

# Halcombe School

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Term 3 Week 7

1<sup>st</sup> September 2015

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

## Mrs Otter

Oh Dear! Kirsten has let us know that she will be finishing her position as our School Secretary at the end of the year. We will all miss her and thank her for the amazing contribution she has made to Halcombe School over the last 11 years. Her husband has been offered an exciting opportunity overseas and so they are off on a wonderful adventure.

We are advertising for her replacement now.

## 'Let Us Entertain You'

This is a reminder that we will be putting on a show for you on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September in the evening. All children will be involved. The show starts at 6.00pm and will be finished by 7.30pm. The next day, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, is the last day of the school term and school will finish at 1.00pm.

If your child is unable to attend on the show on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, please let teachers know urgently. Children are already practicing and learning their parts for the show.

## Car on Field

On Saturday evening, a car was driven on the school field and has caused damage to the grass. If you have any information, please contact us. We are very disappointed that someone would do this to our playground.

## Arriving late

Teachers are increasingly frustrated with children continuing to arrive late for school. This has been in the newsletter more than once, so we are disappointed that we are still having problems with some families. School STARTS at 8.55am. If your child arrives after the bell, they must come down to the Office and check in. They may need to wait there before they can go into the classroom, so they don't interrupt the session.

## Assembly

Room 2 will host assembly this week at the usual time of 2.30pm. All welcome.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

There will be a Board meeting next Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015, starting 7pm in the staffroom. You are most welcome to attend to observe Board process. An agenda will be available at the Office on Friday. If there are issues you would like the Board to discuss, please contact the Office, or our Board Chairperson Megan Skiffington 06 323 2247, as soon as possible.

## PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is next week on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 7pm. Joyce Waugh, one of our Public Health Nurses, is coming along to talk about the role of the Public Health Nurse in schools. You are all invited to come along and hear how the Public Health Service supports schools through immunisations, home visits, community health and well-being, working with teachers to promote health programmes in schools, and providing vision and hearing technicians.

## **Halcombe School School Secretary**

An exciting opportunity has become available at our school. We are looking for a School Secretary to manage our school office. All application details can be found on our school website:

[www.halcombe.school.nz](http://www.halcombe.school.nz)

Applications close  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Please contact the Principal, Sue Simpson, for an application pack, further information or to arrange a visit.

Phone 06 328 8845 or  
[principal@halcombe.school.nz](mailto:principal@halcombe.school.nz)

# BLACK DAY

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER (WEEK 9)

WEAR BLACK TO SCHOOL TO SHOW  
YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE ALL BLACKS!



## **Lucky Book Club**

The latest book club catalogue is out now! We are loving the new format of the catalogues and having the option of online ordering via Scholastic's LOOP website <http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent.aspx>. Cash & cheque orders are still welcome at the Office. Please make cheques payable to 'Scholastic New Zealand'. Orders will close on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September (end of week 8).

Kind regards

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Sue Simpson  
Principal

### **Youth Group**

A Youth Group is starting at the Halcombe Memorial Hall for children between the ages of 10 and 15. There is an open night on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September starting at 7.00pm. We are hoping to have Youth Group on the last Friday of each month if there is enough interest, so come along on the 11<sup>th</sup>, with your ideas. The first night is free. After that, there will be a charge of \$2 per child per night to help cover costs. If you have any inquiries, please ring Yvonne Pene on 328 8108 or 027 815 5999 or email: [honeyzuckle1@hotmail.com](mailto:honeyzuckle1@hotmail.com)

### **Halcombe Fire Brigade Movie Fundraiser**

How would you like to have a couple of hours free from the kids during the next school holidays? Halcombe Fire Brigade's Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Climb team are considering holding a movie screening at the fire station as a fundraiser on behalf of Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand and would like to gauge the level of interest from parents. We would either show a movie that appealed to all ages or, if enough people registered, we could run two separate events aimed at different age groups. Children would be supervised throughout by firefighters in uniform and would each receive a drink and popcorn (to be confirmed); we may also run a sausage sizzle at the same time. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Darling ([kevin.darling@fire.org.nz](mailto:kevin.darling@fire.org.nz); 027 244 5407) stating the number of children and their ages. Assuming we get enough interest, we will schedule dates and provide further information over the next couple of weeks.

### **Halcombe Community Group Update**

The next working bee is Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 10am. We would like to get 2 teams going:

1. A team of guys (or gals!) with battery-operated drills, sledge hammers and saws to complete the edging from Levin Street to Monteith Street.
2. A crew of people to help spread the rest of the barley straw.

Any and all help is greatly appreciated. If you are unable to help out on the date but could do some baking to feed the workers, it would also be most appreciated. Either drop it down on the morning or drop it off to 210 Mt Biggs Road prior to Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to those who turned out for the tree planting working bee and those who provided an awesome morning tea (including the mystery person who dropped off the scones to my door step!) A fabulous community effort! It's so exciting to see this project nearing the finish. After the above is completed, there is just the plaques, placing the rocks, the Monteith Street carpark area and the final pathway top to be done!