

Halcombe School

RD 9, FEILDING

PHONE (06) 328 8845; FAX (06) 328 8847; office@halcombe.school.nz

www.halcombe.school.nz



Term 2 Week 6

11th June 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

'Learning About the Past'

Last week I heard about all the fantastic teaching and learning that has been happening as part of our theme this term - "Learning About the Past". We are focussing on information (inquiry) skills which are 'transferable', no matter what the context.

- Rooms 7 and 1 are learning the difference between a question and a statement
- Rooms 2 and 3 children are learning about types of questions - fat and skinny (open/closed) and how good questions help us find out more information
- Rooms 3 and 4 are learning about finding key words and using these for note-taking and note-making
- Room 4 is also learning how to skim and scan for information
- Room 5 students have been learning how to make a timeline and choosing an appropriate way to share information
- Room 6 have revised all of these skills and have been learning smart ways to pull all the information, from various sources, together.

Halcombe School Board of Trustees Elections 2013 - Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent Representative Votes

Darling, Kevin	67
Darragh, Tamzin	56
Ferris, Toni	27
Langtry, Anne	77
O'Fee, Annie	61
Poulsen, Lisa	36
Skiffington, Megan	44
Invalid votes	2

I hereby declare the following duly elected: **Anne Langtry, Kevin Darling, Annie O'Fee, Tamzin Darragh, Megan Skiffington.**

Staff Representative:

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare **Dianne Simpson** duly elected.

Kirsten Otter

Returning Officer

Welcome to our new Board of Trustees - **Anne Langtry, Kevin Darling, Annie O'Fee, Tamzin Darragh, Megan Skiffington (parent reps); Dianne Simpson (staff rep) and Sue Simpson (Principal).**

A special welcome to Annie O'Fee, who is a new trustee. Everyone else has been re-elected and it is great to have this continuity and stability for the school. Unfortunately Toni Ferris and Lisa Poulsen have missed out on election this time. We thank them for being willing to put themselves forward.

All candidates have been notified and full results are available at school, on our website and in this week's Feilding Herald. Please congratulate the trustees, if you see them out and about, and acknowledge their commitment to Halcombe School. The first meeting for the new Board is scheduled for week 8.

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Keep up the momentum, sell those chocolate bars, and get your money back to school! There are a few bars left if you want to sell some more chocolate - please contact the Office. A reminder that all students involved in this fundraiser go into the draw for wonderful Paperplus book vouchers. This fundraiser will end on Friday 5th July (end of week 9) - all money raised must be brought back to school by this date. Prize-winners will be announced during the last week of term.

Civil Defence

Our school is now part of the Manawatu District Council VHF radio network. The operators conduct a weekly call-up roster to all schools and other stations in the area once a week as part of training for any Civil Defence Emergency.

3 Way Conferences

Our 3 Way Conferences will be held on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July. This is the last week of school this term. More information and the booking sheet next week.

Behaviour

I really must comment on the excellent behaviour of our students at the moment. We are having an excellent term and the standard of behaviour has been just great. Yes, we need the odd grumble to keep everyone on track, but generally, we're thrilled. Well done, everyone.

Nukumball Competition

We have been holding an interhouse Nukumball (a bit like volleyball) competition during lunchtimes over the last couple of weeks. Well done to all those who signed up to play this fun team sport and represent their house.

Repeat Notices

- Basic Facts testing for years 4 - 8 - week beginning 24th July
- Cybersafety evening 26th June at 7pm
- PTA Meeting 8pm 26th June
- Sheep manure approx. 15kg for \$8
- Collect Yummy stickers & bag labels!

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mid-Winter Quiz - Feilding High Basketball Quiz Night

Do you love the challenge of a Quiz? Then come along for a great night of fun and food at the Feilding High Basketball Quiz night. Friday 12th July at 6.30pm at Feilding High School Hall; COST: \$10 per person (maximum 6 per team). For further information or for a registration form please contact Anne Langtry on 328 8177.

Matariki Extravaganza Variety Show

Saturday 15 June from 4pm at the Regent Theatre, Palmerston North. General admission \$7; children under 5 free. An all-ages show with a great line-up of artists, including Te Piringa, Cargill Boys, Turbine Dance Crew, R'Belle, Hori-Fyde Selection, Cook House, Soulway, Tawaroa Kawana, Chad Chambers & Grace Ikenasio (X-Factor). Get your tickets at the Regent Theatre Booking Office.

Gang Show 2013 at the Regent Theatre

Come and enjoy a special night of entertainment for all ages at Gang Show! Wednesday - Saturday 3 - 6 July 2013; evening and matinee performances. Gang Show is a revue show, produced and performed by members of the Scout and Girl Guiding movements. This is awesome entertainment, and "not to be missed". We look forward to seeing you there. Get your tickets from the Regent Theatre, or Ticket Direct.