

# Halcombe School

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Term 2 Week 1

7<sup>th</sup> May 2013

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

A warm welcome back to Term 2. Last term was so busy and everyone was well and truly ready for the break. We hope you managed to spend some special time with your children during the holidays. The staff have recharged their batteries and are all set for another exciting term. This term our Theme is 'Learning About the Past' and each class will explore different aspects of this topic.

## Celebration of Learning

Thank you for your enthusiastic response to our 'Māoritanga - Celebration of Learning' presentation at the end of last term. I was so proud of all the children and their teachers and the items they presented. We received so many lovely comments about how much you enjoyed the evening. Thank you.

## KIT Books - Term goals

Many thanks to those parents who commented in KIT books, on their children's efforts with their goals during term 1. New goals will be set this week and evaluated at the end of the term. There will be many ways you can support your child at home with their goals.

## Winter Sport

The students in Rooms 3-6 will be starting their winter sport programme soon. We are looking for volunteers to help! If you (or someone you know) have skills in netball, basketball, soccer or rugby, and would be available from 2-3pm on Wednesdays, please let us know by the end of the week. Information about the gear students will need will come home next week.

## After-School Sport

Our miniball, flippaball and netball teams are all getting underway over the next couple of weeks. We're sure the students involved will develop their skills and have lots of fun along the way! Good luck to all our teams. A reminder to all our sideline supporters to keep your comments positive!

## Netball

A reminder to our netball players that our weekly practices start this Thursday! The C team will practice from 3.10-4pm, and the A and B teams from 3.20-4.30pm. The girls will be given more information about their first games (13<sup>th</sup> May for A team and 18<sup>th</sup> May for C and B Team) and other details at practice. Netball practice will NEVER be cancelled, as we will use the hall if it is wet. Please ensure you have told us about any changes to normal bus routines. Any questions, please see Di Simpson.

## ANZ Netball Grant

Thank you to all those who voted for Halcombe School to win an ANZ Netball Grant. We are delighted that we have been selected to receive a complete ball set, with twenty Avaro match netballs, inflation kit and ANZ gear bag. A great outcome. Thanks to Di Simpson for organising this.

## Parking on Road

Please be considerate of those living close to the school. There was a problem at the 'Celebration of Learning' evening when people parked over driveways! Look out for the yellow lines and keep well clear of driveways to avoid blocking access.

## Technology (years 7-8)

Technology begins for year 7-8 students on Friday mornings. The programme will run this term and next.

- Hard Materials Tech - Mr Gary Stoneley
- Food Tech - Mrs Cheryl Nevile
- CO2 Dragster Cars - Mrs Nicky Bowles. (Welcome back, Nicky!)

Children must wear closed-in shoes, have their hair tied back, have short fingernails, and need to bring a container with a lid for their food tech classes (an ice cream container is fine). Further details will be given in class. The fee for technology will be \$50 per student. An invoice will be sent home shortly and fees will be due by the end of week 4.

### **Sheep Manure**

We still have sheep manure for sale. Bags are approximately 15kg and are \$8 each, already bagged. We have 'samples' at school. Please ring the office to place your order. You'll have the biggest carrots and cabbages around and your flowers will bloom for months! Thanks to Scott Newman for supplying the manure.

### **Subways**

Subway lunches will be available every Friday from this week. The menu and "how to order" is available from the school website or ask at the Office.

### **Guitar and Ukulele lessons**

A final notice regarding guitar and ukulele lessons for this term - Trish Smart will provide tuition in these instruments if there is enough interest. Lessons are 30 minutes and are held during a lunch-time. Please ring Trish directly on 323 8575, as soon as possible.

### **Chocolate Bar Fundraiser**

Our chocolate fundraiser is on again this term! Students sell chocolate bars to raise funds for their own camp fees (Rooms 5 & 6) or for classroom activities. Full details and order forms will be available next week. All students can take part, so long as any outstanding money for school charges, Athletics, stationery etc has been paid.

### **Assemblies**

Assemblies this term are on **Thursday afternoons** every second week starting this week at 2.30pm. You are always welcome to attend.

### **Green Team 2013**

We are pleased to announce the Green Team for 2013: Nelly Skelton, Elen Barr, Tyler Jefferies, Juliet Bonnor, Olivia Durston, Hilary Short, Greer Mudgway, Jasmine Davenport, Molly Alcock, Victoria Short, Riley Tunnicliffe, Danielle Hina-Ferris, Aaliyah Williams and Holly Gates. We have lots planned including the completion of our bush walk. Thank you to all the children who took the time to apply for such an active, student-led team in our school.

### **First Aid Courses**

Rooms 4, 5 and 6 will have 'First Aid People Savers' Courses next week. These are run by the NZ Red Cross with the aim of providing young people with basic first aid skills. The Student Council will make a donation to the Red Cross.

### **Board of Trustees Election**

The School Trustee Elections for 2013 are underway and we encourage everyone to consider sharing their skills to benefit the students of Halcombe School. Our Board requires five parent representatives. An information session will be held at Halcombe School this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in our staffroom. Everyone is welcome. You can meet the current Board, and find out more about trusteeship and the contribution you can make!

Every parent and/or caregiver should have received election information and nomination forms in the mail. If you didn't, please contact the school as soon as possible. To date, nominations have been received for: Tamzin Darragh, Anne Langtry. Nominations close at noon next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013 (week 2).

The last meeting for our current Board will be next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. An agenda will be available at the Office on Friday.

### Scholastic Book Clubs

The latest book club catalogues are out now! Scholastic New Zealand offers a great range of books for children of all ages, and your orders earn our school free books for the library! Orders, with payment, can be brought to the Office. Please make cheques payable to "Scholastic New Zealand". No online payments, please. Orders close on Friday 31 May (end of week 4).

### Yummy Stickers!

It's that time again! We collect "Yummy" brand apple & pear stickers, and bag labels, and exchange them for sports gear. We have had great support in the past, and last year received over \$250 of essential sports equipment for our school. A Yummy sticker collection sheet is attached. Bring full sheets to the Office.

### Repeat Notices

- Follow the link for your Kids for Kids tickets:  
<http://www.kidsforkids.org.nz/index.php/dates-and-locations>

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal

<b>Term 2 Calendar 2013</b>		
<b>May</b>	9th	BOT Trustee Information evening 7pm Netball practice after school the every Thursday Assembly 2.30pm in the hall
	10th	Year 7-8 Tech programme starts Flippaball starts after school then every Friday
	13th	Senior A Netball starts then every Monday evening BOT meeting 7pm
	15th	Miniball starts after school then every Wednesday
	16th	Nominations for the School Trustee Elections close
	18th	Saturday morning netball starts
	20th	'Kids for Kids' evening at the Regent Theatre
	22nd	PTA Meeting Wednesday sports starts
	23rd	Assembly 2.30pm
<b>June</b>	3rd	Queen's Birthday holiday
	6th	Assembly 2.30pm
	10th	Feilding High School visiting here for 2014 year 9 students
	20th	Assembly 2.30pm Feilding High School Open Day
	24th	BOT Meeting 7pm
	26th	PTA Meeting
<b>July</b>	4th	DJs Sports Tournament Assembly 2.30pm
	8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	3 Way Conferences
	10th	Miniball final
	11th	Student Council event
	12th	Flippaball final School finishes for term 2

### COMMUNITY

#### Playcentre needs Gumboots!

Halcombe Playcentre requires old gumboots - any size, any condition, in pairs or not - for a cool garden project. Please drop them at the Playcentre or phone Yvonne 328 8108.

#### Halcombe Playcentre - Grand Opening

Halcombe Playcentre will hold the official opening of their new bathroom and kitchen facilities on Wednesday 8 May, commencing with a blessing at 9.30am, to be followed by morning tea. Representatives from Kingdom Trust, Eastern & Central Community Trust and Manawatu District Council will attend to celebrate this significant achievement for the Playcentre. All welcome, 77 Willoughby Street - please phone Lisa 324 0027 for details.