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Term 3 Week 9 16th September 2014

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Welcome back Kelly

It has been lovely to welcome Kelly Campbell back to Room 4. She has had many exciting adventures, but is really pleased to be back where she loves - in Room 4.

Teaching and Learning in Room 3

Room 3 has been learning how to write an explanation to explain WHY or HOW things happen. We know about how to use the correct structure, technical words and to elaborate on ideas and give examples. In Maths we've revisited addition and subtraction strategies and are now working on a Geometry unit – Position & Orientation. We're using coordinates on grids, following and giving instructions, and using and drawing simple maps. Our technology challenge is to create durable, stress balls that appeal to younger children. We've been surveying Rooms 7, 1 and 2 children to find out their preferences before we create our designs, colours and fillings. It's going to get messy this week!

Election Day

The school will be a Polling Booth on Election Day this coming Saturday 20th September. This will be in the school library.

Senior Social

The Senior Social for Rooms 5 and 6 students will be on Thursday evening 25th September, starting at 7pm. These students have been given separate information in KIT books.

Yummy Stickers

Please return all your "Yummy" stickers and bag labels to the Office by the end of the 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.



Hot Dog and Spider Day!

On Thursday 25th September (next week) the Student Council will be holding a Hog Dog and Spider Day. Please order by next Wednesday.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

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. Enrolments close next Monday 22nd September. PLEASE NOTE the underscore between <a href="mailto:m

Cash for Communities

PGG Wrightson runs a 'Cash for Communities' scheme. Anyone who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser between 1st September and 30th November can earn cash for our school. We'd love you to nominate us! Go to www.cashforcommunities.co.nz for more information.

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

<u>1pm Saturday 20th September</u> followed by a BBQ (which will be provided). Meet at the Stanway Road end of the Domain. Jobs to be done include laying railway sleepers to edge the Domain planting, spreading bark and some more planting if there is time. Things to bring include rakes, wheel barrows, shovels, sledge hammers, pick-axes and crowbars. The more hands on deck the merrier. For further information call Rachel on 328 8594 or keep an eye on www.facebook.com/HalcombeCommunity





Children in Room 2 sharing their iPAD skills with the 'big kids' during buddy class.

