

Halcombe School

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Term 2 Week 9

1st July 2014

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

As the term draws to a close, the staff at Halcombe School hope you all have a wonderful holiday. Thank you for all your support during the term. My thanks once again to the amazing team of dedicated staff we have here and all the hard work they have put in to making this another very successful term. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 21st July.

Staffing Room 4

We wish Kelly all the best for her great overseas adventure. We look forward to hearing all about her trip when she returns. We are very pleased to announce that Mr Nigel Tongs will be relieving in Room 4 for the first 7 weeks of the term.

Quiz night

Our famous **Quiz Night** will be Friday 22nd August, which is half way through next term. We will be asking for donations of:

- Grocery items for our raffles
- Bottles for the bottle auction
- Food for supper
- Sponsorship for prizes

In the meantime you can start getting your team organised and let your friends know, so they can also enter a team. This is an excellent night out and a great fundraiser for the school. There will be more details at the start of next term.

Returning Notices and Payments

HELP! We need your support please. The due date for payment to attend the Kahurangi Dance Theatre was Monday 23rd June. By the end of that day, 30 children hadn't paid. This creates a lot of extra work for staff, as we send out reminders, ring people and chase up payments. It would be easy to say, "Too bad. They haven't paid, so they don't go to the show." We don't want children miss out, but we are spending too much time chasing payments.

We also know there are some families not reading the newsletter. This goes home EVERY Tuesday and it is on the school website. We want all our families to be informed about what happens at school and do our best to communicate clearly about news and events at school. You can help us by reading the newsletter and returning notices on time.

Online payments must be received by the school BEFORE children take part in events. The bank account is 01 0625 0106729 00. These details are also available on the website.

Student Council Event – Burger Day!

Don't forget that it's Burger Day on Thursday.

All orders must be in by tomorrow (Wednesday), please.

BURGER DAY
THURSDAY 3rd JULY – WEEK 9
\$2.50 EACH
YOU CAN ORDER YOUR BURGER
FROM THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL
ORDERS CLOSE NEXT WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
STUDENT COUNCIL
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Furniture & tables to dispose of

Now that our hall is almost brand new again, we have some old furniture/shelving/tables to dispose of. They can be viewed in the hall foyer. Please contact the Office and make any reasonable offer.

Taking Action

Room 6 spent last Thursday cleaning up a short stretch (approx. 1km) of Tangimoana Beach. This was a way for us to 'take action' following the learning we've done about how we can protect our marine environment. We filled 15 rubbish bags with all kinds of rubbish - everything from fishing nets, to glass, to toothbrushes. It was disgusting. While it made us sad that so much rubbish was on the beach, we also felt pleased to be able to do something about it. Thank you to our wonderful parents for providing transport and carrying the heavy rubbish bags!



Horizons Competition

Well done to Tammy Stanley, Jed Skelton, De'Quante Butcher-Tiepa and Darian Buksh, whose entries wowed the judges in the recent Horizons Regional Council colouring competition. They didn't win placings BUT have earned 10 native plants as an acknowledgement of their fine entries!

Grocery bags please

We always need a good supply of grocery bags, but our stock has run out. If you have some spare bags that you could donate, please send them along to the office.

PTA Meeting

This is a reminder about the PTA meeting tomorrow evening at 7.30pm in the staffroom. This is a wine, cheese and beer evening, to get to know more about our awesome PTA and how they support our school.

Board of Trustees News

- The Board enjoyed a tour of the newly renovated Hall. There are some small jobs still to be completed, but it looks great and it was reassuring to see the new aspects that make it a safer and drier building. The school has benefitted as, along with the weather tightness work being carried out, the whole interior of the hall has been repainted.
- The Board discussed and approved the Teacher Only days in Term 3 on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th September.
- Trustees will attend workshops on 'Student Achievement' and the Manawatu Principal's Association evening on the new \$359 million initiative - 'Investing in Educational Success'
- A report was presented about the number of lunchtime activities being offered to our students. The Board is grateful for the goodwill shown by staff who run these groups, and the obvious difference these groups are making to our students. The groups include a Chess Club, Drama group, Choir, and the Green Team.

- The Board will be applying for a grant to purchase new netball/basketball towers for the back court (the same as those on the front court) and we know that, if successful, these will be put to good use at lunchtimes and at after-school practices.
- Upcoming Board work will focus on reviewing the budget and completing a review of Compliance Policies and Guidelines.
- We look forward to hearing student presentations at our next meeting on the 4th August.
- Finally, we were delighted to grant Mrs Lynch maternity leave in Term 4, and wish her and her partner all the best for this new stage of their lives!

Tamzin Darragh on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Chocolate fundraiser

A reminder that all chocolate money must be brought back to school by FRIDAY this week! Please contact the school urgently if there are any problems.

End of Term

School closes at the usual time of 3pm on Friday this week. Term 3 starts on Monday 21st July

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

Oroua Holiday Programme - St John's Anglican Church, Camden Street, Feilding

Monday 7th to Friday 11th July 2014; 9.45am til 2pm. For all 5 - 12 year olds, come prepared to have some fun! Games and challenges, music and songs, crafts, quizzes, jokes, bible stories and much more. BYO lunch but snacks provided. \$5 per child or \$12.50 per family each day before 4th July. \$6 per child or \$15 per family each day after 4th July. For further details contact David 323 7050 or 021 470 337

Te Manawa School Holiday Programme

Hands-on activities for children aged 6-12 years. Sessions 9am -12pm. Cost is \$18 a session. Booking required. Also "Perfect Little Planet" 3D movie, "Mirror Magic Explore" exhibition & the "Discovery Time" Centre. After-school & weekend art classes for children - now accepting enrolments for Term 3 (limited places available). For more information visit www.temanawa.co.nz or ring (06) 355 5000.

Weaner Pigs & Goat Kids for Sale

Please phone Emma 06 328 8820

YMCA Holiday Programme

The YMCA is offering a fun and exciting holiday programme from 7th July – 18th July 2014. We have half day/full day options and WINZ subsidies are available for those that qualify. Contact our office on 06 358 8921 or email pnoffice@ymcacentral.org.nz for more information.

Rail X 2014 – Model Train Show

12 – 13th July 2014 at Barber Hall, Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North; 10am – 4pm.

Halcombe Community Knees Up!

Saturday 2nd August, Halcombe Memorial Hall 7:30pm - late. Adults only night! The Chocolate Blonde band will be playing. Tickets on sale now (\$30 single/\$50 double) at the Halcombe Tavern, or phone Mel 06 328 8131 or Rachel 06 328 8594. Cash bar (no EFTPOS); supper provided. Courtesy van available – contact Mel. Funds raised will go towards the Halcombe Community Walkway.