

# Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 9

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

## PTA AGM

- At the PTA AGM last week office holders were elected for the next 12 months: Paula Stace (President), Kirstine Lehany (Vice President), Michela Fox (Secretary), Amy Walters (Treasurer). We thank these people for making themselves available to serve on our PTA.
- Our sincere thanks to Anne Humphrey and Matt Langtry who have stepped down from the PTA after a number of years. Anne and Matt have been fantastic members of our PTA and have given many hours of their time to support PTA fundraising events and activities. Thank you so much!
- The PTA has approved funding for new metal sandpit toys, and a contribution to new equipment and refurbishing the front of the Cultural Centre – now to be known as Room 8.

## Spider Day

There will be a 'Spider Day' (ice cream and fizzie) on Thursday lunchtime this week. Please bring a \$1 if you would like one. Just take the money to your classroom, NOT the Office.

## Reading

Everyone knows that reading is important. Reading makes the most difference to student achievement in all other curriculum areas. We also know that during the holidays some children don't read. This sends the message that reading is only something we do at school and, for younger children or those who are struggling with reading, it means that their progress stops.

- For children in Years 1 – 3: Keep reading to your children each day. Reading books will be sent home for the holidays. Take 'page about' with books you can share, go to the library, and show them how much you value reading. Listen to them read and talk to them about stories.
- For children in Years 4 – 8: Please support your children to keep reading each day during the holidays. Library books will come home. 20 minutes a day would be great. 30 minutes would be awesome!

## Feilding Bus

Unfortunately, next term the bus will be **unable to cater for students on a casual basis**, for example to attend sports practices or after-school games. We have over 70 students listed on this bus, with more enrolments to come from students who are eligible to have free use of the bus every day. If your child is already on this bus list, or has a permanent arrangement with us, nothing will change. If you need further clarification, please ring us.

## Lunchtime Activities

Mrs Turner will be starting the Kapa haka group again next term. Is there anyone who might be able to be a guitarist for us? You would need to be available one lunch-time a week (12.45pm – 1.20pm). Please let the Office or Debbie know if you are interested. There will also be Drama Club, Green Team, "Kids for Kids" choir and sports practices at lunchtimes.

## Board of Trustees meeting

A reminder that our next Board meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm here at school. An agenda will be available tomorrow at the Office (and on the [Board of Trustees page](#) of the website). If there are issues you would like the Board to discuss, please contact the school as soon as possible.

## ERO Visit

On the first day next term we will welcome ERO to our school. All schools are reviewed regularly and this provides a time when good practice is celebrated and ideas for "next steps" are shared. Our reviewers will be here until Wednesday of the first week.

## Staff Professional Development

Next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April there will be 30 teachers (22 from other schools) here attending a workshop all about 'Teacher Effectiveness' presented by Kevin Knight.

## Wednesday Pies & Subways Lunches

Wednesday pies will be available tomorrow. No Subways this week. Both lunch offers will return in week 1 of Term 2.

## Values

Again, thank you to everyone who contributed to our new Values. Teachers are talking to children about these and how children can make this the best "Triple A" school. It would be great if parents could also talk through these Values with children, especially what the 3 'A's stand for:

### 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

## End of term

School closes for the term break at 3pm on Thursday. Term 2 begins on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

## Ex Halcombe Students

Molly Alcock and Elen Barr attended Halcombe School and are now Year 10 students at Feilding High School.

- At the end of last year, Molly was awarded the **top academic prize for Year 9 students**. Molly was placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in all of her 7 classes. With over 300 Year 9 students, this is an awesome achievement.
- Elen Barr has just competed in the Division 2 National Championships in Dunedin. Elen (who is just 14) was the **top-scoring individual** at the championships and came home with an astonishing seven gold medals, in 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke; 200m individual medley; 100m and 200m butterfly; and 400m individual medley. She also claimed a silver medal in the 100m freestyle and bronze in the 50m butterfly.

## Reminders:

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April (2<sup>nd</sup> week next term) is a public holiday (for ANZAC Day).
- Year 7-8 Technology begins in Term 2. The \$50 fee is due by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- Teacher-Only Day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May (Term 2, week 6): the school will be closed.
- Look out for notices about the Reading and Maths workshops early next term.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal



Please visit our [class blogs](#) for great Term 1 highlights, including Ronald McDonald's visit (Keeping Ourselves Safe), our wonderful Gala and our recent Science units!

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Halcombe house for sale

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

### ANZAC DAY

The Halcombe Community Development Group would like to invite you to a Community Service on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. This is a special service to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our troops landing in ANZAC Cove. The service will be conducted by Pastor Gavin Scott. Senior Students will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.