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Term 3 Week 9

24th September 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

'Let Us Entertain You'

Our presentation evening is TOMORROW NIGHT, here at school, starting at 6.00pm sharp. Students will have information on what they need to bring and what time they need to be at school. Please be on time!

Board of Trustees News

At last week's Board meeting, Room 6 students Molly, Hilary, Juliet, Grace, Alexander and Olivia made a presentation to the Board based on the following question, "Is ICT making a difference to student achievement?" Board members were given a chance to use some of the applications on the Room 6 blog, and the students spoke about what they had learnt, sharing their work online via their blogs, and what they would like to see happen in the future. We were impressed with the presentation, and enjoyed the hands-on approach offered. Congratulations to the students for sharing their ICT knowledge and skills with us so effectively, and thank you to Dianne Simpson for creating the presentation and supporting them with their learning.

Other items on the agenda:

- The Board formally approved the Room 2 classroom, toilets and lighting upgrade project, with consenting underway. Work is due to begin this week, which is great news.
- We reviewed the Attendance and Punctuality Policy which will be communicated to staff this week.
- Anne Langtry expressed her thanks, on behalf of the Board, for the excellent response by all school staff to the recent earthquake.
- 2013 Camp proposals for Room 5 (Sixtus Lodge) & Room 6 (Turangi) were passed onto a Board member to check. These have now been approved.
- We also confirmed the start date for the 2014 school year (Monday 27th January 2014).

The next Board meeting will be on Monday 21st October at 7pm.

Tamzin Darragh for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees

Building Work at School

It is "ALL GO" at Halcombe School at the moment! Work has begun on the upgrade of the lighting and fire alarms in all our classrooms. The Room 2 classroom will soon be completely renovated, and the class is shifting to the library while this work is done. The Room 3 & 4 cloak bay and toilets will also be rebuilt. Everyone is being really flexible at the moment as the tradesmen work through the school. Special thanks to the senior students, who are called on to move things, clean things and organise things at the drop of a hat! A major project coming up is the remediation of the Hall. Our Hall has been classified as a "leaky building", and the Ministry of Education has agreed to repair the building at no cost to our school. Contractors are currently tendering for this job and we expect the work to begin later in Term 4. It will be a big job: re-roofing, re-cladding and making good the interior of the Hall. We might not be able to use the Hall for some time, and this may affect some of our regular end-of-year events like prizegiving. We'll keep using the Hall in the meantime - just be prepared to dodge the drips and puddles!

Pet Day

Pet Day will be on the morning of Monday 21st October (Term 4, week 2) starting at 9am.

- There will be competitions for lambs, calves, dogs and "other pets". We are collecting entries NOW. Please use the form below to enter your animals. Entries will close on Friday 18th October (the end of week 1). This year, the dog competition will be for senior students only (i.e. Year 5 upwards) to keep this event manageable.
- More Pet Day information next term!

Cross Country Term 4

Our annual Cross Country event will be on the second Wednesday of next term (23rd October). Our classes are already training and we hope students will continue to train in the holidays. From the start of Term 4, all children need to have a T shirt, shorts and comfortable shoes at school every day while we are training and working on fitness levels. Full details of the event at the start of next term.

End of Term

The term ends this Friday 27th September at 3pm.

Term 4

Term 4 begins on Monday 14th October. A reminder that sunhats are to be worn in Term 4.

Guitar & Ukulele Lessons

Today is the last session for guitar and ukulele lessons. The students have invited their parents and friends along to an end-of-term concert. A huge "thank you" to Mrs Smart for taking this group for the last two terms. Mrs Smart will not be taking classes here at Halcombe School in Term 4 but is available for private lessons, in guitar & keyboards, at her home. Please ring her 06 323 8575 for details.

Juicies - Last Day TOMORROW!

Tomorrow is your last chance to buy juicies in 2013! Available outside the library at lunchtime, \$1 each, in a selection of flavours. Don't miss out on this great frozen juice treat and give the Student Council your support!

Yummy Stickers

We have had over 3,600 stickers returned (600 more than last year) and so hope to receive a lot of great sports gear in exchange! This is a House competition - your stickers earn points for your House. The results are: 1st Kauri 1442; 2nd Rimu 1274; 3rd Matai 655; 4th Totara 232. Thank you, everyone, for your support of this campaign!

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

IRONBARK Engineering Ltd

Farm repairs and maintenance. Mobile welding service available. Call GRIZZ, Your Local Engineer!
Phone 06 328 8552; cell 021 234 3198.

Missing

On Saturday night (21st September) our sign at the gate was taken from 752 Mangaone Road. If anyone sees our sign (free range eggs for sale) could you please pop in or ring David or Fiona on 328 8013.

Holiday ukulele and guitar classes

Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th October at Feilding High School's Music Department; a variety of sessions on offer for beginners and confident players. Cost: \$30 for 3 sessions - includes a songbook and chord chart to keep. For more information or to register, contact Sheila Beckers 06 323 8430, 027 452 5802 or marc.sheila@xtra.co.nz

YMCA Holiday Programme

Enrol your kids now for the YMCA Holiday Programme. Your kids will love activities specifically chosen for their age such as swimming, day trips, rock climbing, sports, movies and a whole lot more!!! Picking up from Foxton, Ashhurst, Feilding, Linton and Palmerston North. \$3 lunch option available; contact the YMCA NOW to book in your kids for FUN!!! Phone 06 358 8921.

HALCOMBE SCHOOL PET DAY 2013 - MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Entries for ALL pet competitions are being taken now. Entries close on Friday 18th October (end of week 1).

There are Senior and Junior Classes in each section:

- Senior Students: Years 5 - 8
- Junior Students: Years 0 - 4

CALF COMPETITION

Calving Dates: Born between 1st July and 15th September. Records/Diaries are optional.

Calf competitions will be in three classes:

- (a) Dairy Type or Beef Type
- (b) Care and Attention
- (c) Leading

LAMB COMPETITION

Lambing Dates: Born between 1st July and 15th September. Records / Dairies are optional. There will be two classes:

- (a) Care and Attention
- (b) Leading & Calling

DOG COMPETITION (SENIOR STUDENTS ONLY):

Judging for: care and attention; excellent knowledge of dog; involvement with dog on a regular basis; good control of dog; obedience; leading skills. Dogs must remain on their lead and be supervised at all times.

PET COMPETITION:

This should be the child's pet - not grandad's, your brother's or the neighbours! All kinds of animals are welcome. Judging for: care and attention, excellent knowledge of pet; involvement with pet on a regular basis. Please provide suitable cages and/or leads for pets. Horses and ponies to be led, not ridden. Pets to be supervised at all times.

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PET DAY ENTRY FORM 2013 - for lambs, calves, dogs or 'other' pets

	Student's Year Level	Student's name	Pet's name
JUNIOR LAMB	0 - 4		
SENIOR LAMB	5 - 8		
JUNIOR CALF	0 - 4		Beef OR Dairy <i>(select)</i>
SENIOR CALF	5 - 8		Beef OR Dairy <i>(select)</i>
SENIOR DOG	5 - 8		
JUNIOR PET	0 - 4	Student's name: _____ Type of animal: _____	Pet's name: _____
SENIOR PET	5 - 8	Student name: _____ Type of animal: _____	Pet's name: _____

Please enclose \$2 per entry.

Parent/caregiver signature: _____