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Term 4 Week 9

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He mihi tenei ki a koe me to whanau mo te Kirihimete me te tau hou.
Greetings to you and your family for Christmas and the New Year



As this is the last newsletter for 2013, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our families and friends of the school for your wonderful support throughout the year. It has been another very busy and successful year, with many fantastic highlights. We look forward with confidence to 2014.

We wish everyone in our school community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

End of Year

School finishes this Thursday at 1pm. Both buses will run at 1pm.

Start date 2014

This is a reminder that we start school on **Monday 27th January** next year. Please be aware that most schools are starting later than us. Children can bring their swimming gear on the first day. The Christmas break at the end of 2014 will be 7 weeks long - now that's something to look forward to!

The school Office will be open from Tuesday 21st January 2014 for enrolments and other enquiries. You can also e-mail office@halcombe.school.nz

Senior Prizegiving

The Senior Prizegiving will be tomorrow evening starting at 7pm. This is a formal event for Rooms 4, 5 & 6 where we celebrate student achievements for the year and farewell our Year 8 students. Families are welcome to attend. This may not be a suitable event for all pre-schoolers.

School Magazine

We still have a few copies of the magazine available at \$10 each. It is a fantastic record of a great school year! Please call into the Office to purchase your copy.

Athletics

Thank you to all the families and friends that came along and supported this wonderful event. We dodged the rain and the students enjoyed a variety of fun and challenging activities followed by their sprint races and the 400m final. It was great to see such wonderful team spirit and there was another epic battle in the house relays. Congratulations to Matai on winning the junior relay, and Kauri the senior relay. Special thanks to Dianne Simpson for co-ordinating the event and overseeing our sports programme. Visit the [class blogs](#) for great photos.

XRACE 2014

XRACE is a mystery adventure race for children aged 7 to 12 racing alongside mum, dad or another adult family member. Races are held throughout New Zealand early next year - the Palmerston North race will be on Friday 7th March. Information leaflets have been sent home this week. XRACE organisers are offering two FREE team registrations - please contact the school if you are interested in taking part.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal