

Halcombe School

RD 9, FEILDING

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

www.halcombe.school.nz



Term 3 Week 3

13th August 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

'The Big Sad Wolf'

This show was fantastic! Everyone enjoyed watching the very talented actors from the NZ Playhouse perform 'The Big Sad Wolf' last week. It was one of the best shows we have seen and we have already pencilled them in for next year.

Sir Peter Blake Award

Alexander Baker was presented with a Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award in assembly last week. The Sir Peter Blake "Young Leader Award", in association with Westpac, recognises young people who have shown promising leadership in their schools and communities. The Westpac Bank representative, Nic, attended assembly last week to present this prestigious award. Congratulations Alexander.

Disco Time!

This is a reminder about the Disco on Friday this week. Tickets are \$3 and are on sale at the office. Drinks, lollies and chocolate will be on sale on the night, too. Teachers and members of our Student Council will provide the supervision. Remember please that **parents do not wait in the hall**. The staffroom will be available, so parents can enjoy a cuppa while their children are at the disco.

- Junior disco: 5.30pm - 6.45pm (Rooms 7, 1, 2 and 3)
- Senior disco: 7pm - 8.30pm (Rooms 4, 5 and 6)

Bulls Winter Sports Exchange

Thank you to those who have offered to provide transport to Bulls School next Monday 19th August. Please be at school at 11.15am. Soccer, B netball and A rugby are due to start at 12.15pm, with the A netball and B rugby following at approx. 1pm. Please refer to last week's newsletter for other information.

Information about the South Makirikiri interschool sports will be in next week's newsletter.

Mathex

Congratulations to all our Mathex Teams who had a fantastic day last Friday at the Manawatu Mathex Competition and achieved the following outstanding results.

- Our year 5 team was **2nd out of 41 teams** (Jensen Alcock, Catherine Pyne, Tyler Walters, Jack Poulsen)
- Our year 6 team came **7th out of 44 teams** (Sophie Langtry, Madison Tai, Danielle Hina-Ferris, Brett Shortall)
- The year 7 team also came **7th out of 36 teams** (Cody Kirkpatrick-Smith, Jago Alcock, Aaliyah Williams, Blair Gowan)
- Our year 8 team was **3rd out of 37 teams** (Molly Alcock, Elen Barr, Olivia Durston, Alex Baker)

Well done to all our teams for all their practice and hard work.

'The Pond'

Next Monday 19th August, Rooms 7, 1 and 2 children will be able to attend the 'Little Dog Barking' show called 'The Pond'. The cost is \$4 each and is being subsidised by the PTA. Please complete the slip below and send along \$4 by next Monday (or you can pay online to 01 0625 010 6729 00). If you would like to find out more about the show, follow the link: <http://www.littledogbarking.co.nz/performances/the-pond/>

PTA Meeting

A huge thank you to our PTA for all the resources they have provided for the school recently. The money for these resources came from all your hard work at the Gala and Trail Ride earlier this year, so it is great to see the money being used for the benefit of your children.

- Imaginz Construction Kit: we received \$1000 from Pub Charity and the PTA contributed \$750 (the kit is to be demonstrated in assembly on 22nd August).
- New plastic tops for the 8 outdoor benches.
- Children in Room 6 will be given \$100 each towards their camp this year. The total commitment of funds will be \$2,650. This includes approx. \$42 each for helping at the Gala and a \$1,500 donation towards the camp.
- The PTA has made a very substantial donation to ICT equipment. The money raised at the Quiz Night last year also went to ICT equipment.
- The PTA will fund Rachel Hansen workshops (Sexuality Education in Term 4, for years 5-8 and a parents' evening) - value \$1000.
- The recent 'Big Sad Wolf' production - the PTA donated \$210 towards the cost
- Upcoming 'The Pond' production (19th August) - the PTA will contribute \$174 towards the cost
- A new Sandpit cover is being made.

Friends of the PTA

If you are not available to attend PTA Meetings, but would like to put yourself forward to help at school, please fill out the slip below. We need parent support for various activities at school and also for help with things such as providing an afternoon tea, book-mending or shelving and parent-helping in classrooms. It would be great to have a group of people we can call on.

Scholastic Book Clubs

The latest book club catalogues are out now. You can bring your orders, with payment, to the Office. Cheques can be made out to "Scholastic New Zealand". Orders will close on Friday 23rd August (end of week 4).

Coughs, colds & flu

Although we've had some lovely spring weather, the "colds and flu" season is still upon us and we have a number of children off sick at present. Help us to control the spread of bugs and please keep unwell children at home until they are completely better - don't send them to school to "see how they get on". And a reminder that we cannot administer medication to students at school on your behalf - this is a parent's job. Please see the Information Book or the school website for more details.

Ice Cream Containers

We'd love some donations of clean ice cream containers (with lids) for use at school. They are really handy! Please bring them to the Office.

Chocolate Fundraiser 2013

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's chocolate fundraiser. Over \$3,600 has been raised for camps and classroom activities. The company that provides our chocolate also gives us incentive prizes for taking part. This year we have received a big pack of sports balls for the whole school, and extra chocolate bars for the Student Council Disco. We also have "Paper Plus" Gift Vouchers for four lucky students, to recognise their efforts in taking part in the fundraiser this year. Congratulations to Quaid Glasgow-Rowland, Hilary Short, Danielle Thompson-Gorinski and Te Whetu Reedy.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Totally Vets - Pet Day Lambs - FREE Vaccination Service

Many pet lambs died in the run-up to school pet days last year and Totally Vets wants to help avoid this terrible event this year by offering FREE pulpy kidney vaccination for school pet lambs. If you would like to have your pet lamb vaccinated, please take them to the Feilding Totally Vets clinic (opposite the saleyards) during the week Monday 9th - Friday 13th September, between the hours of 9am - 4pm (leave your lambs in the car and check in at reception). Booster shots and free tail-ringing are also available! You can also vaccinate your lambs yourselves, if you prefer - phone the clinic for details on how to order the vaccines. For more information, phone Totally Vets 06 323 6179 or visit www.totallyvets.co.nz

RICOH Big Green Day Out

Ricoh are planning a tree planting day on Sunday 15 September, Cashmere Drive, Palmerston North at 10am. This is a fun day for everyone to get together and improve the environment. Lunch will be provided as well as spot prizes and gifts for everyone. RSVP to: pnorth@ricoh.co.nz

"THE POND" SHOW - ROOMS 7, 1 AND 2

Student: _____ Room: _____

Student: _____ Room: _____

Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$4.00 per student)

I will pay online to 01 0625 0106729 00. *Online payments must be in our bank by the due date.*

Please return this slip, with payment, to the Office by next Monday 19th August 2013.

A FRIEND OF THE PTA

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Yes! I want to be a "Friend of the PTA" and can dedicate some time to Halcombe School.

Please return this slip to the Office. Your support is appreciated!