

Halcombe School

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Term 4 Week 7

26th November 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

School Magazine

This year we are producing a **64-page full colour School Magazine**. This will be full of events and activities from throughout the school year. A draft copy is available to view in the admin area. The cost of the magazine is \$10 and limited numbers will be printed, so it will be 'first in, first served'. Please order your 'not to be missed' copy of the magazine using the form below. Sorry, but we cannot accept orders without payment.

Athletic Sports - 4th December

On Wednesday next week, 4th December, we will be holding our Tabloid Athletic Sports, starting at 9.00am and finishing by 12.30pm. Parents and supporters are most welcome to attend.

The morning will look like this:

- Teachers will run a tabloid-type activity that all age levels (with some modifications) can do. The emphasis is on FUN and PARTICIPATION.
- Children will be divided into teams of about 15 children per team.
- They will rotate round the activities on the field from 9.10am - 10.30am, spending about 8-10 minutes at each activity.
- After morning tea (about 11.00am) we will have the 100m sprint finals for the boys and girls Athletic Champions. A cuppa will be available for all our wonderful supporters.
- All children will then compete in 2 age races (sprints) of different lengths.
- After this, we will have the final of the 400m races.
- The conclusion of the morning will be the Junior and Senior House Relays.

Classes for 2014

Below is the staffing and classes for next year. You'll notice that, at this stage, we will not have a class in Room 1. Class numbers are fine for the start of the year, however we will consider starting another class during the year. If you have any special requests about your child's placement for next year (applies to Year 5 only), please call in, or send a quick email to principal@halcombe.school.nz If there are friendship clashes, family matters, or learning issues you would like us to take in to consideration, please let me know. While we cannot guarantee the class your child will be in, we are here to listen.

Room 7: Mrs Kirsty Lynch	Year 0-1
Room 2: Miss Lizzie McCartin	Year 2
Room 3: Miss Heidi Jeynes	Year 3
Room 4: Miss Kelly Campbell	Year 4-5
Room 5: Mr Chris Ricketts	Year 5-6
Room 6: Miss Dianne Simpson	Year 7-8

For Year 5 students: we will confirm your child's class by e-mail or a phone call during January, so please make sure we have up-to-date contact information.

Stationery 2014

As notified earlier, we will be supplying stationery packs next year.

- Packs will include everything that students need, including book covers. There will be a choice of covers (samples available to view at the Office) and students will be able to cover their own books.

- Packs are delivered directly to the classroom at the start of term. No need to come out to school before the beginning of the school year to purchase stationery, and NO book-covering to do!
- The packs will cost \$30 each* (all classes). The packs are very competitively-priced and of excellent quality.
- We will invoice families later in Term 1.
- Families can choose to make their own arrangements for stationery & book covering, if they prefer. Contact us for stationery lists.
- Please complete the slip below and return it to the Office as soon as possible.

* The average cost of stationery in 2013 was \$27.00 per student, not including the cost of book covering.

Dental Therapists

The dental therapists are here this week for their last check-ups for 2013. They are seeing recent new entrants and following up with some students from earlier visits. If you have any concerns about your child's teeth, please contact the therapists ASAP on 06 322 8791, or leave a message for them at the Office.

Reception Desk for Sale

Our 'old' library desk is for sale. It is in excellent condition and can be viewed in the Hall. Make us an offer we can't refuse!

Library Books Sale

We have had a huge cull of non-fiction books from our library. We are having a mini 'book sale' in the Hall, starting tomorrow from 8.30 - 9.00am and 3.00 - 3.30pm each day. Prices range from \$1 - \$5. There are some excellent books available. We also have a large number of videos for sale.



PTA/Sexuality Education Meeting

There was an excellent turnout of parents at the meeting last night. Rachel Hansen is an excellent presenter of Sexuality Education and parents enjoyed her talk. Thanks PTA for the wonderful supper too!

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 3rd December 2013. For more details, phone Annie 06 328 8697.

Board of Trustees meeting

The last Board meeting for 2013 will be next Monday 2nd December, beginning at 6.30pm, in the staffroom. You are welcome to attend to observe Board process. An agenda will be available at the Office this Friday. If there are issues you would like the Board to discuss, please contact the Office or our Board Chairperson Anne Langtry (06 328 8177) as soon as possible.

End of Year Dates to Remember:

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

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Halcombe Community - Spring Clean-up Working Bee Saturday 30th November 2013 from 9am

Everyone welcome. The pre-Christmas-spruce-up will involve removing dead gorse and pig fern. Meet at the Stanway Road end of the Domain. Bring the usual equipment ie weed-eaters, gloves, chainsaws etc and we need a couple of trailers to take the rubbish to a farm dump nearby (ideally towed by 4WD vehicles).

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 27th November 11.30am - 12.30pm and 5.30pm - 6.30pm at the Feilding Public Library. Be quick, spaces limited.

IRONBARK Engineering Ltd

Farm repairs and maintenance. Mobile welding service available. Call Grizz, your Local Engineer! Phone 06 328 8552 or 021 234 3198.

FAHS Japan Tour 2014 Fundraiser - Car Boot Sale

Saturday 30th 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 or txt 0273 255 115.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2013 - ORDER FORM

Name: _____

No. Copies: _____

Payment enclosed: \$ _____ cheque/cash or online to 01 0625 0106729 00; reference "School Magazine"
Magazines are \$10 each. Payment with order please. Delivery Tuesday 3rd December 2013.

STATIONERY 2014 - ALL FAMILIES attending in 2014 to complete and return this slip, please:

Names of student/s: _____

Please select:

- YES please supply our school stationery in packs and invoice us in Term 1 2014
- NO we will make our own arrangements (contact the Office for stationery lists).

Our email address for school information: _____

Signed: _____
(parent/caregiver)