

# Halcombe School



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

## **Gala Success**

*We raised just under \$19,000 on Saturday. Can you believe it?!*

*We are over the moon, as you can imagine. That's \$120 for every child at the school and has well and truly beaten our previous Gala record of \$13,000.*

*I could write a list 5 pages long about all the people who helped us have the best Gala ever.*

*There are just so many people to thank, but however you managed to help, we truly appreciate everyone's efforts to make this another wonderfully successful Gala at Halcombe School.*

*What an awesome school community we have and how proud we are.*

*We have been humbled by the support we have had.*

*But it wasn't only about a fantastic profit. The atmosphere on Saturday was just awesome. Everyone had a great time and everywhere there were smiles. We had so many positive comments about the happy, friendly feeling around the school. That's because of all of you. People do notice and it counts.*

*Yippee!*

*Special thanks to Paula Stace, Annah Carey, Kirsten Otter and Di Simpson.*

*The senior students also deserve a special mention. They have just been awesome!*

## **Raffle and Competition Results**

- **Grocery Raffle:** 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Andrew Feldon 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Emma McIntyre 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Jeff Pickford
- **Guess the Weight of the Rock:** Closest guess was 22.4kg won by Yvonne Pene (actual weight 22.1 kg).
- **Guess the Lollies:** Closest guess was Shane Smith who guessed 257. (There were 259 lollies.)
- **Raffle book sellers prize:** Brooklyn Kendall won \$50
- **Grocery raffle contribution prize:** Jukes family won \$50



## **Halcombe School Idol:**

**Junior:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jasmine Hosking, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Skyla Gillbanks and Emily Barnacott

**Senior:** 1<sup>st</sup> Heather Skiffington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Jukes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fritha Johnson



Please visit our [class blogs](#) for more great Gala photos!



### **PTA Meeting and AGM**

The PTA will hold their next meeting tomorrow night at 7pm in the staffroom, followed by the AGM. Everyone is welcome. This is a great opportunity for you to support the school. Perhaps you'll consider standing for the Executive. We have 2 members resigning, so are looking for new office holders. If you are interested, please come along!

### **Swimming Results**

We concluded this year's swimming programme in week 6 with Swimming Sports for both the Junior & Senior teams. The Senior Swimming Sports were held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Makino Pool and were a very successful event. Results:

Barnett Cup (fastest 50 metre freestyle): Ffion Barr

Junior Girls Champion (Blunden Cup): 1<sup>st</sup> Willow Darling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Pettersson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Holly Thompson

Junior Boys Champion (Blunden Cup): 1<sup>st</sup> equal Jack Pettersson & Kai Alcock, 3<sup>rd</sup> Seth Kirkpatrick-Smith

Senior Girls Champion (Wishnowsky Trophy): 1<sup>st</sup> Ffion Barr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Greer Mudgway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jade Gilmour

Senior Boys Champion (Wishnowsky Trophy): 1<sup>st</sup> Luke Te Whatu, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jensen Alcock, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jed Skelton

Junior House Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> Matai, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kauri, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rimu

Senior House Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> Kauri, 2<sup>nd</sup> Matai, 3<sup>rd</sup> Totara

House Points: 1<sup>st</sup> Matai, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kauri, 3<sup>rd</sup> Totara, 4<sup>th</sup> Rimu

Monk Cup (Most Improved Swimmer 2015 season): Anna Skelton

Trophies have been sent for engraving and will be re-presented at school early next term.



Senior students also enjoyed their own Fun Swim Sports on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Visit the [Room 6 blog](#) for great photos of this event. Junior Swimming Sports were held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at school. Students took part in fun events, as well as races for our more able swimmers. Thank you to the teachers for organising such a great event, and to the parents that came to give their support!



Our top swimmers took part in the Feilding Swimming Carnival at Makino Pool on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Our swimming team (Willow Darling, Jade Gilmour, Lydia Stace, Greer Mudgway, Mya Leamy and Ffion Barr) won the Country Schools Relay! All the girls swam superbly well, and we had a clear victory.

Ffion and Greer made it to the final of the 100m freestyle races - Greer came fifth and Ffion won! What an awesome effort. Mya and Georgia represented our school in the Penhey Cup (based on swimming technique), and Mya came second.

Congratulations girls - a great night for Halcombe School!

### **Board of Trustees meeting**

The next Board meeting will now be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in staffroom. This is in the first week of the holidays. All are welcome to attend to observe Board process. The agenda will be available at the Office from next Wednesday. If there are issues you would like the Board to discuss, please contact the Office as soon as possible.

## New "Values"

As you will know, the Board of Trustees has been reviewing our school Values and the attributes that we feel are most important at Halcombe School. Thank you to all those that took part in the recent consultation. Here are the Values that we have come up with (more information next week):

### The "Triple A" School

- **Attitude**
  - Show respect for self, others and the community
  - Show perseverance, confidence and resourcefulness
  - Be kind, tolerant, polite and cooperate with others
  - Be positive and have a 'can do' attitude
  - Be honest and reliable
- **Adventure**
  - Be a risk-taker and show curiosity
  - Be involved, innovative, and a critical thinker
  - Have humour and show creativity
- **Achievement**
  - Be responsible, make our own decisions, reflect, and manage ourselves
  - Always strive to do our best

### Teacher-Only Day

The Board of Trustees has approved a Teacher-Only Day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, which is the Friday of Queen's Birthday weekend. Children do not attend school on this day.

### Year 7 – 8 Technology

Our Year 7 – 8 technology programme will start on Friday of the second week next term. The \$50 fee is due by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Children will be given separate information about requirements.

### End of term

School closes for the term break, at 3pm next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. (3<sup>rd</sup> April is Good Friday). Term 2 begins on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### Maths

A group of senior students have figured out the following:

- The Gala raised just under \$120 per child at our school
- We spend only 6.7% of our lives at school until we are 10 (presuming no days off!)
- We spend only 8.3% of our lives at school until we are 13 (presuming no days off!)
- Until we are 13, we have spent about 50% of our lives sleeping.
- If you live in Feilding you spend about 180 hours on the school bus each year.
- During 8 years at primary school (32 terms), almost 5 terms are taken up with interval and lunch.
- At about 11 years of age, your heart beats about 32 million times a year.
- Between the ages of 5 and 13, we spend more than 700 hours in the shower or bath!
- In a year, children blink about 11 million times.
- In our first 10 years, we breathe about 78 million times.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal

### Maths and Reading Workshops

Workshops will be held early next term. Look out for details in the newsletter. The maths workshop will focus on basic facts and problem solving. The reading workshop will focus on early reading and how you can support and encourage your children at home.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Rangitawa Homestead

Sarah and Brent Rolston lost their beautiful historic home last Friday evening in a fire. Our thoughts and condolences are with them as they try to come to terms with their loss. Sarah was an active member of our PTA and Brent was Treasurer of the Board for 6 years. Rachel Lane (Halcombe Community Development Group) would love to hear from anyone who is able to offer meals for Sarah and Brent. You can contact Rachel on 328 8594

### Halcombe house for sale

Four bedroom home, 2 bathrooms, on 1 acre section. Walking distance to school. Phone 06 328 8092.