

# Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 5

25<sup>th</sup> February 2014

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

## **MUFFINS PLEASE for the Feilding Honda Halcombe School Trail Ride**

We need about 500 muffins for the rider's lunches. **Please fill out the slip below if you are able to make muffins for us.** Muffins can be brought to school in the week leading up to the Trail Ride. (David Johnson has some excellent recipes, apparently.)

The Trail Ride is a significant fundraising event for us and we are hoping for a profit of about \$7,000. This happens because we rely on everyone to support the PTA to run this event.

If you need any more information about how you can help at the Trail Ride, please call Anne or Matt Langtry on 328 8177 or 027 564 8953 or Murray Henderson on 021 630 873.

## **Student Council**

We are pleased and proud to announce the 2014 Student Council: Kyle Ronaldson, Quaid Glasgow-Rowland, Jago Alcock, Cody Kirkpatrick-Smith, Blair Gowan, Trevor Short, Logan Poulsen, Olivia Cobcroft, Tammy Stanley, Victoria Short, Hannah O'Brien, Ashley Ives and Jasmine Davenport.

Congratulations to the following people who have been selected as office-holders:

President - Jago; Treasurer - Cody and Secretary - Jasmine.

## **House Captains:**

Totara - Trevor; Rimu - Blair; Matai - Jago; Kauri - Hannah.

## **Touch**

Congratulations to all four of our touch rugby teams for an excellent start to your competition on Friday. It was awesome to see such great attacking skills and tireless defence! Not easy in the mega-hot conditions!

Thank you so much to our coaches Chris Ricketts, Anne Langtry, Sarah Tunnicliffe and Peter Te Whatu, who have volunteered their time to coach our teams. Good luck for the rest of the season.

## **Senior Swimming Sports**

The Senior Swimming Sports will be held at the Makino Aquatic Centre next Wednesday 5th March, starting at 12.30pm and finishing by 2.45pm. These sports are for children in Years 4 - 8. Parents are welcome to attend.

### **Organisation**

- Transport will be by BUS, leaving school at 12.00pm. There is NO CHARGE.
- Children do NOT need to return to school after the sports. Please fill out the slip below.
- Children must bring their togs, 2 towels, sunhat, warm clothes and a drink of water.

## **Junior Swimming Afternoon - NEXT Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

The Junior Swimming afternoon will start at **1.30pm**. There will be fun races and activities for students in Years 1 - 3. Parents are welcome to attend. Children will swim in the school pool. This year we will be adding some more competitive events for our able swimmers. Parents/caregivers will be able to watch from the covered area at the end of the pool. The children will need warm clothes to wear between events.

## Board of Trustees News

The Board of Trustees met last Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February for their first full meeting of the year.

- Our junior school is introducing anniversary-based reporting for children in the first three years of school. This means that the anniversaries coincide with the National Standards expectations rather than just at the end of the year.
- Traditionally we have asked students to contribute money towards the cost of travel to sports events or class trips and have passed this money onto the parents who were able to take cars. This was a small gesture in appreciation of their support of the school. However, we have not been consistent in the amounts we have charged or for which events, and collecting petrol money does increase the cost to students to take part, and adds to the workload for our staff. After much thought and careful consideration, we have decided to no longer collect transport money from students and will only reimburse families that take transport for major trips e.g. senior camps.
- 'Good Talks', our sexuality education programme in 2013, was reviewed and the anonymous comments received from students really confirmed that this is a great programme for our kids. On top of that, comments from the providers confirmed that we have great teachers and students that they look forward to working with. We know that, but it is lovely to hear it!
- Progress on the hall is on schedule. We expect the hall to be ready to use again about the middle of next term.
- This year's student achievement focus is on **punctuation, grammar and spelling**. If we want our students to be excellent writers, they need these essential skills. Our teachers are currently working hard to assess students and develop their skills and families will see lots of work being done in this area. We will be holding a 'Spellathon' later in the year. This student achievement target is part of our 2014 Charter, which will be available shortly.

*Megan Skiffington for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees*

## Halcombe Honey

Pure Halcombe Honey for sale. Freshly extracted honey, from hives located only in Halcombe, produced by Jeanette & Craig Henderson. A blend of white clover, cabbage tree and local plants. It is a creamed honey, which has a deliciously delicate flavour and is light in colour. Available for sale in 400g jars from Halcombe School office, \$6.00 per jar, for a limited time. Halcombe School earns a share of the proceeds.

## Juicies

Don't forget Juicies are on sale for \$1 at lunchtimes on Wednesdays.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal

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## SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS - WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

If it applies to your family, please return this slip by FRIDAY this week

Student/s: \_\_\_\_\_

My child/children will NOT require a ride back to school AFTER the sports (i.e. they will be collected from the pool or will walk home).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## MUFFINS FOR PTA TRAIL RIDE - SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

I will bake \_\_\_\_\_ dozen muffins for the Trail Ride.

Muffins can be brought to school **in the week leading up** to the ride. No paper muffin cups required. Please use a disposable container.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support.