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Term 2 Week 8

25th June 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Cybersafety and PTA Meeting

*A reminder about the Cybersafety presentation tomorrow evening. Constable Diana Hayden will be presenting the evening. This is an issue we all need to be concerned about. Increasingly, we hear about cyber-bullying & problems with social media sites like Facebook. Our children need support & guidance to use the internet safely and responsibly. The Cybersafety session **begins at 7pm** and will be followed by our PTA meeting. Supper will be provided.*

3 Way Conferences

Thank you for your prompt return of the 3 Way Conference forms. Many people were able to put lots of ticks on their form, which makes it so much easier. Your interview time will be sent home in children's KIT books **TOMORROW**. Please let us know ASAP if the allocated time does not suit.

A reminder that **school will close at 12.15pm on Monday 8th July**. Only students waiting for conferences will stay at school - everyone else will go home. Buses will run at their usual times.

Rescue Helicopter Visit

What a surprise! Yesterday we had an unscheduled visit from the Palmerston North Rescue Helicopter. We only had a few minutes warning that the helicopter was going to visit, after dropping off a patient at Whanganui Hospital. We all assembled on the edge of the field, and watched the helicopter come in to land. After meeting the crew, children had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about the day-to-day operation of the helicopter. The visit was cut short, as the crew received a call out to Cape Palliser, on the south eastern corner of the North Island! The Student Council has made a generous donation to the Rescue Helicopter Service.



See more photos & video on our [class blogs!](#)



Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Reminders have been sent home and chocolate money is due by the end of next week. We do have some chocolate bars left, however, and are happy to extend this fundraiser for motivated students in Room 5 & 6 who would like to raise more money for their camp fees. Please contact the Office for details.

40 Hour Famine 2013

This year the challenge of the 40 Hour Famine was taken up by some very committed Halcombe School students, ready to go hard out for the hungry. During our famine journey we were lucky enough to have Michelle from World Vision come and talk about where exactly the money goes and why it is very important to sponsor and help children in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea. After collecting sponsorships, the weekend of the 8th of June was time to 'fast' or give up a luxury we take for granted. Some of us even went out into Feilding to collect donations from shoppers in town. After only an hour this group raised over \$150. A big "congratulations" to Olivia Durston for raising a massive \$534.



The overall total raised by Halcombe School was \$2,322.60 which is more than twice the amount raised last year. Well done everyone! *Written by Grace and Nelly.*

Marbles

Marbles are back at Halcombe School! While we usually don't allow children to bring their own toys and balls from home, we are going to make an exception for marbles. Children in the Junior team will just play 'friendlies', while those in the Senior team are allowed to play for 'keeps' (if they choose) - if you're not sure what this means, your child will be able to tell you! No doubt this will provide many parents with a moment of reflection as they remember their own mighty marble-playing days! Perhaps you could take the time to teach your child some tactics and superior flicking techniques!

Young Leaders

Last week, our school was represented by Alex, Molly, Elen and Nelly at the National Young Leaders Conference in Palmerston North. They had the opportunity to hear from some truly inspiring people. Here is a summary of what each speaker said:

- **Billy Graham - Elen**
Billy is a former champion boxer and is now a boxing coach. He talked to us about the importance of keeping your mind and body healthy, and that you should always give things a go! He also entertained us by playing the harmonica and showing us a really cool push-up trick!
- **Charlie Laumatia - Nelly**
Charlie is an 'Attitude' presenter and was a very informative, funny and inspirational speaker. Charlie believes that to be a successful leader you have to be confident to seek help from others. He reminded us that it is normal for us to make mistakes, though you must always own up and take responsibility - don't hide your mistakes from people who have the potential to help. Charlie says that to be a leader you have to be good friends with everyone!
- **Sam Johnson - Alex**
Sam is the leader of the Christchurch University's Student Army. He was living in Christchurch when the earthquake struck. He rang the council and said, "I want to help, so what can I do?" From that point, Sam helped to mobilise and coordinate thousands of volunteers to help with the clean-up. His story was very motivating and inspirational.
- **Allison Mooney - Molly**
Allison is a well-known speaker and author. She talked about how everybody is different and that our personalities are very unique. She gave us some tips about how to get on with people who are different to ourselves. If you want to be a great leader, you need to be able to get on with and understand others.
- **Cam Calkoen - Molly**
Cam has cerebral palsy, but has never let that stop him from achieving his goals. He talked about dreams and that no dream is too big to achieve. He encouraged us to never be scared to give something a go. Cam's favourite word is AWESOME.

Halcombe Community Phone Book

We've been working on the Halcombe Community Phone Book for a while now and at last it's coming together, so we're just about ready to print! The phone book will be a simple booklet, made here at school, A5 size. We are offering some advertising space within the covers - small black & white print ads (approx. 10 x 10cm) for \$40. By having some local paid advertising, we hope to cover the cost of making the phone book and then can distribute it for free throughout the area (at least 300 homes). If you are interested and would like to advertise with us, please contact the school!

Tall Poppies

Tall Poppies Drama School runs a class at Halcombe School every Thursday lunchtime. They invite any students interested in joining the class in Term 3 to a free open class on Thursday 11th July (week 10). For more information visit www.tallpoppiesdrama.co.nz or email office@tallpoppiesdrama.co.nz or phone 08004POPPIES.

Dental Therapists

The dental therapists are here! Their "Rangitikei Rover" mobile dental unit will be at school until the end of term, and all students will have their regular checks. If you have particular issues or concerns, you can contact the dental therapists on 06 327 6016 or 0800 825 583, or leave a note for them at the Office.



Nukumball Champions!

Rimu won the Interhouse Nukumball Challenge for 2013!

Much as it pains us to tell you - they even beat the teachers despite a rousing haka before the game!



Repeat Notices

- Cybersafety evening and PTA meeting tomorrow night at 7pm
- Collect Yummy stickers & bag labels!

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Feilding High School Kapa Haka Roopu - Te Rau Huia - Dress Rehearsal

You are invited to attend Te Rau Huia's Dress Rehearsal for Pae Taiohi 2013 (Kapa Haka Regionals) at Feilding High School on Saturday 29th June at 6pm. Entry \$2. Everyone welcome. This will be a wonderful performance!

Mid-Winter Quiz - Feilding High Basketball Quiz Night

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.