus, Bretts, Hartleys, Groubes and the MDC. We need them all - thank you. Weather permitting, we'd love to get these up on Friday evening 15th March, otherwise early on Saturday 16th.

We can confirm the following displays and entertainment:

- Turakina Māori Girls Kapa Haka group
- Army vehicles
- Police dog in action
- Western horse riding
- NZ Fire Service with Amber and Flint
- Halcombe School Idol

How you can help:

- Start making jam, tomato relish, pickles and lemon honey
- Clean out a few more cupboards, bookshelves and don't forget the shed!
- Start baking things that will freeze well.
- Order your hangi meal (35 meals ordered already!)
- More donations of butter and sugar would be great

Hangi

A reminder that hangi meals are being **PRE-SOLD**, so now is the time to place your order. Meals are \$10.00 each. Please send along the tear-off slip below with your money to the Office and collect your hangi tickets.

Gala Stalls

Thank you to those people who have called in or phoned to put themselves on stalls - you make my job so much easier. If you haven't contacted us yet, please call in, ring me, or leave a message with Kirsten.

Goal Setting

On Friday, children will bring home their KIT Books with their term goals included. These are goals that teachers and children together have identified as their next learning steps. You will read ways which you can continue to help and support your children's learning. If there is anything that you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, just ring to make an appointment. These goals will take the place of our 3 Way Conferences this term.

'Kids for Kids'

Practices have started for the 'Kids for Kids' concert. If parents would like to attend the concert, you can book on the 'Kids for Kids' website, approximately a month before the concert on 20th May.

Blog Comments

We would love a LOT more families to look at our class blogs. You can find all the class blogs if you visit the school website: <http://www.halcombe.school.nz/> As an incentive for you to look at all the wonderful learning happening at our school, any parents who comment during the next week will go into the lucky draw to win a box of chocolates. Your children will show you how to leave a comment OR check the information on each class home page OR follow these instructions!

- Click 'comments' link which will be directly under each post.
- Type your comment into the 'Post a Comment' box.
- In the 'Comment as' menu, select 'Name/URL'
- Write your name in the 'Name' section. Please refer to yourself as Mrs/Mr/Miss Jones.
- Click 'continue'
- Click 'Post Comment'
- A yellow box should appear saying, 'Your comment will be visible after approval.' You may have to click the 'Post Comment' button several times.
- Your comments will appear once teachers have read them.

Juicies

These proved very popular last week, so we will be selling them each Wednesday. They are \$1 each. No order form is required and children just take their money to the library at 12.30pm to buy their Juicie.

AgriKids

This Friday, we have 2 teams entered in the Taranaki/Manawatu AgriKids competition. We wish the following students good luck! Logan Brett, George Henderson, Jaxson Wind, Ellen Barr, Molly Alcock, Tyler Jefferies.

PTA meeting

We have postponed the PTA/Gala meeting tomorrow night until Wednesday 13th March, which will also be the PTA AGM.

Senior Swimming Sports

The Senior Swimming Sports will be held at the Makino Aquatic Centre next Wednesday 6th March, starting at 12.30pm and finishing by 2.45pm. These sports are for children in Years 5 - 8 and most year 4s.

Organisation

- Transport will be by car, leaving school at 12.00pm. We ask that parents arrange transport for their **own children** please.
- Children do NOT need to return to school after the sports.
- **EVERYONE** going to the Senior Sports needs to return the permission slip below to school **NO LATER THAN** Friday this week, please, as transport details will be finalised over the weekend.
- Children must bring their togs, 2 towels, sunhat, warm clothes and a drink of water.

Junior Swimming Afternoon - next Friday 8th March

The Junior Swimming afternoon will start at **1.30pm**. There will be fun races and activities for students in Years 1 - 3. Parents are welcome to attend. Children will swim in the school pool. This year we will be adding some more competitive events for our able swimmers. Parents/caregivers will be able to watch from the covered area at the end of the pool. The children will need warm clothes to wear between events.

Taumata O Te Ra Visit

The whole school has visited Taumata O Te Ra marae today. It has been a wonderful opportunity to learn about the marae and its protocols, and see the beautiful whareniui. Thank you to Averill & George Kereama for making us so welcome.



Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

Order for Hangi Meal - Halcombe School Gala 2013

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ meals. I enclose payment for \$_____ (\$10.00 each).

Signed: _____ (If you order multiple meals, you will need to distribute the tickets.)

Please return this order, with payment, to the Halcombe School Office and collect your hangi tickets.
All hangi meals must be pre-ordered.

Senior Swimming Sports - Wednesday 6th March 2013

Please tick the appropriate boxes and return this slip by FRIDAY this week

- My child/children _____ will be travelling **TO AND FROM** the swimming sports with me. (Please be at school at 12.00pm to collect children.)
- I have arranged for my child/children _____ to travel **TO** the swimming sports with _____
- I have arranged for my child/children _____ to travel back to school **FROM** the swimming sports with _____
- I cannot arrange transport from my child/children _____ and request that they travel with another parent.
- My child/children will not require a ride back to school **AFTER** the sports (i.e. they will be collected from the pool or will walk home).
- I promise not to alter these arrangements without letting you know!

Signature _____