

# Halcombe School

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Term 2 Week 9

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013

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



### 3 Way Conferences

Another reminder that **school will close next Monday at 12.15pm**. Please collect your children from the library. Only students waiting for conferences before 3pm will stay at school - everyone else will go home. Buses will run at their usual times.

### Cybersafety and PTA Meeting

A small group of parents attended the evening about Cybersafety last week. We heard about ways to protect children from the dangers of social media and the internet. Thanks to Constable Diana Hayden for her informative talk. An excellent site to visit is [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz). More information and a tip sheet will be available next week.

### Basic Facts

We are over the moon! All that hard work at home, helping your children to learn their basic facts, has really paid off. There has been a significant improvement in basic facts for children in years 4 - 8 with every child improving their scores. You will see a slip in your child's KIT book, showing their scores. You will be able to compare these with the slip from February and celebrate your child's hard work. A big "thank you" to all the teachers for finding fun and innovative ways to help children learn their basic facts in class. This has been a great effort all round!

### Reports

Your child will bring home their mid-year report and Learning Log on Friday. Please note the following about your child's report:

- If your child is in year 3 or younger, your child is compared to other children who have been at school for the **same length of time as them**, regardless of their year level. For example, if your child is year 2, but has only been at school for 20 months, they will be assessed at the 'after 18 months' standard, because they haven't been at school for 24 months (2 years) yet.
- If your child is in years 4- 8, they are compared to children in the **same year level as them**. For example, year 5 children are compared to all other year 5 children.

Please read your child's report carefully over the weekend, and bring any questions to the conferences next week. We look forward to celebrating and discussing your child's progress and achievements with you.

## **Board of Trustees News**

The Board met last Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. This meeting was the first for our newly-elected Board of Trustees. In our board election, the number of votes cast was high, compared with other schools in our district, and we think this is because we have such an engaged, involved school community. We are very pleased to have Anne Langtry continuing on as board chair until 2014.

Reading achievement results were presented by Mrs Simpson. These are consistently better than the national averages and an action plan is in place to improve these even further. Maths results were excellent with 89% of children in years 3-8 achieving at or above average on the PAT Maths Test. The new Basic Facts results will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Plans for major building work and upgrades continue. The first tenders were more than current funding allows, so we have asked for some modifications. We are hoping that work will begin before the end of next term. The scope of work includes refurbishing room 2, relocating junior books to the library, new lighting and security systems, and a major upgrade to the middle toilet block.

Portfolios were allocated across the Board:

- Anne Langtry - Chairperson and Treasurer
- Kevin Darling - Property
- Annie O'Fee - Grants and Funding
- Tamzin Darragh - Personnel
- Megan Skiffington - Health and Safety

We look forward to a productive next three years as your Board of Trustees.

*Megan Skiffington for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees*

## **Chocolate Bar Fundraiser**

A reminder that all chocolate money must be brought back to school by **FRIDAY** this week!

Please contact the school **urgently** if there are any problems.

Kind regards

## **End of Term**

School will close at the usual time on Friday next week - 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Sue Simpson  
Principal

## **Dental Therapists**

The "Rangitikei Rover" mobile dental unit will be at school until the end of term, and all students are having their regular checks. If you have particular issues or concerns, you can contact the dental therapists on 06 322 8791 or 0800 825 583, or leave a note for them at the Office.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Feilding Scout Group - Garage Sale**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 7.30am at Scout Hall, Manchester Street, Feilding. We are looking for donations of any saleable goods between now and 18<sup>th</sup> July. We are happy to collect or can arrange a location for you to drop your goods off. Please call Rose 328 7010, 021 215 8019 or Paul 323 4240. Thank you for your support.

### **Oroua Parish Holiday Programme "All Washed Up - Survivor"**

22 - 26 July, 9.45am-12.30pm; intrepid mornings exploding with games, songs, crafts, dancing, quizzes, puppet shows & much more. Suitable for all children aged 5-12 years. Held at the Oroua Parish Hall, St John Anglican Church, Camden Street, Feilding. \$6 per child or \$15 per family each day (early registration discount). For more details please contact David 323 7050.

### **Holiday Hockey**

At FAHS Turf, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July — Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July; 1-3pm. Don't need any gear, just a smile! Skills, drills and 6-aside games. \$30 for 3 days or \$12 per day. Registrations essential: contact Raewyn Beattie (wk) 323 4029 ext. 750; (hm) 323 6325; (mob) 027 632 8868.

### **Feilding United Soccer Holiday Programme**

Timona Park Clubrooms: Monday 22 July to Thursday 25 July, 9 am to 3 pm, for 6 - 13 year olds. Fee: \$30 a day, \$100 for all four days. Booking is essential! To book a space, please contact Paul Hoek on 323 9068 evenings or 021 460 079, or email [paul@aurangi.co.nz](mailto:paul@aurangi.co.nz)