

Halcombe School

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Term 1 Week 1

29th January 2013

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

A warm welcome back to the 2013 school year. Hopefully you all had time to take a break at some stage, enjoy the company of friends and family, and just relax! We are all excited about working alongside your children this year and getting to know them. Term One is 12 weeks - a long term, but we have lots of fun things planned and, as usual, it will just rush by.

Staffing

Junior Team	Mrs Kirsty Lynch - Room 7 (Deputy Principal and Junior Team Leader) Mrs Anna Christiansen - Room 1 Miss Lizzie McCartin - Room 2 Miss Heidi Jeynes - Room 3
Senior Team	Miss Kelly Campbell - Room 4 Mr Chris Ricketts - Room 5 Miss Dianne Simpson - Room 6 (Deputy Principal and Senior Team Leader)
Part-time Teacher	Miss Michelle Humphrey
Secretary	Mrs Kirsten Otter
Teacher Aides	Mrs Paula Stace, Mrs Vanessa Stroud
Caretaker/Cleaner	Mr Alan Martin
Principal	Mrs Sue Simpson

Stationery

Thanks to families for getting children's stationery requirements ready for the first day. A special thanks to Kirsten Otter for organising all the stationery so efficiently and also to our great helpers Paula Stace, Vanessa Stroud and Michelle Humphrey

GALA DAY

The Gala Day is set for Saturday 16th March. This is a really important day on our calendar!

We hope everyone will be able to help in some way. It's a day of fun and entertainment for the whole family, with plenty of activities, great food, lots of things to try and buy, special events and prizes.

Mark the day on your calendar and invite all your friends and family.

There will be lots on information in the newsletter next week, but in the meantime, start cleaning out those cupboards and sheds TODAY!

If you have anything to donate to the Gala, you can leave it in the hall foyer, anytime from now on!

No email/internet

Thank you for your patience while we sort out our internet & e-mail issues. Our new provider is working hard to get our system up and running again, and we hope to be back in business early next week. In the meantime, please TELEPHONE the school if you need to contact us (or use the KIT Book).

Swimming

Swimming started today and almost all children remembered their togs, which is a great start. Well done!

- Each class has a swimming session *every day*, so please ensure your children have the correct gear.
- Swimming is part of the school programme, so children must bring a note if they are not swimming.
- **Names on togs and towels would be great - really great!**
- Girls must wear a one-piece suit, or have their midriff covered if wearing a two-piece suit.

- Mrs Sara Kennard (swimming coach) will be working alongside each class to support teachers and help individual children with swimming.
- The pool has been repainted over the holidays and looks great! Special thanks to Mr Martin for the many hours he has spent getting the pool ready for us. It's a very warm 24 degrees.

Pool Keys

The school pool is available for families to use after school and at weekends, until Wednesday 6th March. There is a charge for a key - \$20 - full information & keys are available this week at the Office.

Tennis Coaching

All children (yes - even the 5 year olds!) will have tennis coaching at school, starting next week. The cost is \$2 each. This can be sent along to the Office as soon as you like.

Hats

A reminder that we have a no hat - no play policy. Most children have a hat they keep at school, which works well. Please make sure hats are named (another great idea!) and have an 'all-round' brim.

After School Sport

During the year, there will be several opportunities for older children to sign up for a variety of after-school sports teams. These teams are entered in local competitions and include touch (Year 5-8), flippaball (Year 5-8), netball (Year 3-8), miniball (Year 5-6) and basketball (Year 7-8). When the time comes to sign up for these sports, we advertise through our school noticebook system. Information and permission slips always come home following these meetings.

We rely on parents being able to coach/manage our teams. You will have the opportunity to volunteer by ticking the box on the permission slips.

Touch is starting in Week 3 and a notice has already gone home with those students who wanted to sign up.

If you have any sport-related questions, please contact Di Simpson at school.

Trail Ride

The date has been set for the Halcombe School Trail Ride - Sunday the 14th April 2013. The PTA will be looking for support in helping to run this important fundraising event later in the term.

PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ

The PTA would like to invite you to meet your children's teachers at the **Family BBQ**, on Wednesday 13th February, from 5.30pm. This is a great opportunity to come along and meet the teachers, other parents and their children.

Teachers will explain their class programmes for 2013 at the following times:

5.45 - 6.00pm	Rooms 1 and 2	Mrs Christiansen and Miss McCartin
6.00 - 6.15pm	Rooms 3 and 4	Miss Jeynes and Miss Campbell
6.15 - 6.30pm	Rooms 5 and 6 and 7	Mr Ricketts, Miss Simpson and Mrs Lynch

- The PTA will provide the sausages / sauce / bread and salads
- Please bring plates and cutlery for your family
- The swimming pool will be open.
- This is a family occasion and children attending should be accompanied by their parent/caregiver.

Subway Lunches

Subway lunches will be available every Friday from this week (1st February). Menu and order details are available on the website or ask at the Office.

Teacher Only Day

Monday 8th April (week 11 of the term) will be a Teacher Only Day. The school will be closed so that teachers can attend an ICT Conference.

Assembly

Assemblies will begin in Term 2 on alternate Fridays. See upcoming newsletters for details.

School Charges and Fees

Our school charge will be due for payment later this term. This payment helps us to provide classroom essentials such as tissues and the weekly newsletter. The charge is \$10 per family for the year. We do not have school fees. **An invoice will be sent home later this term.**

- 'Mathletics' 2013: students will bring home registration forms this week for Mathletics. Students can register for \$20 for the full year.
- Technology fees are not due until Term 2. Students in Year 7 & 8 will pay a technology fee of \$50 each.

We accept cash, cheque and/or online payments for all school charges or events. Our bank account number is 01 0625 0106729 00. These details are also available on our website. Please make sure online payments are received before due dates for sports registration etc.

General Queries or Concerns

If you have a question or concern about your child, do make sure you follow our guidelines. These are in the red Information Book and on the school's website. See your child's teacher first. Given that they are busy people and want to give you the time you deserve, please make an appointment. If you're still worried or concerned, see the Team Leader. Don't let worries escalate. If it's a matter you think I can help with, email, or ring for an appointment.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

Term 1 Calendar 2013		
February	6th	Waitangi Day
	6th - 8th	Room 4 camp at school
	11th	BOT meeting 7pm
	11th - 13th	Room 5 camp at school
	13th - 15th	Room 6 camp at school
	13th	PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ
	14th	'Tall Poppies' free open class library 12.30pm
	14th	Touch Rugby starts
	26th	School visit to Taumata O te Ra
27th	Gala/PTA meeting	
March	2nd	Agrikids competition (Saturday)
	6th	Senior Swimming Sports 12.15pm (Makino Aquatic Centre)
	8th	Junior swimming sports 1.30pm (school pool)
	11th	Penhey Cup and Country School Swimming Relay 5.30pm
	13th	Gala/PTA Meeting/AGM
	16th	Gala (Saturday)
	18th	BOT meeting 7pm
29th	Good Friday - school closed	
April	1st	Easter Monday - school closed
	2nd	Easter Tuesday - school closed
	8th	Teacher Only Day
	14th	Trail Ride
	17th	Celebration of our learning with the community
	19th	Term 1 ends