

Halcombe School



RD 9, FEILDING

PHONE (06) 328 8845; FAX (06) 328 8847; office@halcombe.school.nz

www.halcombe.school.nz

Term 1 Week 1

3rd February 2015

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

A warm “welcome back” to the 2015 school year! Hopefully you all had time to take a break at some stage, enjoy the company of friends and family, and just relax! We are all excited about working alongside your children this year and getting to know them. We have lots of exciting things planned and, as usual, the term will just rush by.

We have a starting roll of 157, which is the highest it has been for a number of years. We expect our closing roll this year to be over 180, with an 8th class starting during the year as numbers build up in the junior classes. While class numbers are higher than we would have liked, we are confident we can deliver the same high quality teaching and learning programmes across the school.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Davies, Mrs Buckley and Miss Fleet to the teaching team this year.

Staffing

Junior Team	Mrs Barbara Davies	Room 7 (Junior Team Leader)
	Mrs Debbie Turner	Room 1
	Mrs Lucy Buckley	Room 2
Senior Team	Miss Heidi Jeynes	Room 3
	Miss Dayna Fleet	Room 4
	Mr Chris Ricketts	Room 5
	Miss Dianne Simpson	Room 6 (Deputy Principal and Senior Team Leader)
Secretary	Mrs Kirsten Otter	
Teacher Aides	Mrs Paula Stace, Mrs Jacqui Emery, Miss Annah Carey	
Caretaker/Cleaner	Mr Alan Martin	
Principal	Mrs Sue Simpson	

Swimming

Swimming started yesterday and almost all children remembered their togs, which is a great start. Well done!

- Each class has a swimming session **every day**, so please ensure your children have the correct gear.
- Swimming is part of the school programme, so children must bring a note if they are not swimming.
- **Names on togs and towels would be great – really great – yes really, really great!** We cut up lost/unnamed towels for rags – we really do!
- Girls must wear a one-piece suit, or have their midriff covered if wearing a two-piece suit.
- Boys should wear proper swimming shorts above the knee, or speedos.

PTA ‘Meet the Teacher’ BBQ

The PTA would like to invite you to meet your children’s teachers at the **Family BBQ, NEXT Wednesday 11th February**. We are changing the format a little this year. Classrooms will be open from 5.00 – 6.00pm for you to call in, introduce yourselves and meet your children’s teachers. There will be no formal presentation. A BBQ will follow at 6pm.

- The PTA will provide the sausages / sauce / bread and salads.
- Please bring plates and cutlery for your family.
- The swimming pool will be open.
- This is a family occasion and children attending should be accompanied by their parent/caregiver.

Pool Keys

The school pool is available for families to use after school and at weekends, until Wednesday 11th March. There is a \$30 charge for a key. Keys, and full information and a contract for you to sign, are available this week at the Office.

Hats

A reminder that we have a 'no hat means no play' policy. Most children have a hat they keep at school, which works well. Please make sure hats are named (or we will name them) and have an 'all-round' sun-safe brim. Bucket hats are ideal.

Trail Ride

Sunday 8th March has been set for the Halcombe School Trail Ride. The PTA will be looking for support in helping to run this important fundraising event later in the term.

Gala – Saturday March 21st

In just 7 weeks we will be holding our biennial Gala. How time flies! This is a major fundraiser for the school, so we need everyone to pitch in and help. It's not too early to start bringing along contributions for our stalls. So how can you help?

- Send along books in good condition. Please **don't send** any magazines, Readers' Digest, National Geographics or encyclopaedias. We just can't sell these.
- Sort through the CDs you haven't listened to for ages and the DVDs you're sick of.
- Toys, puzzles and board games. Please **don't send** broken toys, puzzles with pieces missing or teddy bears with no arms or legs!
- **Clean and tidy** clothing always sells well, especially teenagers' and children's clothing and baby gear.
- **Clean out your kitchen cupboards.** We'd love the stuff you no longer use or need.

Please leave any donations in the hall foyer for our team to sort. We'll be organising stall holders and who can work on each stall over the next couple of weeks, so please be patient!

School Magazine

Thank you for all the positive comments about the School Magazine published at the end of last year. We're glad you enjoyed looking through it. We have a few more copies available at \$10 each. Please ask at the Office.

Tyler Bisset

Hi my name is Tyler and I am in Room 7. Here's a reminder about the things you should know about me:

- I have leukaemia, which is a type of blood cancer.
- I am still getting treatment at Starship Children's Hospital but you can't catch leukaemia from me.
- I have a "Portacath" in my chest, so please be really careful around me in the playground.
- Sometimes I might not be able to walk because of my treatment and will need to use my wheelchair.
- If someone in your family has chickenpox, measles or shingles, or if you come into contact with someone who has them, can you please let the school know so my family can get treatment for me. These diseases may have serious complications for me.
- Teacher Aides Miss Anna Carey and Mrs Paula Stace help me at school.
- I really love school and am just like any other 5 year old boy!

Subway Lunches

Subway lunches will be available every Friday from **next week** 13th February. The menu and order details are available on the school website or ask at the Office. Orders must be in by 9am Friday mornings.

School invoices

We will send home invoices later this term for:

- Stationery Packs: Rooms 7, 1, 2 & 3 packs are \$40 each including "ez covers"; Rooms 4, 5 & 6 packs are \$35 each (no covers required). Thank you to everyone for having your children prepared with the right books and equipment for the new year.
- Athletics: Rooms 3, 4, 5 & 6 will take part in this online programme. The fee is \$20 each. Details will be given in class.
- School Charge: This payment helps us to provide classroom essentials such as tissues and the weekly newsletter. The charge is \$15 per family for the year. We do not have school fees.

We accept cash, cheque and/or online payments for school charges or events. Our bank account number is 01 0625 0106729 00. These details are also available on our website. Please make sure online payments are received before due dates for sports registration, camps etc. A number of families are using regular automatic payments to help cover school costs. We are happy to help set this up – please contact the Office.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Halcombe Community Waitangi Family Fun Day

You're all invited to this fun event on Waitangi Day, Friday 6th February. **This** year the day will start with a powhiri at Taumata O Te Ra marae, Hastings Street, at 10am. All welcome. Morning tea provided and a koha is encouraged. After the powhiri there is time to head home, have some lunch and get ready for the games to begin at the Halcombe Domain at 1pm. Entry by gold coin donation. The day will finish with a community BBQ so please can each family bring a salad to share. Meat and bread provided.

Term 1 Calendar 2015		
February	6th	Waitangi Day
	11th	PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ Room 5 camp at school (and 12 th)
	16th	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
	18th	Room 6 to Sixtus Lodge (and 19 th) Room 5 camp at school (and 19 th)
	24 th – 25 th	Rooms 5 and 6 'People Savers' First Aid Course
March	2 nd or 3 rd	Parent evening Sexuality Education(date tbc)
	8th	Trail Ride
	11th	Senior Swimming Sports 12.30pm (Makino Aquatic Centre)
	13th	Junior swimming sports 1.30pm (school pool)
	16 th tbc	Penhey Cup and Country School Swimming Relay 5.30pm
	21st	Gala
	23rd	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
25th	PTA AGM	
April	2nd	End of term 1
	3rd	Good Friday

Term Dates 2015

- Term 1: Monday 2nd February – Thursday 2nd April (9 weeks)
Waitangi Day: Friday 6th February (week 1) Good Friday 3rd April
- Term 2: Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July (11 weeks)
ANZAC Day observed Monday 27th April (week 2) Queen's Birthday Monday 1st June (week 7)
- Term 3: Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September (10 weeks)
- Term 4: Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16th December (10 weeks)
Labour Day Monday 26 October (week 3)