

Halcombe School

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Term 2 Week 4

27th May 2014

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Morning Arrival Times

We would like to remind everyone that children are not to be on the school grounds before 8.10am, which is when our first bus gets here. Children wait on the footpath outside the front entrance, until this bus arrives.

Soft Materials Technology

We have a request for donations of materials to support our soft materials programme for Year 7-8 children. If you have any of the following you would like to donate, please send them along to school:

- fabric – ½ metre minimum
- rolls of cotton thread – any colour
- lace, braid and interfacing
- pins (new)



Our 'A' Netball Team is very pleased to receive sponsorship from RD1. They have provided the team with beanies and drink bottles. Thanks RD1 - your support is much appreciated! Thank you to Mrs Ferris who organised it too!

BOT Meeting

The Board met last Monday and were presented with some great reports on the excellent teaching and learning at Halcombe School:

- Trustees received two reports on maths, Basic Facts & the PAT tests results. 'Basic Facts' is a key area that the school assesses regularly. The value of a continued focus in class, and support from home, is so important for children's progress in all areas of maths.
- The Maths PAT tests showed very pleasing results, with 83% of our students achieving at or above average compared with 77% nationally. The breakdown into the separate strands provides some very useful data for teachers and shows the Board the areas that need support.
- There has been an in-depth review of Key Competencies. Input from the individual classes was valuable. Future teaching will involve individual goals rather than a school-wide focus on one key competency, to be more focused on individual student needs & abilities. A review of the 'Thinking' competency will follow after Term 2.
- The renovation of the Hall is making good progress, with a great team of contractors on-site. The Board confirmed some additional painting, and replanting of the Hall gardens, to complete the project.
- Trustees recently hosted a workshop on school finance. It was great to meet with trustees from other schools and share ideas. From this workshop, our trustees are assured that Halcombe School's finances are well-managed. Trustees will attend another workshop, on student achievement, in July.
- The next Board meeting will be on Monday 23rd June 2014 at 7pm (week 8).

Annie O'Fee for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees

Senior Team Lunch

Details about the special lunch being held this Friday 30th May for the Senior Team are in children's KIT Books.

Savouries and Mini Pies!

A reminder to get your yummy savoury & mini pie from the Student Council on Wednesdays! A lovely lunchtime treat on a cold day! Get both for \$1.50 and order at the LIBRARY before school.

Chocolate fundraiser

Our fundraiser is going really well – over 2500 chocolate bars have gone out into the community already! There is still time to order chocolate – please use the order form below. This fundraiser will run until the end of this term, but if you have finished selling chocolates already, you can return your money to the Office now. Unsold chocolate can also be returned – we will pass it on to others to sell. Any returned chocolate must be in good condition – no broken bars or damaged packaging, please. Room 5 & 6 students – if you'd like your "chocolate money" to be included in your camp deposit, please have all your money back to school by Friday 27 June (end of week 8).

Book Club

A reminder that Book Club orders must be in by this Friday morning, please.

Kind regards

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sue Simpson
Principal

Halcombe Community Walkway Fundraising update

Leave-a-Legacy and Donate-o-metre: Keep the sponsorship forms coming. The total sold is now 26 trees and 53 metres! Check out www.halcombecommunity.co.nz for a sponsorship form.

Tree Planting Working Bee – Sunday 8th June at 1pm – Halcombe Domain

All hands on deck for planting the Domain Embankment. Bring your own spade and gloves. Rain hail or shine. All help appreciated! Ring Rachel for details 06 328 8594.

Fundraising Horse Trek

The Halcombe Walkway fundraising horse trek was postponed due to weather so the new date is SUNDAY 1st JUNE 9am starting at Belane Farm (210 Mt Biggs Road, Halcombe). \$20 per rider, pay on the day but please register via Facebook (Belane Farm) or email jelanco@xtra.co.nz by Thursday 29th May.

CHOCOLATE BARS FUNDRAISER - ORDER FORM

I give permission for my child/children to sell chocolates as a school fundraiser. All money received will be returned to the school. Any unsold bars will be returned to the school in PERFECT condition. (*Bars sell for \$2.50 each*).

SIGNED: _____

(parent/caregiver)

The initial allocation is limited to 48 bars per student. Students can get extra bars once they have sold and returned the money from their first allocation.

Student:	Order:	Dairy Milk	6 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 24 <input type="checkbox"/>
Room:		Caramello	6 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 24 <input type="checkbox"/>
		Top Deck	6 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 24 <input type="checkbox"/>
		Crunchie	6 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 24 <input type="checkbox"/>

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME – ALL YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS – TERM 3, 2014

Student: _____

Programme cost is \$50 per student. Payment is due by Thursday 24th July (Term 3, week 1).

Payment enclosed (cheque/cash)

I will pay online to 01 0625 0106729 00 with "tech" as reference.

Parent/caregiver: _____