

Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 12

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Spots, Stripes and Sausage Sizzle!

We had a fabulous day last Friday, full of laughs. Thanks to everyone who found something spotty or stripy in their drawers and joined in the fun. Many thanks go to the Student Council for all their hard work and organisation in producing an awesome lunch for us.

The photo shows the two spot prize winners from each room.



Board of Trustees News

At last month's Board of Trustees meeting we were presented with achievement reports in the following areas: spelling, punctuation & grammar, and reading. These reports are a vital tool for both the Board and the school's teaching staff, enabling specific goals to be set in order to raise the students' performance in specified areas. The reports presented showed that achievement is already very high in punctuation & grammar and reading; however, spelling is an area where further improvement will be sought and additional targets set. The student testing that provides the data for these achievement reports will also be repeated in October in order to ensure that the desired improvements are being delivered.

As stakeholders of Halcombe School we all recognise what a fantastic job Sue does as principal, but to hear someone unconnected with the school describe her as a 'top performing principal' really confirmed what we already knew.

Also discussed during the meeting were the recently completed reviews/updates to the school's Health & Safety and Education Outside the Classroom policies, and news of our grant from the ANZ for new netball equipment - thank you to everyone who voted!

Kevin Darling for the Board of Trustees

No Subways This Week

Subway lunches will return on Fridays in Term 2. Our thanks to Subway Feilding for their excellent service during Term 1.

Years 4 - 8 Books

Teachers are thrilled with the feedback parents have written in their children's books. Thank you so much for taking the time to look through books and provide the thoughtful and positive comments. We really appreciate your support and encouragement.

40 Hour Famine



We have another committed group of students motivated to make a difference by doing the 40 Hour Famine 2014. This year we have online profiles where anyone can sponsor us. Each profile has information about our individual fundraising goals and what we are giving up on the weekend of the 23rd of May 2014. Please sponsor us by going to the website below to donate. To sponsor search Halcombe School or alternatively search individual Halcombe School students who are participating. All information and clear instructions are on our school website.

<https://www.worldvision.org.nz/Portal/famine/default.aspx>

Juicies

Juicies will be on sale EVERY DAY this week for \$1.

Our chocolate fundraiser & Yummy stickers

These popular fundraising events will return in Term 2. Students will be able to sell chocolate bars and raise funds for classroom activities or senior camps, and we'll be collecting "Yummy" apple & pear stickers and bag labels again, to exchange for excellent sports gear. Full details will be available next term - start planning now!

End of Term

This is a reminder that school finishes at 3.00pm on THURSDAY. Friday is Good Friday. Term 2 begins on Monday 5th May 2014. A very L O N G term has come to an end. Thanks everyone for your support during the term. Enjoy your holidays and spending time with your children.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW Halcombe Community website!

For news on what's happening in the area, updates on the Walkway Project and much more, check out www.halcombcommunity.co.nz Fill out the feedback survey on the Noticeboard page and be in to win a \$50 voucher for either the Halcombe Tavern or Mitre 10.

Ukulele and Guitar Lessons at the Feilding and District Art Society Rooms

I am pleased to offer two sessions on a Tuesday afternoon after school for Term 2. These are group lessons for four or more students at \$55 per Term. I will provide a photocopied book included in this price. Individual lessons also offered at home in Lees Rd, Feilding. Enrol now! Please phone Trish Smart ATCL 323 8575 or 027 330 5187

Te Manawa Holiday & After-school Programmes for Term 2

Holiday Programme - fun, hands-on activities for children aged 6-12 years. Sessions run for three hours; morning and afternoon. Cost is only \$18 a session. Booking required. Afterschool & Weekend Art Classes - now accepting enrolments for Term 2 classes. Afterschool Science Squad for 10-13 year olds. Starts Term 2. Limited numbers. For more information visit www.temanawa.co.nz or ring (06) 355 5000.