

# Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 2

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

## **Awesome Start**

We have had a wonderful start to the year. Last week teachers shared thoughts about their classes. Makes you really proud to be part of the team at Halcombe School.

- 'They're a wonderful bunch. They're really focussed and motivated.'
- 'I have been really impressed by their behaviour. They even give each other compliments!'
- 'I love seeing the way the kids interact. They're so positive.'
- 'They are really quiet and they listen so well. We've made a great start to the year'
- 'It's fantastic getting to know the kids. They're just awesome.'
- 'I was surprised at how quickly the new kids just fitted in. They have friends already.'
- 'There is a real sense of fun with the class. They enjoy playing together and there's so many strong role models.'
- 'This is why I became a teacher – to enjoy the magic of seeing kids motivated to do their best and enjoy learning.'

## **PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ**

This is a reminder that the **Family BBQ** is tomorrow evening. 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 – you must supervise your own children.
- This is a family occasion and children attending should be accompanied by their parent/caregiver.

## **Trail Ride**

The PTA wishes to advise that the Trail Ride fundraiser calendared for March 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 has been cancelled.

This is not a decision that has been taken lightly and we have taken into consideration a number of factors, the main ones being that of liability and also the huge resource required to run the event. After much deliberation over this decision we have unanimously agreed that this is the right call. However, it does take away an annual income stream that went a long way in supporting our children's resources at school and we are working through options to replace this fundraiser. These options will require support from both the wider Halcombe and school parent community and we trust that this support will be available to ensure we maintain the valuable resources that the PTA provides for our pupils at Halcombe School.

In the meantime we look forward to concentrating all of our fund raising efforts into making the Gala on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> March a huge success, so we are counting on your support.

The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been involved in the running of the Trail Ride in the past and appreciate the hard work that has gone into it.

*Matt Langtry*

*On behalf of the Halcombe School PTA.*

## **Gala – Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>**

- If you're someone who goes out for a walk/run in town, you might be able to help advertise the Gala by delivering flyers. Please let Kirsten know.
- If you know of anyone who might donate a lamb or a sack of potatoes/veges for the hangi, we'd love to hear from you.
- If possible, we'd like you to keep those larger items, which can be auctioned, at home until March, as we don't have a lot of storage space. But . . . if you're dying to get it out of the way, do bring it along!
- If you're NOT a cook but would be able to donate sugar or butter for the Annabel Langbeins of this world, please send these ingredients along to the office.
- If you ARE a cook and want to get started baking, or making jam and lemon honey, we can supply the sugar and butter! (see previous bullet!)
- If you have a gazebo we could borrow for the Gala, please let us know. We need at least 8.

- NO electrical goods this year, please. That means old TVs, computers, radios, fridges. They just don't sell.
- A reminder just to leave your goodies in the foyer of the hall. We have a group of wonderful parents who are doing a great job of sorting things each day.

### **Swimming**

This is such an important part of our daily programme at the moment. Thank you for making sure your children have their gear at school each day. We are seeing great progress already with many children. Yesterday we had Fiona Hurley from Swimsafe NZ, working with groups of swimmers from each class and offering tips for our teachers. Thanks Fiona.

### **School Website**

If you haven't checked out the new school website, I would encourage you to have a look! It's awesome. Perhaps you'll have time also to click on our class blogs to see what we have been up to. Thanks, Mrs Otter, for the hours you spent in the holidays setting it up. It's easily the best in the Manawatu! We are so lucky to have such a capable lady looking after our Office and maintaining our website.

### **Rooms 4, 5 and 6 camps**

Over the next couple of weeks, Rooms 4, 5 and 6 will be having 'Getting to Know You' camps. These are a great way of teachers getting to know their class and help children form positive relationships with their peers. Rooms 4 and 5 will camp at school and Room 6 is heading to Sixtus Lodge. We wish them all good luck.

### **Sexuality Education**

In early March, students in Years 6 - 8 will participate in a sexuality education programme. This is part of our Health Curriculum. The programmes will be presented by Rachel Hansen from 'Good Talks'. The programmes aim to empower students to trust and love their bodies and encourage positive relationships based on respect, equality and healthy choices.

Rachel will also offer an evening workshop at school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm, designed to give caregivers the knowledge and confidence to successfully guide and support their children's sexuality education. All are welcome.

Please visit the Good Talks website [www.rachelhansen.org](http://www.rachelhansen.org) for the full range of topics that will be discussed at both the parent & student workshops.

### **First Aid**

All staff have recently updated their knowledge of First Aid. This practical course was tailor-made to our school needs.

### **Ben Henderson**

Our warm congratulations to Ben Henderson, a past pupil who attended Halcombe School for all of his primary years. Ben has been elected School President of Feilding High School this year. Ben has also been elected the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees, the first time this 'double' has been achieved. Ben is a Youth Ambassador for the MDC. Ben led the Student Council at Halcombe School in 2010.

### **Subway Lunches**

Subway lunches begin again this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and will be available each week. They are supplied by Subway Feilding. You can order the 6" sub at \$4.00 each OR the Mini sub (a Kaiser roll) at \$3.00 each. Choose white bread or wheatmeal. Fillings: ham, turkey, roast beef or salami. All subs come with lettuce, tomato and cheese. Fancier fillings and sauces are not available. Contact the Office if your child has special dietary requirements. Orders need to be at the Office by 9am on Friday morning. Orders are to be clearly written on a named envelope (recycle one!) with the money sealed inside. Correct change, please. Families can use one envelope for all their orders. Orders are collected from the Office at lunchtime

### **Wednesday Pies!**

Hot Pies from Tj's Dairy will be available each week from tomorrow. Four flavours to choose – mince, steak, mince & cheese or steak & cheese. Pies are \$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. Orders are collected from outside the Library at lunchtime.

### **School bank details: 01 0625 0106729 00**

Thank you to the many families that are using online banking to pay school accounts. It certainly makes our lives easier! Please make sure payments are made by the due date. You can pay online for most school items or events – school charges, camp fees, stationery, bus tickets etc. An exception will be for this year's Gala (this is a PTA event and we want all the proceeds to go to them). When making a payment, use the "reference line" to tell us what the payment is for, or send an e-mail or a note to the Office with your payment details.

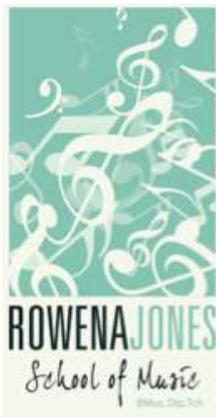
### Board of Trustees Meeting

The first Board meeting for the year will be on next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm in the staffroom. You are welcome to attend to observe Board process. An agenda will be available this Friday. If there are issues you would like the Board to discuss, please contact the Office as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal

### COMMUNITY NOTICES



DO YOU LIKE TO SING? New singing groups for ages 5-13 are starting this year, and I would like you to be a part of it. Groups/themes and songs are all age appropriate and designed to build confidence by singing pop/rock and 'The classics'. If you are interested in more information please txt your email address to 027 425 4911, and I will send out more information. Groups start this week. Private lessons also available - NO previous experience required.

Rowena Jones – School of Music

(FYI – I am a qualified Music teacher and been teaching at FAHS Music Department for the past 10 years. I have Grade 8 Voice, as well as clarinet and Piano grades. I am also a self taught guitarist and Ukulele player!)

Makino Rotary (Feilding) & Sport Manawatu  
invite you and your family to...

# 'Have a Go Sunday'

WHEN: Sunday 22 February 2015, 10.00am – 3pm  
COST: Free entry  
WHERE: Victoria Park, West Street, Feilding  
BRING: Water, Lunch, Hat, Togs!

Sporting codes, agility course, walk the green spine, physical competency test, zumba & old fashion races (running, sack, egg'n'spoon) and lots more. Supported by health, sporting organisations and community agencies with pop up information stands.

Finish the day with a swim Makino Aquatic Centre - free entry 3-5pm.

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