

# Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 1

28<sup>th</sup> January 2014

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

A warm welcome back to the 2014 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.

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Debbie Turner and welcome her to our school. Debbie is very excited to be teaching at Halcombe School and we know she will be a real asset to our teaching team.

## Staffing

Junior Team	Mrs Kirsty Lynch - Room 7 (Deputy Principal and Junior Team Leader) Mrs Debbie Turner - 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)
Secretary	Mrs Kirsten Otter
Teacher Aides	Mrs Paula Stace, Mrs Vanessa Stroud
Caretaker/Cleaner	Mr Alan Martin
Principal	Mrs Sue Simpson

## 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 - yes really, really great!**
- Girls must wear a one-piece suit, or have their midriff covered if wearing a two-piece suit.
- Mr Ray Bramwell (swimming coach) will be helping individual children with swimming, until the end of February.

## Pool Keys

The school pool is available for families to use after school and at weekends, until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. There is a \$20 charge for a key, and full information and keys are available this week at the Office.

## Hats

A reminder that we have a 'no hat means 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.

## Trail Ride

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March has been set for the Halcombe School Trail Ride. The PTA will be looking for support in helping to run this important fundraising event later in the term.

### School Magazine

Thank you for all the positive comments about the School Magazine published at the end of last year. We're glad you enjoyed looking through it. We have a few more copies available at \$10 each. Please ask at the Office.

### Hall Upgrade

Work is about to begin on the hall, which is really exciting. We are expecting the work to take up until about the end of May. There will be no access to the hall during this time. We will let you know about assemblies and our Year 7-8 technology programme later.

### PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ

The PTA would like to invite you to meet your children's teachers at the **Family BBQ**, on Wednesday 12th 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 2014 at the following times:

5.45 - 6.00pm	Rooms 1 and 2	Mrs Turner 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 (31<sup>st</sup> January). The menu and order details are available on the school website or ask at the Office. Orders must be in by 9am Friday mornings.

### School Charge

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 \$15 per family for the year. We do not have school fees. **An invoice for the school charge, along with payments for stationery packs and technology, will be sent home later this term.**

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Halcombe Community Waitangi "Healthy" Family Fun Day

You're all invited to this fun event at the Halcombe Rugby Grounds on Waitangi Day, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Begins at 1pm, with lots of fun events. Gold coin donation entry.

### Art Programme

Children's After-School Art Programme with Kate Wilson- Bryant at the Feilding Art Centre, 35 Kimbolton Road, Feilding. Wednesdays 7 - 9 years, 3.30 - 4.30 pm; 10 - 13 years 5 - 6pm; Starts February 12 (10 weeks), \$100 per child. Vacancies in both classes. Phone 323 2323 or email [art@fadas.co.nz](mailto:art@fadas.co.nz)

### Avon Products

Quality Avon Beauty and Lifestyle products available in Halcombe. Latest catalogues at Halcombe School. Your local rep is Annie O'Fee phone 06 328 8697. A portion of your purchase is donated to Halcombe School!

<b>Term 1 Calendar 2014</b>		
<b>February</b>	6th	Waitangi Day
	10th	Room 4 camp at school (and 11 <sup>th</sup> ) Room 6 camp at Sixtus Lodge (and 11 <sup>th</sup> )
	12th	PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ Room 5 camp at school (and 13 <sup>th</sup> )
	13th	PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ
	17th	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
	18th	Beach Education Trip Senior Team (Rooms 4, 5 and 6)
	19th	Beach Education Trip Junior Team (Rooms 7, 1, 2 and 3)
	20th	Touch Rugby starts
<b>March</b>	5th	Senior Swimming Sports 12.30pm (Makino Aquatic Centre)
	7th	Junior swimming sports 1.30pm (school pool)
	10th	Penhey Cup and Country School Swimming Relay 5.30pm
	17th	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
	20th	Tennis for all classes (4 Thursdays)
	23rd	Trail Ride
	26th	PTA AGM
27th	Touch Rugby finishes	
<b>April</b>	1st	Mark de Lacy (The Minstrel) visits
	17th	End of term 1
	18th	Good Friday