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Term 1 Week 8

19th March 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

GALA SUCCESS - ANOTHER RECORD!

To every single person who helped make the Gala such a success - THANK YOU

Maybe you were a person who:

- helped set up the hall
- made muffins and cakes
- peeled potatoes until 8 o'clock on Friday evening
- delivered leaflets around Feilding
- collected things from town for us
- made jam and relish
- provided some of the excellent entertainment
- donated goods to the stalls
- helped on a stall
- grew plants or picked tomatoes for our plants and produce stall
- organised and ran rides all day
- saw that others were busy, so just offered to help
- helped us set up the gala, or helped pack up afterwards
- said, "Keep the change."
- was at school at 6am to get the hangi underway
- put up gazebos or took them down
- donated goods to the auction

There are just so many people to thank but, however you managed to help, we truly appreciate everyone's efforts to make this another wonderfully successful Gala at Halcombe School.

Special thanks to my right and left hands - Kirsten Otter, Dianne Simpson and Kirsty Lynch. Last week was hectic, to say the least, and these special ladies did so much to ensure the Gala was such a fantastic day. The senior students also deserve a special mention. They have just been awesome!

The profit will be about \$13,000, which is nothing short of amazing. This is close to \$100 for every child at the school. What a wonderful result!

But it wasn't only about a fantastic profit. The atmosphere on Saturday was just awesome. Everyone had a great time and everywhere there were smiles. We had so many positive comments about the happy, friendly feeling around the school. That's because of all of you. People do notice and it counts.

Raffle and Competition Results

Major Raffle: 1st prize: CD Player - Lucy Kurei 2nd prize: \$100 cash - Rella Rutherford 3rd prize: Zip slow cooker - Angela and Geoff Baker.

Grocery Raffle: 1st prize: Heather Coogan 2nd prize: Georgina Parata-Turvey 3rd prize: Derek Duran

Guess the Weight of the Pig: Closest guesses was 82kg won by Heather Cooper and Shayla Kaiuha (actual weight 81.82kg).

Guess the Ojays: Closest guesses were Belinda Bonnor, Andrew Bonnor and John Rowland, all with 93. There were 91 Ojays.

Target Shooting: Under 13 Boys: Jaxson Wind, Under 13 girls: Juliet Bonnor, 13+: Sam Otter

Halcombe School Idol:

Junior: 1st Georgia Miller, 2nd = Aaliyah Lyttle and Emma Humphrey

Senior: 1st Jasmine Davenport, 2nd = Sophie Langtry and Molly Alcock

Teacher-Only Day

A reminder that Monday 8th April is a Teacher Only Day and the school will be closed.

Trail Ride

Gosh, we're no sooner over the Gala and it's time to get on with the Trail Ride! This year's Trail Ride will be on Sunday 14th April, starting at the Abbiss farm on Tokorangi Road. If you are able to help, or just want to find out more about the Trail Ride, come to the meeting at the Halcombe Tavern at 7pm next Wednesday 27th March. If you weren't able to help at the gala, perhaps you could offer your support for the Trail Ride. We need about 500 muffins for the rider's lunches. **Please fill out the slip below if you are able to make muffins for us.** Muffins can be brought to school in the week leading up to the Trail Ride.

The Trail Ride is a significant fundraising event for us and we are hoping for a profit of about \$7,000. This happens because we rely on everyone to support the PTA to run this event.

Triathlon Results

Last Wednesday, 21 students competed in very hot conditions at the Manawatu Interschool Triathlon in Palmerston North. The Year 7 & 8 students had to run 1.5km, cycle 4km and swim 150m, with the younger students competing over slightly shorter distances. Just finishing the race was a real achievement, especially for those students competing in their first ever triathlon! Our top results were: Alexander Baker - 6th in Year 8 boys; Elen Barr - 3rd in Year 8 girls; Ffion Barr won the Year 6 girls race - a special achievement. Thank you to our wonderful support crew for transporting bikes and encouraging the kids from the sideline.



Weetbix Triathlon

We are aware that quite a number of children will be attending the Weetbix Triathlon next week on 27th March. Please let us know ASAP if your children will be away from school that day, through your KIT books or a phone call. Thank you.

Art Shirts Wanted

Do you have any old shirts at home that you no longer need? We need some for art shirts, preferably long-sleeved. Just send them along to the Office. (Should have looked in the gala clothes - whoops!)

Juicees

On sale again at lunchtime tomorrow. \$1 each.

Swimming Pool Keys

The pool is now closed for all swimming. A reminder to return keys 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

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

Halcombe Community Meeting

The next Community Planning Workshop is tomorrow evening at the Halcombe Memorial Hall at 7pm.

Mount Biggs School Trail Bike Ride - Sunday April 7th

Approximately 100k's over rolling farm land. \$30 per rider - Kids track available. Registration at 9:00 - ride leaves at 10:15am. Raffles and spot prizes on the day.

GALA 2013

Visit our [class blogs](#) for more great Gala photos and news!



MUFFINS FOR PTA TRAIL RIDE - SUNDAY 14th April 2013

I will bake _____ dozen muffins for the Trail Ride.

Muffins can be brought to school in the week leading up to the ride. No paper muffin cups required. Please use a disposable container.

Name:

Signature Date

Please return this slip to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.