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Term 2 Week 10

9th July 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Thank you for the very positive 3 Way Conferences this week. Having a positive parent-teacher relationship contributes to your child's school success and great things happen for children when teachers and families work together. We thank you for your support of the school. Again, I commend all the children on a brilliant term and their wonderful behaviour. Thanks also to our fabulous teachers and support staff who work so hard for the benefit of the children. Enjoy a well-earned break!

Burger Day

Please have your orders in by 9am TOMORROW morning.

Cybersafety

Included with this newsletter are excellent notes about Cybersafety taken by Kirstine Lehany at our recent meeting. Thanks Kirstine, for making such useful and informative notes about this important subject for us. I would encourage all parents to read the notes carefully.

Youth Ambassador

We are very proud of Nelly Skelton (Room 6) who has been named as a Manawatu District Youth Ambassador. The 19 ambassadors range in age from 12 - 24. The mayor, Margaret Kouvelis, is looking forward to working with the ambassadors throughout the next year and establishing a strong youth voice for our community. Well done, Nelly.

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

The chocolate fundraiser has been very well supported and over \$3,600 has been raised for senior camps or class activities. Students in Room 5 & 6 will find out the balance due for their camp fees at the start of Term 3. We look forward to finding out what Rooms 7 - 4 will be using their "chocolate money" for! A big "thank you" to our families and friends who have supported students as they sold chocolates out in the community. All students that took part in the fundraiser will now go into the draw for fantastic book voucher prizes, and the winners will be announced this Friday.

Miniball

Congratulations to all three of our miniball teams on an excellent season. It was amazing to see how much the skill level of all players improved! Thank you to Jenna Britton, Sarah Tunnicliffe and Teresa Alcock for coaching our teams.

DJs Sports Tournament

Last week, a number of our Year 5 and 6 students were involved in the DJs Sports Tournament (for rugby and netball players) held at North Street School in Feilding. Our players performed extremely well and showed off their awesome sporting talents. The netball team had two draws and a win to finish second, while the rugby team had three losses to finish fourth. Thank you to the large number of Halcombe School supporters, and to those who provided transport.

BURGER DAY

THURSDAY 11TH JULY - Week 10

\$2.50 EACH

YOU CAN ORDER YOUR BURGER FROM THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL
ORDERS CLOSE NEXT WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Illustrations by Tyler

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday 2nd August (week 1 next term) (class photos and individual portraits). Order forms will be sent home this week (one per student). Please contact the Office if you do not receive them! If you would like your children to be photographed **together** please contact the Office for a separate "sibling" order envelope. Please return your photo orders, with payment, to the Office **before photograph day** (payments are made to "Photolife" - no online payments, please).

Guitar & Ukulele lessons - Term 3

Mrs Smart will be back next term, Tuesday lunchtimes, for guitar & ukulele lessons. For any inquiries or problems, please phone her directly on 323 8575 or 027 330 5187.

End of Term Details & Term 3

School will close at the usual time on Friday this week. Term 3 begins on Monday 29th July and ends on Friday 27th September.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

Repeat Notice: You can contact the Dental Therapists on 06 322 8791 or 0800 825 583.

CYBER SAFETY MEETING - WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2013

The following main points were made at the meeting:

1. Be aware of the security settings on your router/network, computer and applications e.g. Facebook, Chat Rooms etc.
2. Set Parental Controls on all devices.
3. Online comments can hurt and upset people. Think about what you type and be respectful when engaged in an online community.
4. Inappropriate photographs and content uploaded to the Internet as a laugh can have lasting consequences and damage reputations.
5. Try to keep an open communication between parent/caregiver and child.
6. It is good to know how networks/routers/computers actually work in order to stop anything questionable from happening.
7. Keep up to date with technology and online crazes.
8. Remove all portable devices at night and if necessary, turn off the router.
9. Posting information about yourself can be used by thieves (identity theft) and/or bullies
10. Have strong passwords. (a combination of letters and numbers and at least 8 characters)

Text Bullying:

- Never reply to messages.
- If you have received four or more messages in one week and have not replied to them, you can contact your service provider and make a complaint. If you receive just one more message and do not reply, your service provider can cut them off and remove their service.
- Block the number.

Facebook:

- The minimum age limit for a Facebook account is 13 years old.
- The settings for accounts of young people ages 18 and under differ to those over 18. You should be aware of the differences.
- Never give someone else your password.
- Check your security settings regularly as Facebook and anyone who has hacked your account can change them.
- Parents should be "friends" with their children.

Informative websites:

- NetSafe (www.netsafe.org.nz) Guidelines and resources put together from a variety of organisations, including Ministry of Education, Telecom, NZ Police, NZ Customs, NZ Schools etc.
- The Orb (www.theorb.org.nz) An online incident reporting tool in association with NZ Police e.g. reporting privacy breaches, online traders, child alert hotline etc.
- Connect Safely (www.connectsafely.org) This includes parental guides to Facebook & social media tips for parents.

(Notes by Kirstine Lehany)