

Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 4

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

'Meet the Teacher' BBQ

Many thanks to all those who attended the 'Meet the Teacher BBQ' last week. It was lovely to welcome new families to our community and to also see familiar faces. More than ever we need a strong partnership between home and school. Special thanks to Anne Humphrey for her organisation and to those who helped with the preparation, cooking and cleaning up.

'Getting to Know You' Camps

Rooms 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed wonderful camps last week. They had to dodge a few rain showers, but everyone had a great time and all the camps were very successful. Many thanks to the teachers (Miss Campbell, Mr Ricketts and Miss Simpson) and those parents who stayed overnight, did baking, provided transport or lent tents. We appreciate your help. Visit our [class blogs](#) for more great camp photos and writing.



Feilding Honda Halcombe School Trail Ride

This is an early reminder that we will be asking everyone to provide some help for our Trail Ride on Sunday 23rd March, which is just a month away. We will definitely need more road marshals, people to help cook lunch, make muffins and help with the kids' track. If you need any more information in the meantime, please call Anne or Matt Langtry on 328 8177 or 027 564 8953 or Murray Henderson on 021 630 873.

Congratulations Ffion

Last weekend Ffion Barr, one of our Year 7 students, competed in the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships. While Ffion is most proud of the fact that she swam several personal best times, she received top ten placings in 50m breaststroke, 100m butterfly, 100m breaststroke and 200m breaststroke. To be ranked in the top ten for 10 year olds in New Zealand is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations, Ffion!

Board of Trustees News

The Board met last night for their first full meeting for the year. The Board confirmed that Mrs Megan Skiffington will be the Board Chairperson for 2014, taking over from Mrs Anne Langtry. Anne has been an outstanding Chair for the last two years and has been a wonderful supporter of the school. Unfortunately, other commitments mean she is unable to continue in this role at present. Congratulations to Megan for accepting this challenging but rewarding position! We wish her all the best. There will be more Board news next week.

Lunchtime Tennis

A reminder that lunchtime tennis coaching will start this Friday 21st February. The cost is \$40 for six sessions. Kurt McNamara from Manawatu Tennis runs the coaching sessions. Students do not need to bring any specific gear. If you would like to sign up, complete the slip below and return this with your payment to the school Office by TOMORROW.

Health & Welfare Update

At this time of year we update contact & student health/welfare information for all our families. We need up-to-date information to take good care of your children. Usually we would send home a separate paper form, but this year we will be e-mailing you. Please watch for this e-mail later this week and reply as soon as you can. (Families that do not have e-mail will be contacted separately).

School charge & stationery packs

Payment for the school charge (\$15 per family) and stationery packs is now due for payment. Invoices will be sent home to families this week. Thank you for the overwhelming support of stationery packs and "ez covers". Nearly all families have purchased them, and it made for a very easy start to the year. Our teachers appreciate the students having quality stationery to work with. It does make a difference to their learning.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Halcombe

There have been several reports recently about burglaries and stolen vehicles in the Halcombe area. Residents are advised to ensure all vehicles are secure when not in use. If anyone has any information or has become aware that someone has been on their property and have yet to report the matter, please contact the police.

Feilding United Football - Junior Registrations

Junior Registrations for 5 to 13 year olds are on Saturday 22 February from 1-3 pm at Timona Park, Feilding. Enquiries please email feildingunitedjuniors@gmail.com

Feilding Saturday Morning Rugby

Registration Days: Sat 1st March 10am-1pm; Tues 4th March 5-7pm; Thurs 6th March 5-7pm. Feilding Old Boys Oroua Stags Clubrooms, Johnston St. Feilding. Registrations can also be completed online: www.sportsground.co.nz/fsmr We welcome students Years 0-8. \$40 per player; \$60 per family (up to three children) \$10 per extra child. Contact Andrew Reilly 027 551 7445.

LUNCHTIME TENNIS - FRIDAYS

Student/s: _____

We will take part in lunchtime tennis coaching with Kurt McNamara. \$40 per player is enclosed OR I will pay online to 01 0625 0106729 00. Forms and payment due at the Office by TOMORROW, Wednesday 19th Feb.

Signed: _____
(parent/caregiver)