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Term 3 Week 4

20th August 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Disco

This was a great evening for all those involved. Thanks must go to the Student Council and Di Simpson for all their hard work in making the evening such a success. Visit the [class blogs](#) for fun disco photos!

Carpark

You might have noticed that our lovely teachers are now parking on the road or in the carparks not accessible by the path around the car-parking area. This is to free up spaces for parents. Thanks teachers. We know our carpark is very small and space is limited, so we have a few guidelines. These are all about keeping all our children safe:

- Please don't walk across or through the carpark. Use the path around the edge.
- Please don't double-park. This can be extremely frustrating if you're waiting to get out of the carpark and your way is blocked.
- Please don't park on the apron at the front of the hall doors. Carparks are clearly marked and this space isn't a carpark!
- Please consider reversing into carparks when you arrive before 3pm. This means you have clear visibility when you leave the carpark.
- If you often stay for a while after school, please consider parking out on the road, or in the furthest carparks, so those who just want to collect their children and go, can use the closer parks.

Daffodil Day & Yellow Day

Next Thursday 29th August, we will be celebrating Daffodil Day at Halcombe School. Students can dress up in anything and everything YELLOW! Students are also encouraged to bring a gold coin. All money donated will be passed on to the New Zealand Cancer Society. There will be some great prizes up for grabs for particularly YELLOW people! We hope to see all students getting into the spirit of this event, as a way of supporting this worthy cause.

Bulls Winter Sports Exchange

We took 5 winter sports teams to Bulls School yesterday for our annual interschool winter sports fixture. Children showed great sportsmanship and skills. Our teams performed extremely well and managed to win 4 of the 5 games. Many thanks to those who provided transport.

South Makirikiri Inter-School Sport Exchange

Next Wednesday 28th of August, we are hosting South Makirikiri School for a winter sports exchange. Players need to bring warm clothes. If the field is likely to be wet/muddy, please bring a change of clothes. We will be providing afternoon tea after the games. All players are expected to bring a plate of food to share (not chippies please). Take it to the library before school. Soccer, B Netball and Junior Rugby games will begin at 12.15pm, with the A Netball and Senior Rugby following at 1.00pm. Parents are most welcome to come along and watch.

Senior Rugby - 7 aside (bare feet)

- Players will be issued with a rugby jersey but provide their own BLACK rugby shorts and mouthguard
- Team: Stefan, Logan B, Daniel, Alex, Blair, Cody, Quaid, Jordan and Frazer.

Junior Rugby - 7 aside (bare feet)

- Players will be issued with a rugby jersey but provide their own BLACK rugby shorts and mouthguard
- Team: Riley, Logan G, Lucas, Levi, Tyler W, Tahu, Gregor, Kerry and Isaac K.

Soccer

- Players will be issued with a playing top but must wear their own BLACK shorts and shoes or boots. Shin pads are optional.
- Team: Jago, Kyle, George, Grace, Trevor, Tammy, Tyler J, Cameron, Jensen, Lydia, Brett, Jack, Regan and Heath

'A' Netball

- Players to wear their usual playing uniform.
- Team: Molly, Aaliyah, Juliet, Elen, Jasmine, Hilary, Victoria, Olivia D and Nelly.

'B' Netball

- Players to wear their usual playing uniform.
- Team: Hannah, Olivia C, Sophie, Jorja, Jade, Madison, Natalie, Danielle, Ffion and De'Quante.

Rugby Rep

Congratulations to Stefan Williams who has been selected in the Manawatu Under-13 Rugby reps.

'The Pond'

Yesterday the 3 junior classes enjoyed watching 'The Pond', a puppet show with a conservation theme about looking after water. You'll see more about this show on our [class blogs](#).

New fundraiser - Superior Farms Pet Provisions

Biophive Ltd, Feilding, is NZ manufacturer of dog & cat chews and treats that are marketed worldwide under the Superior Farms Pet Provisions brand. The chews and treats range is 100% natural animal parts sourced from lamb and venison. You can find these wonderful products at Totally Vets in Feilding and online at www.superiorfarmspetnz.com. When you buy online, you can nominate Halcombe School to receive 15% of the total sale as a donation. Their brochure, and a sample, is coming home with this newsletter - please pass them on to friends or neighbours if you don't have a pet. You can get more information & prices at the website or contact Jessica Pettersson 06 324 0302 or jessica@biophive.com

Scholastic Book Clubs

Book Club orders close this Friday 23rd August.

Board of Trustees news

At last week's meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board were presented with a Student Achievement Report for the latest round of Basic Facts testing. In all areas (addition, multiplication, subtraction and division), results were significantly improved since March. While this in part reflects the continued focus placed on Basic Facts by the school's teaching staff, it was also acknowledged that parental support had further contributed to this improvement. Parents are encouraged to continue to work on Basic Facts with their children at home. The next round of testing is scheduled for October.

Following the recent 3 Way Conferences, a group of parents, representative of the school, were asked to complete a short questionnaire. The feedback received was very positive, although a few areas for possible improvement have been identified and will be considered before the next Conferences.

Two major property projects will hopefully get underway before the end of the year: recladding of the school hall which has been designated a 'leaky building' by the Ministry of Education (MOE); and refurbishment of Room 2 and the middle toilet block, along with upgrading of the lighting throughout the school (pending MOE approval). Updates on both projects will be provided via the school newsletter.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday 16th September (week 8).

Kevin Darling for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal