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Term 4 Week 1

15th October 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

A very warm welcome back to Term 4. This is a very busy term of less than 9 weeks and it will be over before we know it. The term calendar is included. Please keep it handy so you don't miss events during the term.

'Let Us Entertain You'

What an amazing evening we shared at the end of last term. We were so proud of all the children and how confident they were on the stage. Thank you for your support and for being such an amazing audience.

Sunhats

This term children need to wear sunhats. The school has a "no hat means no play" policy. The hat must have a *wide brim*, which shades the face, ears and neck. Fashion hats with narrow brims are not suitable. Hats must not have any inappropriate language, symbols, advertising or a draw string, and should be named. Our PTA provides each class with sunscreen to use during the summer months.

Child Restraint Law

The child restraint law is changing. From 1st November, you must correctly secure your child in an **approved child restraint** (not just a seat belt) until their 7th birthday. This will have implications for parents offering transport for school trips involving 5 and 6 year olds, as every child will need an approved restraint. There is further information available from www.nzta.govt.nz/childrestraints

Building Work at School

Our builders and tradesmen are making great progress at school. Many rooms have new and much improved lighting, the new fire alarm system is well underway, the room 3-4 toilet block has been gutted and work has started on the new internal walls. Room 2 has been gutted and the gib is already up.

Phone book

Local Halcombe people will have had a new Halcombe phone book delivered during the holidays. This has all the 3288 prefix numbers of people who chose to be in the phone book and also the details of many of our local tradespeople and businesses. We hope you will be able to support these businesses which have sponsored the phone book for us. Sincere thanks to Kirsten Otter for the many, many hours she spent putting the book together. It has been a huge task and the phone book looks fantastic.

Sausage Sizzle on Pet Day

We will be having a sausage sizzle and muffin lunch as part of Pet Day next Monday. Each item is \$1.50. There is **no need to pre-order**, just bring along the money on the day and keep it safe until lunch time.

Muffins

We are after about 20 dozen muffins for Pet day. This is a nice easy little fundraiser for us, so please send the strip below if you are able to donate a dozen muffins. Just send the muffins along on Monday morning.

Cross Country next Wednesday 23rd October

Well done to those children who have been training in the holidays. A map and details of the event are attached. We will walk over to the course after lunch on Pet Day, so all children are familiar with the course. We would welcome some extra parent supervision if you are able to help.

Pet Day Organisation - NEXT MONDAY 21st October

Pet entries are due by **this Friday** - please use the order form below. Please note that Pet Day starts earlier this year.

ON THE DAY:

Children with pets arrive at school **no later than 8.45am**. They must stay with their pets out on the field. Judging will begin at 9.00am and should be finished by 10.30am. Pet Day is held regardless of the weather.

All pets must be under control at all times.

- Junior lamb ring - closest to the hall
- Senior lambs - middle ring, between Junior lambs and Calves
- Calf ring - near the rugby goalposts
- Senior Dogs - ring closest to Room 7. **Dogs must be on a leash at all times, and children must stay with their OWN dog.**
- All other pets (including junior dogs) will be along the field side of the Adventure Playground, except horses/ponies which should be in the centre of the field.

Judging will be followed by the Grand Parade and presentation of trophies. At the conclusion of the judging, parents and visitors are invited to the **HALL** to see the **indoor exhibits**.

Indoor Exhibits

This year each class will present **2 exhibits**. Please see class blogs and KIT books for more information:

- Room 7- decorated gumboot and a paper plate farm animal
- Room 1 - 3D living cards and a collage farm scene
- Room 2 - sand saucer and 3D plants
- Room 3 - miniature farm and apple face creations
- Room 4 - pet rocks and 3D farm photos
- Room 5 - greeting cards and recycled creatures
- Room 6 - rural photo and baking

Agrikids Competition

The senior children will take part in an **Interhouse Farm Kids Challenge** after the Grand Parade. This is a very exciting **NEW EVENT**. It would be wonderful if parents could stay to watch.

The following children will represent their houses after being top scorers in the general knowledge section:

- Kauri Krushers: Tyler Jefferies, Kyle Ronaldson, Elen Barr and Cody Kirkpatrick-Smith
- Matai Monsters: Logan Brett, Nelly Skelton, Jasmine Davenport and Molly Alcock
- Rimu Rangers: Blair Gowan, Alex Baker, Grace Te Whatu and Aaliyah Williams
- Totara Titans: Hilary Short, Victoria Short, Olivia Cobcroft and Trevor Short

Kind regards

Subway Lunches

Subway lunches will be available on Fridays this term. For the menu, prices and ordering details, please contact the Office or visit the school website.

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Auditions for 'Oliver'

Audition dates are 1st, 2nd and 3rd November with venue and times tba. Production date April 2014. For more information contact the Production Secretary, 06 354 2657 or email auditions@regent.co.nz

MUFFINS FOR PET DAY - MONDAY 21st October 2013

I will bake _____ dozen muffins for Pet Day. Muffins can be brought to school on Monday. No paper muffin cups required. Please use a disposable container.

Name:

Signature Date

Please return this slip to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

HALCOMBE SCHOOL PET DAY 2013 - MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Entries for ALL pet competitions are being taken now. Entries close on Friday this week.

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:

- Dairy Type or Beef Type
- Care and Attention
- Leading

LAMB COMPETITION

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

- Care and Attention
- 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.

Junior students wishing to bring a dog can enter the Pet Competition (below).

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 must be supervised at all times.

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 (select)
SENIOR CALF	5 - 8		Beef OR Dairy (select)
SENIOR DOG	5 - 8		
JUNIOR PET (incl. dogs)	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: _____

Term 4 2013 Calendar

October	16th	Year 7-8 Interschool Speech competition 6pm Room 6
	21st	Pet Day and Sausage Sizzle Room 5 camp parents' meeting for those attending camp BOT meeting 6pm
	23rd	Cross Country starting at 12.30pm PTA meeting 7pm
	28th	Labour Day Room 5 leave for camp at Sixtus Lodge
November	1st	Hunterville Interschool Cross Country Young Achievers Presentation 5pm at the Civic Centre, Feilding
	6th and 8th	Kelly Jordan - Dog Safety (Junior Team)
	10th	Room 6 leave for camp at Turangi
	13th	Parent Information evening for pre-schoolers
	14th	Room 3 overnight camp
	20th	Rooms 7-1 trip
	21st	Room 2 trip Room 4 overnight camp
25th	PTA meeting 6pm Sexuality Education evening for parents	
December	2nd	BOT meeting 7pm
	4th	Athletic Sports
	6th	Senior Social
	9th	Year 8 leavers dinner Written Reports sent home
	10th	Junior Prizegiving afternoon 1.20pm
	11th	Senior Prizegiving 7pm
	12th	School finishes for the year at 1pm