

Halcombe School



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Term 3 Week 2

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

NZ Playhouse

This is a reminder that on Thursday we have the NZ Playhouse visiting. They will present 'Jack Flash and the Jumping Beanstalk'. The PTA has kindly agreed to subsidise the show which means the cost is **only \$2 per student**. All students will attend. Please return the slip & payment (below) TOMORROW if you haven't already paid. Thank you.

Gymnastics

Thank you to all the parents who are helping out during our gymnastics programme. We really appreciate your support. Parents - please make sure your children have suitable clothes at school each day for gym. Long shorts and jeans are not suitable. Rugby-type shorts and a T shirt are great, or leotards if you have them. Track pants are fine, too.

Parentline

Parentline Manawatu offers many courses and support groups for parents. If you are interested in any of the following, please ring 355 1655 for more information.

- Managing fighting and aggression
- Bedtime routines
- Hassle-free shopping
- Effective parenting styles
- Dealing with disobedience
- Blended families
- What pushes your buttons
- Great fathering
- Counselling

ERO Report

Our ERO report is now available to read online. We are extremely pleased with the report which highlights the things we are doing so well. ERO reports also guide schools in their "next steps" for improvement. Some excerpts:

- Students are confident, actively involved and supportive of each other's learning. Classrooms have a positive and learning-focused tone. Wall displays celebrate the Halcombe curriculum and showcase students' learning.
- There is a strong learning focus in classrooms. Teachers know students well and have established a collective responsibility for the achievement of all students. They make good use of achievement information to identify the needs of their students and plan responsive programmes. There are consistently high expectations for student engagement and learning.
- Students are well engaged in classroom activities. They confidently articulate their enjoyment of school. They interact well with each other. Senior students experience a range of opportunities to grow and demonstrate their leadership skills.
- Halcombe School is well-placed to sustain and improve its performance.
- Trustees are focused on improving outcomes for students. They understand their roles and responsibilities for governance and promoting student achievement. They receive useful information to inform their understanding of curriculum, programmes and student achievement. There is regular communication and consultation with the school community on aspects of school operation.

If you would like to read the full report, follow the link:

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/Early-Childhood-School-Reports/School-Reports/Halcombe-Primary-School-09-06-2015>

PTA

The next PTA meeting is next week on Wednesday 5th August at 7.00pm. If the position of treasurer is one that interests you, we'd love to see you, or ring Paula Stace on 328 8518. The PTA meets twice a term

Yummy Stickers!

The Yummy Sticker campaign continues until the end of this term, so keep collecting Yummy apple & pear stickers (and bag labels) and bring them to school. We exchange them for essential sports gear. Full information and spare collection sheets are available at the Office or on our website <http://www.halcombe.school.nz/newsletters2015.htm>

20 Ways to ask your kids "So how was school today?"

Most parents ask their kids about their day at school, and often the answer will be 'fine' or 'good'.

If you want to get at least a complete sentence, the chance of an interesting conversation, and a few insights into how your kids think and feel about their time at school, try some of the following:

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today? (What was the worst thing that happened at school today?)
2. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
3. Where is the coolest place at school/in your class?
4. If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about your day at school?
5. How did you help somebody today?
6. How did somebody help you today?
7. Tell me one thing that you learned today.
8. How hard do you think you worked at school today?
9. When were you the happiest today?
10. Were you bored today and what did you do about it?
11. Who do you usually play with? Why?
12. Tell me something good that happened today.
13. What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
14. Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to?
15. What do you do mainly at interval/playtime/lunchtime?
16. What was your favorite activity at lunchtime?
17. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?
18. What was the most important thing you did today?
19. What question did you answer today?
20. What are you looking forward to doing at school tomorrow?

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fertile duck eggs available

I have (hopefully) fertile Cayuga duck eggs if anyone wants to put them under a clucky hen. Cayugas are black domestic ducks with the males having lovely iridescent green heads.
Contact Mrs Davies, Room 7, Halcombe School.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

Halcombe Community Barn Dance!

Saturday 1st August from 7:30pm. Live band. Cash bar (no EFTPOS). Tickets \$50 double / \$25 single and available from the Halcombe Tavern or Mel Henderson: 328 8131 & Rachel Lane: 328 8594. Internet banking option available - pick the tickets up from the Dance. The account details are: Halcombe Combined Sports Ground Committee 11 6917 0001678 11. Please put your name in the reference line. No door sales. Adults only. Courtesy Van available – ring Mel to book. Supper provided.

The Mudder – 19 September 2015 – Marton

Filthy Fun for Everyone! A "mud run" at Rangitikei Farmstay, Marton. Full information and bookings at www.themudder.co.nz

Final Dress Rehearsal of "EVENTO – Wearable Arts Awards"

Friday 14 August 2015 - 6.30pm - Manfeild Park Stadium, Feilding. Student are welcome to attend the final dress rehearsal for Evento. This event has a long tradition as an outstanding art, design and performance experience. Cost: \$5 per student / \$20 accompanying adults (OR students can attend without adults - supervision will be provided by FAHS Staff). Contact Karla Haronga for tickets: kharonga@feildinghigh.school.nz; 06 323 4029 ext 714 or 021 854 979 OR Door sales on the night. It is not necessary to book for this show.

NZ PLAYHOUSE – "JACK FLASH" PERFORMANCE – THURSDAY 30TH JULY 2015 – ALL STUDENTS

Student: _____ Room: _____ Student: _____ Room: _____

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Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$2 per student)

I will pay online to 01 0625 0106729 00. *Online payments must be in our bank by the due date.*

Please return this slip and any payments to the Office by tomorrow Wednesday.