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Term 2 Week 5

19th May 2015

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Palmerston North Boys High School Band

Next week on Thursday 28th May, the PNBHS Band will visit us at 10.45am. Parents and friends are welcome to come along and enjoy the performance. There is no charge.

Wednesday Sport Rotation

The winter sports rotation will start for children in Rooms 3 – 6 next week on 27th May. A note will come home in KIT books explaining the programme and the gear students will need to have. Please read the note carefully. We do not want to have to exclude children from these activities.

SUPERHERO DAY!



Thursday the 28th of May
is our Superhero Day!
Dress up as your favourite
superhero or invent
your own. Bring a gold
coin - all money will be
donated to the
Make A Wish Foundation.



Fitness Track

We have a small (very small) team to get this project underway. It would be great to have another couple of people willing to help out. We have had the offer of 2 tractors, but would need some people to put a bit of boxing in for the limestone surface. The 'fitness' equipment will be fence posts being driven into the ground, with a lime surface underneath. We'd love to hear from you, if you can help! PTA funds will be used for this project. I imagine a couple of weekend working bees would get the job done. I'll make the scones!

PTA Meeting

A reminder about our next PTA Meeting on WEDNESDAY 10th June (not Thursday). The meeting will start at 7pm, followed at 7.30pm with a workshop about **helping your 5 year old with reading**. This workshop will be perfect for children who have not yet started school, as well as those who have been at school for up to 6 months. We will be inviting parents of all children who will start school this year or early next. Please complete the slip below if you will be attending and return it to the Office.

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club orders need to be at school by this Friday morning (22nd May). Your orders will be delivered to class in the next week or so. We will earn free books for our school library from your orders, so thank you for your support!

Assembly

Assembly this week will start earlier at 2.20pm. Each class will be sharing Te reo Kori activities with you.

Teacher Only Day

This is a reminder that Friday NEXT week is a Teacher Only Day. Children do not attend school. (Monday 1st June is Queen's Birthday)

BOT News

The Board met on Wednesday 6th May. A major topic of discussion was our very recent ERO review. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our whole staff for the extra hours they put in, and the scrutiny they coped with, as part of this process. As a Board, we know that the reviewers are going to see teachers, pupils and supporters that the whole community can be proud of. We anticipate a report that confirms the good work we know is happening at our school.

Highlights of our meeting included feedback from the students on our sexuality education programme, and confirmation of staffing to look after the growing roll in Room 7 and now Room 8. There was exciting news of the Pub Charity grant allowing us to proceed, with the support of the PTA, to get new basketball / netball hoops on the back court. Keep an eye out for these!

Our next meeting is Monday 8 June at 7pm and, with less than a year left for the current Board of Trustees, I would encourage you to come along and see how you could be a part of the Board. It is a great opportunity for those of us who can't necessarily attend daytime commitments to get involved and help the school community. The portfolios and responsibilities of the Board are a focus for us right now, and we are making sure these will be clear for trustees in the future.

Megan Skiffington for the Board of Trustees

Yummy Stickers

Remember to collect those "Yummy Stickers"! "[Yummy sticker](#)" [collection sheets](#) are available at the Office or download them from our school website. Please bring full sheets to the Office. This promotion runs until the end of Term 3.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Keep up the momentum and get out there and sell those chocolates! Remember you are fundraising for a camp or class trip in Term 4. You can still order chocolate to sell – please contact the Office. This fundraiser will run until the end of term but, if you have finished selling chocolates already, please return your money to the Office now (or pay online to 01 0625 0106729 00). Unsold chocolate can also be returned – we will pass it on to others to sell. If you don't return unsold chocolate bars by this Friday, we will assume that you are going to sell them all. We won't be able to accept returns later on.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ICAN YOUTH ART COMPETITION

The annual ICAN Youth Art Competition is now on to promote anti-bullying. Students can enter a colouring competition or design poster art around the theme of stopping bullying. There are three age categories and great prizes! Information sheets and colouring competition forms have been sent home with students. More forms are available at the Halcombe School Office. Bring completed entries to the Office or drop off at Te Manawa Services, the Feilding Art Society or the Manawatu District Council Offices in Feilding. Entries close this Thursday 21 May 2015, so be quick! For full information, visit www.icanyouth.co.nz or contact Amy Walters; amy@temanawa.org.nz; 027 223 5773.

Out of School Care – Feilding YMCA (at North Street School)

The YMCA offers before- and after-school care in Feilding at North Street School, along with a comprehensive selection of holiday, sport & education programmes in Palmerston North. For details, ring Cindy 027 430 4655 or visit www.ymccentral.org.nz. Leaflets available at the school office.

"Helping Your 5 year-old with Reading" Workshop – Wednesday 10th June – 7pm (part of PTA Meeting)

This workshop is for parents/caregivers of pre-schoolers starting school in 2015 or early 2016, as well as of children that started school in the last 6 months.

Name/s: _____

Yes! I/we will be attending this workshop! Number attending: _____

Please return this slip to the Office, or e-mail office@halcombe.school.nz, by Monday 8th June 2015. THANK YOU!