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Term 3 Week 7

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

Red Day Success

Red Day, in support of the Blood and Leukaemia Foundation, was a great success at Halcombe School last week. Everyone got right into the spirit of the event with some very creative outfits on display. The highlight of the day was the parade, where each class paraded around the court while dancing to the music. It was lots of fun. We collected \$167 through gold coin donations – an awesome effort.

On Friday, we had a visit from the Halcombe Fire Brigade, who came along to talk to us about the Sky Tower Challenge and to show off their fire fighting equipment. This annual challenge also raises money for the Blood and Leukaemia Foundation. We decided to pass on our donation (which was topped up to \$500 thanks to some very generous people) to the fire brigade, who will use the money to kickstart their 2015 fundraising. You can see lots of great photos on class blogs.

Gymnastics

What a fantastic occasion last Friday when the children shared their gymnastics skills with you. It was great to see so many parents and friends in the hall to encourage, support and enjoy the children's efforts. We are lucky to have the space and equipment to develop the children's skills and confidence in gymnastics.

Yummy Stickers

Please return all your "Yummy" stickers and bag labels to the Office by the end of this term. We exchange Yummy stickers for quality sports gear. In previous years we have done really well with this project and we hope to do the same this year! This is a House competition, so please make sure you have named your sheets. Spare collecting sheets are available at the Office.

Teacher Only Days

This is a reminder that the school will be closed next Monday and Tuesday for Teacher Only Days. The school will not be open. Enjoy your extra long weekend.

Teaching and Learning in Room 5

Our first inquiry topic this term was 'The Commonwealth Games'. We learned why the 'Friendly Games' are such an important event for New Zealand and other Commonwealth countries. Our learning is recorded on PowerPoint presentations which can be viewed on YouTube by searching for *Commonwealth Games Inquiry*. Our current topic is 'Design and Technology'. We are following a process to design and create 'desktop organiser's for a target market. This process involves creating a design brief, surveying the market, creating functional models, building a prototype, and designing a marketing plan. We are becoming experts with both the craft knife and glue gun! Keep up to date with our progress on the Room 5 Class Blog. Gymnastics has been our PE focus, and it has been great to see the huge improvement in skill levels and confidence over the last few weeks. For the next few weeks we will be sharpening up our dancing skills ready for the Senior Social on Thursday 25th September at 7pm.

Farewell Nigel

We all want to say a huge thank you to Nigel Tongs who has been teaching in Room 4 in Kelly's absence this term. There has been lots of wonderful teaching and learning! We wish Nigel all the very best.

School Office: weeks 7 – 10

This is a reminder that with Kirsten away until the end of term, some of the routines of our office will change. We may not be able to check our office e-mail as regularly, and ask families to please ring the school for bus messages etc (or use KIT Books). Paula Stace and Vanessa Stroud will be running the Office for us.

Nit Alert

Please remember to check your children's hair regularly. We have had several notifications from parents recently, so it's important that everyone checks at least once a week, especially if you have children in Rooms 1, 2 and 4.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Pet Lambs

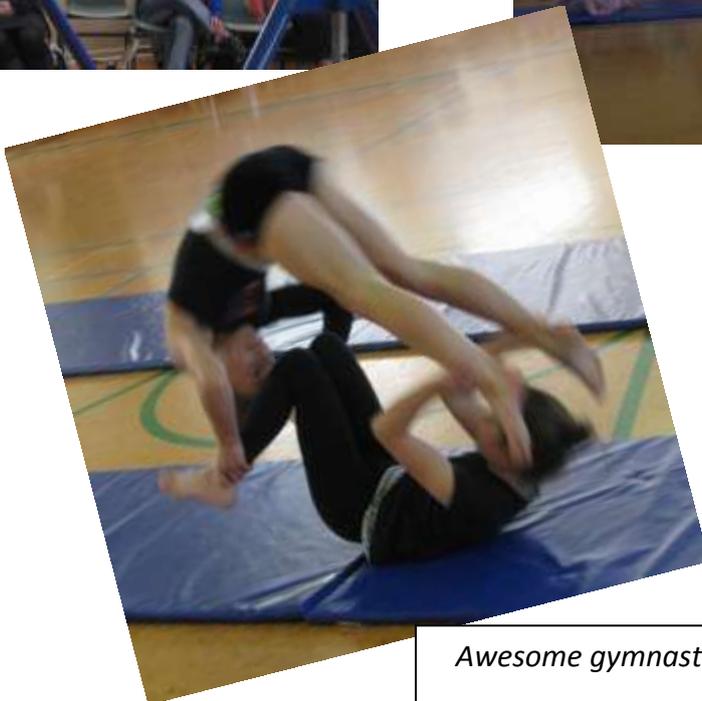
Free pet lambs available (ram lambs only at this stage). Please phone Lianne Masters on 323 1520 or 027 288 1801
E: lianne@propertybrokers.co.nz

Halcombe Community Walkway Working Bee

9am Saturday 6th September followed by a BBQ lunch (which will be provided). Meet at the Stanway Road end of the Domain. Lots of things to get done including planting trees along the walkway, laying railway sleepers to edge the Domain planting and spreading bark. The more hands on deck the merrier. For further information call Rachel on 328 8594 or keep an eye on www.facebook.com/HalcombeCommunity

Saturday Morning Gymnastics

My name is Ann-Marie Dawson and I am a qualified High Performance Gymnastics Coach. I have worked with beginners to International gymnasts. I would like to start a Saturday Morning Gymnastics Club here at school at a cost of \$50 for 6 weeks. This is open to all children from the ages of 5-12years. Numbers are limited so if you're interested please email me directly at annmarie_dawson7@yahoo.co.nz



Awesome gymnasts on display!