

Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 7

12th March 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

ONLY 4 MORE SLEEPS!

Let's hope the weather stays fine until 4pm on Saturday! The Gala is all about raising money for the benefit of all the children at Halcombe School. Often the money just provides the 'basics', but it allows us to do the best job we can for our children, provide the best resources we can and ensure that no one misses out. It is a community day when everyone supports the school.

We depend on everyone helping out as much as they can.

We need:

- More helpers for the stalls between 10am - 1pm. Are you able to help for an hour or two?
- People to make candy floss on Friday afternoon.
- 12 dozen muffins
- Lots of cakes and slices. This is such a popular stall and we can never have too much to sell. Please bring all baking items to the Office area.
- Lots of fudge/coconut ice/toffee.
- Lots of produce, plants and garden supplies.
- Grocery bags for stalls
- Set up will be start at 4pm on Friday. The more the merrier!

Stallholders should have been in touch with the other people on their stall by now (as per last week's notice). If you have not heard from your stall leader, or are unsure what is happening, PLEASE let us know! We do rely on everyone to "get on with it" but are ready to help if you need it!

Auction

We need lots more items to auction: tables, chairs, furniture, shelving, desks, bathroom fittings, cabinets, once-used stuff, gym equipment you'll never use again, things you have in the roof of the garage that you've kept 'just in case' for the last 5 years! All these will sell really well in our auction. We can arrange for someone to be at school at any time that suits you to drop things off. Just give us a ring! *No TVs or mattresses please.*

Programme for Saturday:

7.30am	Set up
9.00am	Stallholders meeting (everyone attends)
9.15 - 9.45am	'Helpers' buy from other stalls
10.00am	Gala opens
10.30am	Halcombe School Choir
10.45am	Western Horse stunt riding
11.15am	Idol Competition (6 finalists)
11.30am	Turakina Maori Girls College performance
12.00am	Auction (new goods)
12.15noon	Hangi served
12.30pm	Police Dog display
12.45pm	2 raffles drawn
12.45pm	Auction (second hand goods)
2.00pm	Gala closes

The auction of NEW goods will include:

- Wine glasses and wine
- 'Chiefs' signed (2013 squad) rugby jersey
- 'Buzzy Bee' sets
- Signed copy of Graham Henry's book
- Sandpit digger
- Knife sets
- Chair
- Pasture seed (enough for 1ha)
- Power tools (Sander, Jigsaw and Drill driver)
- Pet Chews & Treats
- 'Icebreaker' shirts
- And much more!!!

Parking at the Gala

The paddock over the road from school, on the corner of Monteith and Willoughby Streets, will be available for parking on Saturday. It would be great if we could all **park in the paddock**, so visitors to the school can have the closer roadside parks.

Year 7 - 8 Student Helpers

I commend the senior students in Room 6. They have ALL offered to help at the Gala. They are leading by example and participating and contributing to their school in a very worthwhile way. Well done!

PTA meeting/Gala

A reminder that the PTA and Gala meeting will be tomorrow night Wednesday 13th March starting at 7pm. This will also be the PTA AGM. We would like everyone who is in charge of a Gala stall to attend this important meeting.

Hangi

Last chance **TOMORROW** to order your hangi meal. Meals are presold and cannot be ordered on the day. Tickets are \$10 and available at the office.

Gala Raffle

ALL raffle butts, money and any unsold tickets to be returned by **TOMORROW** please. We will announce the winners of the incentive prize on Friday. The raffle will also be on sale at the Gala.

Senior Swimming Sports Results

Thanks to the large group of parents who supported the children at the Senior Swimming Sports last Wednesday, and to the staff and helpers for making sure the day ran so smoothly. Congratulations to all the children who tried so hard in their races and encouraged others. We are very proud of all the children who tried so hard, did their best and challenged themselves.

Barnett Cup for the fastest 50m swimmer in the school - Elen Barr

Junior Girls Championship - 1 st Ffion Barr	2 nd Greer Mudgway	3 rd Lydia Stace
Junior Boys Championship - 1 st Brett Shortall	2 nd Frazer Munn	3 rd Jensen Alcock
Senior Girls Championship - 1 st Elen Barr	2 nd Molly Alcock	3 rd Olivia Durston
Senior Boys Championship - 1 st Alexander Baker	2 nd Jaxson Wind	3 rd Stefan Williams

Junior Swimming Sports

The weather was perfect and there was an excellent turnout for the Junior Swimming Afternoon last Friday. The children have made fantastic progress, so it was great that so many families were able to see their children 'show off' their increased confidence and new skills in the water.

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Swimming Pool

We are going to keep the pool open for the children this week and take advantage of the hot settled weather. Children should keep bringing their togs to school.

Feilding Interschool Swimming Champs

This was a very successful event for Halcombe School! Highlights were:

- Ffion Barr came 2nd in the Penhey Cup, a competition judged on swimming technique.
- Alexander Baker came 5th in the boys Year 7-8 100m race (out of 18 swimmers).
- Ffion Barr came 6th in the girls Year 7-8 100m race (an excellent effort for a Year 6 student), with older sister Elen coming an outstanding 2nd place in this event (out of 43 swimmers).
- Our relay team of Elen Barr, Ffion Barr, Alexander Baker, Molly Alcock, Jago Alcock and Stefan Williams WON the Country Schools relay!

It has been a few years since we last won this event, so we are all very pleased and proud to take home the Cup! Congratulations to this awesome group of swimmers.



Thank you to all the supporters who came along to cheer on our team.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that Monday 8th April is a Teacher Only Day. School will not be open on that day.

Manawatu Interscholar Triathlon

We have a team of 20 students competing in this event tomorrow. Please ensure you have read the notice carefully (went home last Thursday). Good luck!

Juicies

On sale again at lunchtime tomorrow. \$1 each. (Triathletes can take them to the event)

Senior Team Whanganui Museum Trip

The Senior Team had an awesome day at the Whanganui Museum yesterday. We learnt about taonga puoro (musical instruments) and harakeke (flax weaving). This tied in perfectly with our learning in our Maoritanga unit. Thank you to our fabulous parents - Shelley Gowan, Jeanette Henderson, Amy Walters, Michelle Stanley and Kirstine Lehany. Check out our [class blogs](#) for more photos and information.



Swimming Pool Keys

Please return these to the office as soon as possible.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday 3rd April at 7pm. Please contact the school if there are any issues you would like the Board to discuss.

Kind regards

COMMUNITY NEWS

Water Shortage

The Halcombe water scheme is very low. If you know of any leaks or you notice any green or damp areas where there could be a leak, please ring the Council on 323 0000 or Sam Waugh on 328 8899.

Sue Simpson
Principal

Halcombe Community Meeting

The next Community Planning Workshop is on Wednesday 20 March at the Halcombe Memorial Hall at 7pm. Come along and give us your feedback as we revisit the actions/ideas that the wider community have identified to help shape your vision.

Feilding United AFC Junior Football Registrations

Registrations are at the Feilding United Clubrooms at Timona Park (entrance from Simon Street), Feilding on Saturday 16 March, 1pm-3pm. Fees start at \$25. Please phone Paul on 323 9068 (evenings) or email paul@orangi.co.nz for more information.

Order for Hangi Meal - Halcombe School Gala 2013

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ meals.

I enclose payment for \$_____ (\$10.00 each)

Signed: _____ Please return this order, with payment, to the Halcombe School office by TOMORROW.