

# Halcombe School



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Term 2 Week 1

21<sup>st</sup> April 2015

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

A very warm welcome back to the new term with a special welcome to our new students & their families: Lucy and Georgia Monk, Eddie Barrack, Shelby Oak and Jett Jayet-Barker. We also have 11 new entrant children starting this term. How exciting!

## ANZAC Service

On Friday afternoon, there will be a short ANZAC service starting at 2.30pm on the front court (in the Hall, if it's wet). Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Children are encouraged to **bring flowers** to lay on the steps by the Memorial Arch. ANZAC Day often falls in the Term 1 holidays, so it is quite special that we are able to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing at Anzac Cove on a school day. We hope you will be able to join us.

Every school in NZ has been given 30 white crosses to put up a 'Fields of Remembrance'. The crosses commemorate soldiers and a nurse from our region that served in the First World War. These will be displayed with compassion and pride under the flagpole from Thursday. Parents of younger children might like to explain that no one is 'dead' under the crosses. You might like to explain that they are so we remember the people who helped keep us safe.

## Reading

We do hope your children found plenty of time to read in the holidays. A huge thank you to those who encourage their children to read regularly. Remember that **Reading** makes the most difference to student achievement in all other curriculum areas.

## Mathletics (Senior Team)

We have noticed a few children who have not done any tasks on Mathletics for a few weeks. This programme is great to use at home, with each student having their own activities selected for them by their teachers. We would encourage children to use this programme regularly to support their maths learning at school.

## Feilding Bus

This is a reminder that this 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**, nothing will change. If you need further clarification, please ring us.

## Lunchtime Activities

This term we have a lot of lunchtime activities for the Year 4 – 8 children to take part in:

- Drama Club: Miss Jeynes will be running this club for us again this year. Listen out for audition times. (Mondays)
- Kids for Kids Choir: We have 17 songs to learn before our performance in the Regent Theatre in August. Details will follow closer to the time. Practices will start with Mrs Simpson in week 3. (Tuesdays)
- Green Team: This will continue as last term on Wednesday lunchtimes with Mrs Davies. (Wednesdays)
- Kapa haka: Mrs Turner will run the Kapa haka group again. This will be for Years 4-8 starting this week. (Thursdays)

Many thanks to the PTA who have given us \$1000 for new sandpit toys. These should arrive in the next couple of weeks, which is very exciting!

## Cultural Centre Change of Name and Makeover

We are in the process of adapting the front of the Cultural Centre into a more permanent teaching space. In consultation with the Hallett whanau, who were instrumental in getting the Cultural Centre established almost 25 years ago, we have agreed that this building will now be called "Room 8" and will be used as an additional junior class from Term 3 this year. The original purpose of the building was for the teaching of te reo me ona tikanga Māori which of course now is done in all classrooms and through all curriculum areas - not a separate 'subject', in a separate place.

We will let you know how Room 8 will work and who will be teaching there, later in the term.

## ERO Visit

Yesterday we welcomed Sharon Kelly and Michael Young, our visitors from ERO who will be in the school this week.

### Staff Professional Development

- **Maths Symposium:** Chris Ricketts, Barb Davies and Sue Simpson attended a Maths Day in the second week of the holidays. It is always a great opportunity to learn new ideas, keep up-to-date with research and discuss issues with colleagues from other schools.
- **Dr Kevin Knight:** Kevin is a Director of the NZ Graduate School of Education in Christchurch. He spent a day with us (and 21 teachers from other schools) in the first week of the holidays. Kevin's message was about teachers goal-setting through their appraisal and the importance of building positive relationships with children, while still being the 'captain' in the classroom.

### This term's topics

For the first 5 weeks of the term, our Unit is 'Courage'. This will lead on from our learning about Gallipoli and ANZAC Day. Key ideas and understandings are:

- What does it mean to have courage/be courageous?
- How does the courage of others affect us?
- What are some examples of great courage?
- How can we show courage? Can we all be courageous?

Our PE focus is Te reo Kori. Children will be learning waiata, poi, stick games, haka and string games.

### Chocolate fundraiser

Our chocolate fundraiser is on again this term! Students sell chocolate bars to raise funds for their own camp fees (Rooms 5 & 6) or for classroom activities. Full details and order forms will be available next week.

### Juicies

The Student Council will be selling Juicies each Friday for \$1 starting this week. No pre-ordering required. Wait outside the library at the start of lunchtime with your money.

### Maths Workshops

We will soon be holding our Maths workshops again. This year the focus is on basic facts and how children's knowledge of these is so important to good progress in maths. This applies even to our very best mathematicians. Teachers will share ideas about how we teach basic facts at school and you will go away with ideas which you can easily do at home. **Children attend the workshops with their parents.**

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm – 4.00pm: Years 1 - 4
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm - 4.00pm **AND** 6pm – 6.45pm: Years 5 - 8

### Wednesday Pies & Friday Subways

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.

Subway lunches begin again this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 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

### Feedback in Children's Books

A big thank you to all the parents of Year 4 – 8 children who commented in their children's books at the end of last term. Your children and our teachers really appreciate your feedback:

- Great work. Your swimming has improved heaps this term. Good luck for small ball skills.
- Your spelling has really improved. I think that work we are doing at home is helping.
- I wish I was in your class. You are learning about such interesting topics, like the solar system.
- Ka Pai. I can see you are trying hard to work on your handwriting.
- Maths is your favourite subject and it shows. You are a Maths Whizz!
- Your book is beautifully presented. Great to see you're doing so well at maths.
- Such interesting writing and ideas. I really enjoyed reading this book
- I know you learn best by doing. The more you do, the better you become!
- Amazing maths work. Thank you for showing me how you worked out these tricky maths problems.
- I can't believe how much your writing has improved. Well done!

## Year 7 - 8 Technology

This programme will get underway next week and run every Friday during terms 2 and 3. Children are reminded that they must wear closed-in shoes for their hard materials and food technology rotations. Further details will be given out in class. The \$50 fee is due by next Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Children will rotate through all of the following 4 programmes:

- Mr Gary Stoneley: Hard Materials Technology
- Mrs Cheryl Nevile: Food Technology
- Mrs Teresa Alcock: Dragster CO<sub>2</sub> cars
- Miss Simpson: ICT Extension



## Sport

Term 2 is a busy term for sport at Halcombe School. Over the next few weeks, our Year 5 & 6 flippaball, Year 5 & 6 miniball and Year 3-8 netball teams will all kick off their seasons. We have five teams involved in Rippa Rugby tournaments this week too! It is awesome to see so many of our students keen to get involved in sport! Thank you to those parents who have offered to coach our teams – your support is very much appreciated. This is an opportune time to remind all our supporters of our expectations for sideline conduct. Please see the **Sideline Code of Conduct** to the left.

A reminder that our weekly netball practices for all teams start this Thursday, from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Fees are due by next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please ensure you have let Mrs Otter know of any **changes to bus arrangements**. Players have been reminded about what gear to bring.

We're all set for the Rippa Rugby tournaments this week. Students involved have been given information about what to wear and bring. Good luck to the Year 5 & 6 students, who are playing tomorrow, and the Year 7 & 8s who play on Thursday.

## Assembly

Weekly school assemblies will begin next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 2.30pm in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Kind regards

## Reminders:

- Next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April is a public holiday
- Teacher-Only Day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May (Term 2, week 6): the school will be closed.

Sue Simpson  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Community ANZAC Service

You are invited to a Community ANZAC Service on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, beginning at 10.45am at the Halcombe School Memorial Gates. 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. Full details attached.

### Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge Charity Raffle

Support the Halcombe Fire brigade in their latest fundraiser for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ! Great prizes, including a retro fire engine drinks cooler and a load of firewood. Tickets for sale at Halcombe School or see your local fireman!

### Halcombe School Term 2 Calendar 2015

<b>April</b>	22nd	Year 5 - 6 Ripa Rugby
	23rd	Year 7 – 8 Ripa Rugby Netball practice after school
	24th	ANZAC Service 2.30pm
	27th	ANZAC Day observed
	29th	Miniball starts
<b>May</b>	1st	Year 7 – 8 Technology starts Assembly 2.30pm then EVERY Friday at 2.30pm Flippaball starts
	6th	Maths Workshop 3.15pm (Years 1 – 4) BOT Meeting 7pm
	7th	PTA Meeting 7pm
	11th	Maths Workshop 3.15 (Years 5 – 8) AND 6.00pm
	28th	“Super Hero Day” (Student Council event) PNBHS Band visiting
	29th	Teacher Only Day. Children do not attend school
<b>June</b>	1st	Queen’s Birthday holiday
	2nd	Dental therapists here until end of term
	8th	BOT Meeting 7pm
	11th	PTA Meeting 7pm
	19th	Year 4 – 8 mid-year reports out
	24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	3 Way Conferences by for Year 4 – 8 students
<b>July</b>	1st	“Burger Day” (Student Council event)
	3rd	School finishes for Term 2

#### 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)*

## Halcombe Community **ANZAC Day Service**


25<sup>th</sup> April


**10:45am:** March from Halcombe School

**11am:** Service at Halcombe Cenotaph

Followed by a shared lunch 12-noon @ the  
Memorial Hall

– please bring a plate to share.

Further details on

[www.halcombecommunity.co.nz](http://www.halcombecommunity.co.nz) or 

