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Term 3 Week 4

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers



South Makirikiri Inter-School Sport Exchange Information

This is a reminder that we are hosting South Makirikiri School for a winter sports exchange TOMORROW. All players are asked to bring a plate of food to share (not chippies, please). Deliver your food to the library tomorrow morning.

Maths Week

We are celebrating 'Maths Week' this week. Children will be taking part in Maths Trails, competing in our own school Mathex Competition and doing lots of other fun activities during the week. Visit the [class blogs](#) for Maths Week news!

Touch Rugby in Term 4 for Years 1 – 8

Students can register now for touch rugby in Term 4. Games will be played on Thursday afternoons at Victoria Park in Feilding. This is open to students in Years 1 to 8 and is an exciting opportunity for our younger students to be involved in an after-school competition. Sign-up forms were given out at a meeting at school yesterday but we do have spare permission slips and information at the Office for students that are interested. Slips and subscriptions (\$15 per student) are due back at school by next Friday 21st August.

Carpark

A few reminders about the school carpark:

- Don't double park
- Don't park on the apron outside the Hall foyer
- Please reverse into carparks so that you have good vision as you leave.
- Walk around the edge of the carpark – no cutting across.

PTA

Many thanks to Andrew Managh for stepping in to the Treasurer's role on the PTA.

Sir Peter Blake Award

Sophie Langtry has been awarded the Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award. This was presented by Westpac Bank. Sophie is recognised as an amazing leader in our school and we were very proud to nominate her for this award. Congratulations, Sophie.

World Vision 40 Hour Famine – Silver Award!

Halcombe School has been awarded a Silver Award by World Vision for the fantastic effort of our students that took part in this year's 40 Hour Famine. They raised over \$1,600 for the charity which supports children in Bangladesh. Well done!

Mathex

We are thrilled with our results at the Manawatu Mathex competition last week:

- The Year 5 team of Zoe Fox-Blanchard, Tommy O'Fee, Kai Alcock and Cameron Casey were placed 3rd
- The Year 6 team of Hannah Brown, Hamish Higgie, Georgia Pettersson and Anna Skiffington, while not placed in the top 10, gave it their best shot.
- The Year 7 team of Jack Poulsen, Jensen Alcock, Catherine Pyne and Lydia Stace were also 3rd
- The Year 8 team of Sophie Langtry, Madison Tai, Jade Gilmour and Joshua Madden were 5th =

These are fantastic results from a field of up to 45 other schools. Well done to all our teams!



Year 5: Zoe, Cameron, Kai, Tommy



Year 6: Hamish, Georgia, Hannah, Anna



Year 7: Lydia, Jensen, Jack, Catherine



Year 8: Sophie, Madison, Jade, Joshua

Junior "Wheels" Walkway Trip

Rooms 1, 2, 7 & 8 have taken home a notice about their Manawatu River Walkway trip next Tuesday 18th August. Please note that bikes and scooters will NOT be able to be brought to school/taken home on the school bus. Please make other arrangements. You can bring bikes & scooters to school from Friday this week. All bikes and scooters need to be at school by Monday so we can load our trailers etc. This trip is made possible by recent "chocolate money" fundraising, so thank you for your support!

Things to ask at 3 Way Conferences

Conferences are a time to help teachers do the very best for your child. You know a lot about your child, so if there are important things for the teacher to know, make sure you share this. Make sure you've read the report carefully and have your questions ready.

- Ask how you can help at home
- Ask about as many aspects of your child's learning as you can, including their friendships, independence and attitude.
- Ask about how to encourage independence and initiative.
- Keep in touch! If you are worried or concerned about any aspects of your child's learning, at any time, please contact us to make a time to meet. It's often better to talk about things before they escalate into bigger problems.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal