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Term 4 Week 1

14th October 2014

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

A warm welcome back to Term 4. There is so much on this term and this newsletter gives details of what's happening in the first 3 weeks. Please read this carefully, so you all know what's going on! The term calendar is attached and will look great on your fridge!

Thanks, Paula

A big thank you to Paula Stace who filled in during Kirsten's absence at the end of last term. Paula did an awesome job and we thank her for fitting into this challenging role so well.

Special Assembly

It was great to welcome so many to our final assembly for the year on the last day of term. Special thanks to Debbie Turner and the Kapa Haka group and to Room 6 for their entertaining items. There are no assemblies this term.

Sunhats

Children need to have a brimmed (all-round) hat to wear at school each day this term. We have a "no hat = no play" rule. Please NAME hats.

Hot Dogs and Spiders

Thank you everyone for your support on the last Thursday of the term. The children loved the 'hot dogs & spiders'. Thanks, Student Council!

Cross Country

Please check children have the correct gear (shorts, T shirt and running shoes) at school each day for Cross Country training. Children will be training every day.

Raspberries

We still have a few raspberry plants to give away. Call in and see us. Raspberries and ice-cream and icing sugar and cream yummy!

Staffing

We are very sad to let you know that Vanessa Stroud will be leaving us at the end of this week. Vanessa has been here for more than 3 years and has been an amazing Teacher Aide. Many children have benefitted from her knowledge, teaching and patience during her time with us. We wish Vanessa all the very best in her new adventures!

We formally welcome Mrs Anna Morris to Room 7. Anna already knows the children and has just fitted into our school so well. We hope she has a wonderful term in Room 7.

We are very pleased to let you know that Jacqui Emery has been appointed to a Teacher Aide position for Term 4. We welcome Jacqui to the staff.

Gala

As you know, we are already looking ahead to the Gala in March next year. Thank you to those people who returned their slips indicating they'd like to be on the committee. It would be great if we could get one or two more people. We will have an initial meeting soon, so you can see what is involved and then you can make a decision about your level of involvement after that.

Cross Country - Friday 24th October (week 2)

Well done to those children who have been training in the holidays. A map and details of the event are attached. The first race starts at 12.30pm. Please do not park in the areas indicated.

Pet Day Organisation – Wednesday 29th October (week 3)

Pet entries are due by **Friday 24th October** – please use the entry form below. Please note that Pet Day will start at 9am this year.

On the day.....

Children with pets arrive at school **no later than 8.45am and must be ready for judging at 9am**. They must stay with their pets out on the field. Judging will begin at 9.00am and should be finished by 10.30am. Pet Day is held regardless of the weather.

All pets must be under control at all times.

- Junior Lamb ring – closest to the Hall
- Senior Lambs – middle ring, between Junior Lambs and Calves
- Calf ring – near the rugby goalposts
- Dogs – ring closest to Room 7. This competition is **ONLY** for Years 5-8 children. There is no Junior Dog Competition this year, and dogs cannot be entered in the General Pet Section. **Dogs must be on a leash at all times, and children must stay with their OWN dog.**
- All other pets will be along the field side of the Adventure Playground, except horses/ponies which should be in the centre of the field.

Judging will be followed by the Grand Parade and presentation of trophies. At the conclusion of the judging, parents and visitors are invited to the **HALL** to see the **indoor exhibits**.

Indoor Exhibits

This year each class will present **2 exhibits**. Please see class blogs and KIT books for more information.

Country Kids Competition

The senior children will take part in an **Interhouse Country Kids Challenge** after the Grand Parade. This is a very exciting (almost) **NEW EVENT**. It would be wonderful if parents could stay to watch.

Pet Day Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle at Pet Day – details next week!

See below for more Pet Day details & the entry form

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday 31st October (week 3) (class photos and individual portraits). Order forms were sent home yesterday (one per student). If you would like your children to be photographed together, please contact the Office for a separate “sibling” order envelope. Please return your photo orders, with payment, to the Office before Photo Day (payments are made to “Photolife” - no online payments, please).

Wednesday Pies

Hot Pies from Tj’s Dairy will be available each week from tomorrow (except on Pet Day in week 3). Four flavours to choose – mince, steak, mince & cheese or steak & cheese. \$3.00 each. Orders are to be written on an envelope (student name, Room, pie flavour) with the money sealed inside. Correct change please. No credit. Orders are to be left in the Pie Box at the Office by 9am Wednesday morning.

Friday Subways from week 3

There will be **NO** Subway lunches this Friday or next week, but Subways will return on Friday 31st October (week 3). For ordering details and a menu, please ask at the Office or visit our website.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

Halcombe School - Term 4 2014 Calendar

October	17th	Flippaball starts again
	20th	Pae Tamariki Festival. Some students attending. Interschool Speech Competition for Year 7-8 students; 5.30pm at North Street School BOT Meeting 6.30pm
	24th	Cross Country starting at 12.30pm
	27th	Labour Day
	28th	PTA Meeting 6.30pm
	29th	Pet Day
	31st	School photos Huntermville Interschool Cross Country Young Achievers Presentation 5pm, Civic Centre, Feilding
November	3rd - 7th	Room 5 to camp at Castlepoint Dental Unit here
	16 th - 21 st	Room 6 at Nydia Bay
	19 th - 20 th	Room 3 staying at school
	20 th - 21 st	Room 4 staying at school
	25th	Room 2 trip
	26th	Rooms 7 and 1 trip
	28th	Disco
December	1st	BOT meeting 7pm
	3rd	Athletic Sports
	8th	Year 8 Leavers Dinner Written Reports sent home
	9th	Junior Prizegiving afternoon 1.20pm
	10th	Senior Prizegiving 7pm
	11th	School finishes for the year at 1pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Halcombe Playcentre AGM

Halcombe Playcentre are having their AGM on Monday 20 October, starting at 7.30pm, at the Playcentre, 77 Willoughby Street, Halcombe. Any queries please phone Lisa on 3240027.

Junior Cricket

There are two options for junior cricket players:

- Kiwi Cricket (with a soft ball) Tuesday afternoons at Kowhai Park. For year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children. This is a fun first step in kid's cricket. Term 4 = \$15.00 or term 4 and term 1 = \$30.00
- Saturday Morning Cricket (with a hard ball). For any age child that is competent with hard ball. Games follow traditional cricket rules. Practise once a week. \$60.00 for term 4 and term 1. Some Saturday games are in Palmerston North. Registration for either option is at the cricket pavilion, Kowhai Park, Feilding.

Wednesday (TOMORROW) 15 October 3.30pm – 5.30pm OR Saturday this week 18 October 11.00am – 1.00pm.
Bring payment please or use 030626 0117294-00 (child's name as reference)

Gala Committee

I am interested in being part of a Gala Committee to help organise the Gala in 2015.

Name: _____

HALCOMBE SCHOOL PET DAY 2014 – WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

Entries for ALL pet competitions are being taken now. Entries close on Friday 24th October.

There are Senior and Junior Classes in each section:

- Senior Students: Years 5 - 8
- Junior Students: Years 0 - 4

CALF COMPETITION

Calving Dates: Born between 1st July and 15th September. Records/Diaries are optional.

Calf competitions will be in three classes:

- Dairy Type or Beef Type
- Care and Attention
- Leading

LAMB COMPETITION

Lambing Dates: Born between 1st July and 15th September. Records / Dairies are optional. There will be two classes:

- Care and Attention
- Leading & Calling

DOG COMPETITION (SENIOR STUDENTS ONLY):

Judging for: care and attention; excellent knowledge of dog; involvement with dog on a regular basis; good control of dog; obedience; leading skills. Dogs must remain on their lead and be supervised at all times.

PET COMPETITION:

This should be the child's pet - not grandad's, your brother's or the neighbours! All kinds of animals are welcome.

Judging for: care and attention, excellent knowledge of pet; involvement with pet on a regular basis. Please provide suitable cages and/or leads for pets. Horses and ponies to be led, not ridden. Pets must be supervised at all times.

(NO dogs, please).

HALCOMBE SCHOOL PET DAY ENTRY FORM 2014 – for lambs, calves, dogs or 'other' pets			
	Student's Year Level	Student's name	Pet's name
JUNIOR LAMB	0 - 4		
SENIOR LAMB	5 - 8		
JUNIOR CALF	0 - 4		Beef OR Dairy <i>(select)</i>
SENIOR CALF	5 - 8		Beef OR Dairy <i>(select)</i>
SENIOR DOG	5 - 8		
JUNIOR PET (NO dogs, please)	0 - 4	Student's name: _____ Type of animal: _____	Pet's name: _____
SENIOR PET (NO dogs, please)	5 - 8	Student name: _____ Type of animal: _____	Pet's name: _____
Please enclose \$2 per entry. Parent/caregiver signature: _____			