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Term 2 Week 10

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Floods

A number of our families and staff have been affected by the dramatic floods on the weekend. During the weekend, many had to wait out rising waters and there were a couple of close calls for some of our Feilding families. As of yesterday, a few of our students were still stranded on rural properties while roads are cleared, while others could not return to the district from further afield. Bridge damage and slips mean that Reu Reu Road, from the second bridge, is currently impassable. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns, or need our support while dealing with flood damage or travelling to/from school.

Reading Workshops

Following the success of our reading workshop earlier in June, we will be holding a series of 3 workshops next term. Mrs Davies will host these workshops called "Together We Learn – Supporting Parents with Reading" to support parents to help their children with early reading. Each workshop will be an hour long and parents attend ALL 3 workshops. More details and registration info soon!

'Friends of the PTA'

Thank you to those who have signed up already! We are updating our 'Friends of the PTA' group of parents who we know we can call on for extra help. This might involve providing afternoon tea for a school event, helping with classroom tasks or collecting things from town. It has been a while since we put this group together and we know there will have been some changes to peoples' commitments, so we encourage current 'Friends' to sign up again (if you are still available) or come join us for the first time! Please complete the slip below and return it to the Office. We'd love to know that we can call on you.

Student Council events – next Wednesday 1st July – "Wheels Day" And "Burger Day"!

You can order your burgers at the Office from tomorrow. The burger has a meat pattie and bun with lettuce, cheese, onion, beetroot and sauce – all fillings optional. Students choose these on the day. Please note that because of Burger Day, hot pies will **not be available** next Wednesday.

WHEELS DAY
WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY – WEEK 11
BRING YOUR SKATEBOARDS, RIPSTICKS, SCOOTERS OR ROLLERBLADES!
NO BIKES PLEASE.
WE RECOMMEND WEARING A HELMET.
SPOT PRIZES TO BE WON!
PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL

BURGER DAY
Wednesday 1st July
\$3 each
You can order your burger before school - orders close next Tuesday 30th June
Proudly brought to you by the Student Council

Hoops For Sale

We have four hoops for sale:

- 2 netball hoops
- 1 free-standing netball hoop that has a concrete/tyre base
- 1 basketball hoop with backboard

We also have a table tennis table for sale. Please contact Sue for more information about any of these items.

No more Juicies

We have sold out of Juicies. These are no longer available.



Turners Sports Tournament

Last Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 netball and rugby teams participated in the annual Turners Sports Tournament at North Street School. The tournament is held between Ashhurst, North Street, St Josephs and Halcombe Schools. Their performances were outstanding! The girls won all three of their netball games convincingly to bring home the trophy. It was a fantastic team effort, with all players contributing to the victories. The boys placed second, with two solid wins and a very close 10-17 loss to the eventual winners in the rugby. The team of mainly Year 5 boys will be hard to beat next year! Thanks go to Mrs Petterson for expertly coaching the netball team, and to the parents who came along and provided fantastic support on the day. A special “thank you” to Mr Ricketts and Mrs Turner.



Intermediate Netball

The 'A' netball team played a catch up game against Te Kura Kaupapa O Manawatu at Halcombe School on Thursday 18 June. It was a really tight match, with amazing skills shown by both teams. The final score was 16-11 to Halcombe. After the match, we had a shared afternoon tea, which was delicious! Thanks to all our supporters who came along to watch, and to Elen, our referee.

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.

Gumboots for the Green Team, please!

Mrs Davies would appreciate donations of 2nd hand gumboots, size 4 – 6 (for students aged 9 – 12 years) for our Green Team to wear when on duty in the school gardens. Please bring them to the Office. Thank you!

Make A Wish Foundation

We have received a special ‘thank you’ from the ‘Make A Wish Foundation’. Following Superhero Day, we were able to make a donation of \$200. This was obviously very much appreciated, as they sent us some calendars, a cuddly toy, some chocolate bars and a lovely card. ➤

Board of Trustees

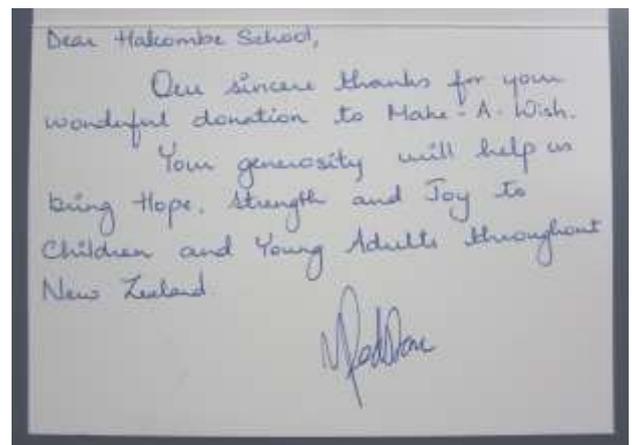
A reminder that the Board Elections are coming up early next year and the current Board invites interested people to come along to the next Board meeting on Monday 3rd August at 7pm and see how the Board works. Please contact the Office for further information.

Assembly

This week’s assembly will be hosted by Room 7 and begins at 2.30pm. All welcome!

End of Term

Term 2 ends on Friday 3rd July at the usual time. Term 3 will start on Monday 20th July.



National Young Leaders 2015

Last week, 4 senior students attended the Young Leaders Day. Below are the student's comments and reflections about each speaker:

Chris Jupp – Summarised By Madison

Chris Jupp is one of the New Zealand managers of the 40 Hour Famine. Growing up, he always felt small, like he wasn't important. When he got to high school he wanted to be noticed and decided to do the 40 Hour Famine. After this, he became a school leader and he led the whole school during the 40 Hour Famine, raising \$44,000. He started to speak in assemblies and gradually felt bigger and more important. His message was that, because you feel small and less important than everyone else, doesn't mean you can't make a difference. Chris Jupp also said that your amazing journey may not be about changing your future, but changing other people's lives.

Jamie McDell – Summarised by Jorja

Personally, singer/songwriter Jamie McDell was the most inspirational person at Young Leaders. Jamie talked about how she got into music. At first Jamie didn't know what she wanted to be when she grew up. At the age of 16 her mother told her that she had a good voice and Jamie took her advice and sent in a CD of her singing to a record company. A few weeks later she received a letter saying they wanted to hear her perform. After Jamie was signed she did lots of amazing things like become the ambassador of Surf Lifesaving New Zealand. She also became passionate about ocean conservation. Jamie said that she that she doesn't wear makeup in her music videos to spread the message that girls don't need to wear makeup to be pretty. She also talked about not being too young to achieve your dreams.

William Pike – Summarised by Sophie

William Pike is a mountaineer and outdoor enthusiast who survived an eruption at Mt Ruapehu in 2007. His leg from the knee down had to be amputated and he had many serious cuts and bruises. It took many months of long, hard work to be able to walk again and it was 18 months before William managed to climb Mt Ruapehu again. Throughout his recovery, William was grateful to still be alive and to be able to do what he loved. William believes the values of courage, teamwork and resilience are very important values we all need to have. One of William's favourite quotes is 'THINK: ALL PASSION, NO LIMITS'. He talked about never giving up, especially if it's something you love!

Marcus Winter – Summarised by Ffion

Marcus Winter is the famous 'Sandman'. He wowed us with his amazing artistic skills. He talked about his art and using his art work to encourage himself and others to become a better artist. First he talked about 'setting a mountain' which meant to challenge and push yourself to do your best. Then he talked about 'finding your flow' which meant to find things you're good at and working hard at it. Finally there was 'surround yourself with support' which meant to surround yourself with people who encourage you to do your best. I learnt that you can take something that you love and turn it into a life passion. Also I learnt that you need to make clear goals about what you want in life.

Paul Blackwell – Summarised by Miss Simpson

Paul is one of the owners of the New Zealand Breakers Basketball Team, as well as the biggest Pak 'n' Save supermarket in the country. He shared his life journey with us and spoke about how the Breakers have been transformed into a championship-winning team. It was interesting to hear his thoughts about the importance of establishing a good team culture.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

A FRIEND OF THE PTA

We encourage current 'Friends' to sign up again (if you are still available) or come join us for the first time!

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Yes! I want to be a 'Friend of the Halcombe School PTA'.

Please return this slip to the Office. Your support is appreciated!