

# Halcombe School



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Term 4 Week 6

19<sup>th</sup> November 2013

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

## Room 6 Camp



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Wow, what a week! During our camp in Turangi, we went abseiling, caving, kayaking, tramping, mountain biking, swimming and white water rafting. A massive congratulations to Room 6 for facing your fears and for showing grit and determination during these pretty challenging activities. We also visited the hot pools, held a most excellent concert night and had a lot of fun and laughs along the way! A huge thank you to our awesome camp parents - Mrs Alcock, Miss Atkinson, Miss Bloemendaal, Mr Short, Mr Durston and Mr Ireland. We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of our PTA which helped to make our camp possible.

## Transition to School - Information Evening for Parents

There was a good turnout of parents to the meeting last week. Thank you for coming along to find out about preparing your child for school, and thanks to Mrs Lynch for organising the evening.

## Champion Folders!

Our Fonterra Milk for Schools cartons need to be folded a certain way to be acceptable for recycling, and our students have become experts at this. We decided to hold an inter-house competition and find out who are the faster folders. The winners were treated to yummy banana milkshakes!



### **Building Renovations**

There was great excitement last week as Room 2 moved back into their brand new classroom! It looks fantastic and everyone is thrilled to be back in their own room. We expect the middle toilet block to be completed over the next 2 weeks. Work on the Hall will not now start until the new year.

### **PTA Meeting**

A reminder that the next PTA meeting is Monday evening in the staffroom at 6.30pm.

### **Sexuality Education Meeting - Library**

A reminder that the Sexuality Education evening *for parents* is next Monday evening at 7pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Bus Safety - Unforeseen Circumstances**

From time to time we are left with a dilemma - we have a confused child or a mixed message, and we're unsure whether to put a child on a bus after school, or not. If there is any doubt, we would keep the child at school until we can contact you, or you contact us.

If a bus driver arrived at a stop where parents usually meet children and there was no one there, they would ring the school to see if we had any messages. If in any doubt, drivers keep children on the bus and would return them to school where we know they would be safe.

### **Avon Sunblock Fundraiser**

There is a 'sunblock fundraiser' in the admin area. You can purchase from a range of quality Avon sunblock products, and the school will receive a percentage for their funds. Samples and order forms at the Office - payment with orders, please. Orders close 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013. For more details, phone Annie 06 328 8697.

### **2014 Term Dates - a reminder**

Term 1: Monday 27th January - Thursday 17th April (*18th April is Good Friday*)

Term 2: Monday 5th May - Friday 4th July

Term 3: Monday 21st July - Friday 26th September

Term 4: Monday 13th October - Thursday 11th December 2014

### **End of Year Dates to Remember:**

- PTA Meeting: 6.30pm Mon 25<sup>th</sup> November
- Sexuality Education parents workshop: 7pm Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- BOT Meeting: 6.30pm Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. (please note earlier start time)
- Athletics Day: 9am Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Senior Social: 7pm Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Year 8 Leavers Dinner: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Reports and Learning Logs sent home: Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Junior Prizegiving: 1.20pm Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Senior Prizegiving: 7pm Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- End of year: 1pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **The Summer Beach Read**

Register now for Feilding Library's free summer reading programme for children aged 3 to 11 (or Year 6). 9 December to 16 January 2014. Enrolments on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 11.30am - 12.30pm and 5.30pm - 6.30pm at the Feilding Public Library. Be quick, spaces limited.

### **IRONBARK Engineering Ltd**

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### **FAHS Japan Tour 2014 Fundraiser - Car Boot Sale**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November; 8am - 12noon at FAHS Netball Courts, Churcher Street, Feilding. Clear out your clutter and sell for profit! Sites \$10 per car or \$15 per gazebo. Enquiries to [merrin.bailey@gmail.com](mailto:merrin.bailey@gmail.com) or txt 0273 255 115.