

# Halcombe School



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Term 2 Week 2

28<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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

## ANZAC Service

Thank you to the large group of parents and supporters who attended the ANZAC Service on Friday afternoon. Special thanks to our senior students who ran the service, all those students who brought along flowers and Matt Alcock for talking to us about the significance of ANZAC Day.



## Rippa Rugby

Our Rippa Rugby teams had a great time at their tournaments last week. Up against tough opposition, all five of our teams represented our school very well, scored lots of awesome tries, and worked hard on defence. It makes us feel proud that we have so many students wanting to be involved in events like this. We know it doesn't matter if you're not the world's best player, but getting stuck in and giving things a go is what counts! Thank you very much to all the parent coaches and supporters and those who provided transport. A special mention must go to Danielle Ferris, who scored a hat-trick in one of the matches!



## Parking in North Street

We would ask that those who collect children from the bus stop in North Street in the afternoons, do not park behind other cars, or where it makes it awkward for other cars to pull out. I have notified the police who will be keeping an eye on the situation.

## Netball

A reminder that all netball fees are **due this Friday 1st May**. Year 7-8 netball starts on Monday 4th May. Year 3-6 netball starts on Saturday 9th May.

## Miniball & Flippaball

Good luck to our Year 5 & 6 miniball and flippaball teams, who have their first matches this week!

### **Chocolate fundraiser – it's on again!**

We are running our popular chocolate fundraiser again this year. Students sell chocolate bars in the community and raise money for their own camp fees (Rooms 5 & 6) or for their class. Everyone can take part, so long as the school charge and/or stationery & Athletics fees are paid. Full information and the order forms are attached!

### **Scholastic Book Club**

The latest catalogues are out now – you will see that the Book Club has had a bit of a make-over! There is now a single catalogue for all reading levels, and you have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their new LOOP website (your books are delivered to the classroom in the usual way). You can still send in cash or cheque orders to the Office – make cheques payable to "Scholastic NZ". See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (end of week 5).

### **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

### **Board of Trustees News**

The Board met over the holidays after a very hectic term:

- Well done everyone who contributed to the very successful Gala!
- Chris Ricketts, our Lead Teacher for Maths, shared the results of recent PAT and Basic Fact Testing. Our overall performance was very pleasing. Division still needs some extra work for Basic Facts.
- Ex Halcombe Year 9 pupils are showing impressive results in reading at Feilding High School.
- Our school Values have been reviewed and will feature prominently around the school.
- With an ever growing roll, a new teaching space is required. With this in mind the Cultural Centre will be upgraded soon. Thanks to the PTA for their \$2,500 contribution.
- Megan Skiffington has updated our Hazard Register.
- Trustee portfolios have now been reallocated: Megan Skiffington – Board Chair/Training; Kevin Darling – Property; Annie O'Fee - Health & Safety; Tamzin Darragh – Personnel; Anne Langtry – Finance.
- The Board prepared for the ERO visit.
- Sue Simpson spoke about a proposed Cattle Scheme Fundraiser.
- A sideline "code of conduct" has been written up encouraging fair play and positive behaviour for all.

*Annie O'Fee for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees*

### **Next BOT Meeting**

Our Board meeting will be next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the staffroom. You are welcome to attend to observe Board process. An agenda will be available at the school Office this Friday. If there are issues you would like the Board to discuss, please contact the school as soon as possible.

### **PTA Meeting**

Our next PTA meeting will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome.

### **Assembly**

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

### **Reminders:**

- Teacher-Only Day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May (Term 2, week 6): the school will be closed.

Kind regards

*Sue Simpson*

Principal