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Term 4 Week 3

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

### Cross Country

Well it would be fair to say that the cross country did not quite go according to plan on Friday! We knew holding the event at school would not be ideal, but it was better than nothing!

It was reassuring that, under some pretty trying circumstances, our wonderful parents were so understanding, flexible and supportive. Thank you.

Our team for the **Interschool Cross Country** to be held in Hunterville on Friday is listed below. Team members have a separate notice - due back tomorrow!

We will hold the races for the Year 0-1 students later in the term, possibly at the Athletic Sports.



Congratulations to the top three place-getters in each event:

- Year 2/3 Girls: 1st: Olivia McIntyre 2nd: Ruby Thompson 3rd: Rhianna Jukes
- Year 2/3 Boys: 1st: Flinn Henricksen 2nd: Benjamin Fraser 3rd: Mitchell Waugh
- Year 4/5 Girls: 1st= Holly Thompson and Willow Darling 3rd: Aaliyah Lyttle
- Year 4/5 Boys: 1st: Seth Kirkpatrick-Smith 2nd: Logan McKay 3rd: Connor Henricksen
- Year 6/7 Girls: 1st: Ffion Barr 2nd: Greer Mudgway 3rd: Emma Jukes
- Year 6/7 Boys: 1st: Cameron Robinson 2nd: Tyler Walters 3rd: Jed Skelton
- Year 8 Girls: 1st: Olivia Cobcroft 2nd: Jasmine Davenport 3rd: Victoria Short
- Year 8 Boys: 1st: Jago Alcock 2nd: Reuben Turner 3rd: Quaid Glasgow-Rowland

### Hunterville Cross Country Team

The following children have been selected to represent our school at Hunterville on Friday. They will bring home a separate notice today.

- Junior Girls: Holly Thompson, Georgia Pettersson, Willow Darling, Aaliyah Lyttle, Jessie Jukes
- Junior Boys: Seth Kirkpatrick-Smith, Logan McKay, Connor Henricksen, Kai Alcock, Tommy O'Fee
- Intermediate Girls: Ffion Barr, Greer Mudgway, Emma Jukes, Madison Tai, Bethany Smith
- Intermediate Boys: Cameron Robinson, Tyler Walters, Jed Skelton, Jack Poulsen, Jensen Alcock
- Senior Girls: Olivia Cobcroft, Jasmine Davenport, Victoria Short
- Senior Boys: Jago Alcock, Reuben Turner, Quaid Glasgow-Rowland, Blair Gowan

### Pet Day

- Pet Day tomorrow will go ahead **regardless of the weather**. Children with lambs, calves, dogs and ponies need to be prepared with wet weather gear. If it is raining, we will be able to accommodate some of the smaller pets, for example cats, rabbits & guinea pigs, in the Hall. We have almost 80 animals entered. All judging starts at 9am.
- Remember to bring along money for the sausage sizzle. \$1.50 each. Children just keep the money until we call them. There are NO PIES tomorrow.
- The Year 8 children will take part in an **Inter-house Country Kids Challenge** after the Grand Parade. This is a very exciting event. It would be wonderful if parents could stay to watch.

### **Old Sports Uniforms**

We have quite a collection of 'no longer used' sports uniforms. This includes rugby jerseys, polo shirts, track pants and shorts. We will be selling all these at the bargain price of \$2 each tomorrow at Pet Day. Look for the stall by the Hall.

### **PTA Meeting**

This is a reminder about the PTA meeting this evening starting at 6.30pm in the staffroom. During the evening we will have a tour of the classrooms. All welcome.

### **School Photos**

School photos will be taken on Friday this week (class photos and individual portraits). Order forms were sent earlier. 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 Friday. NO late orders will be accepted. (Payments are made to "Photolife". No online payments please).



### **Young Achievers**

We are pleased and proud to announce that Jago Alcock and Jasmine Davenport are our 2014 Young Achievers. They will attend a special ceremony on Friday.

- Jasmine is role model of excellent character, with a fun-loving personality. Her positive attitude allows her to relate well to all. Jasmine is always willing to share her talents and abilities to help others.
- Jago fully involves himself in all school activities, both sporting and academic, making him a true all-rounder. He is organised, mature, has an excellent attitude and maintains very high standards in all areas.

### **Friday Subways**

Subways return this week! For ordering details and a menu, please see the school website.

### **Board of Trustees News**

We had a particularly enjoyable and informative Board of Trustees meeting last week which began with a presentation by our teaching staff, sharing their reflections and progress on this year's student achievement focus area – spelling, punctuation and grammar. It is always a real pleasure to hear first-hand how our teaching staff go about raising student achievement, including their teaching strategies, the resources used, additional support received from teacher aides and other teachers, and their own professional learning along the way. Thank you to all the teachers for taking the time to meet with the Board.

The Board also reviewed and discussed a number of reports, including: the Information Skills/ Library Review which highlighted how 'inquiry learning' is delivered and the corresponding skills that our children are taught; an update on the Support Programmes for Children with Special Needs; the results of the recent 6 year net Reading Tests (very positive); and a review of the new Junior Portfolios which were modified following the implementation of National Standards and which are used to track and share the progress of our younger students.

*Kevin Darling for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees*

### **Room 5 Camp**

We wish Mr Ricketts, Miss Simpson and Room 5 all the very best for their camp next week to Castlepoint. They have a busy fun-filled week planned, which includes a visit to Mount Bruce, a day at Matakona, a walk up to the Lighthouse, and another up Lion Rock, and skidding down the giant sand hill. We hope you have an awesome camp!

### **Dental Unit**

Our dental therapists are here from next Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, for 4 weeks for their routine checks of all students. If you have particular concerns about your child's dental health, please contact the therapists 06 322 8791 or 0800 825 583, or leave a message for them at the Office.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal