

Halcombe School



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Term 3 Week 9

15th September 2015

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

'Let Us Entertain You'

Everyone is working hard to learn their lines, songs and dances so we can ENTERTAIN you on Thursday evening NEXT WEEK, 24th September. We have an action-packed programme showcasing our learning about being Creative through the Arts.

The evening starts at 6.00pm and will be finished by 7.30pm.

Sausage Sizzle

The Student Council is having a sausage sizzle TOMORROW 16th September.

Sausages & bread are \$2 each and you have one last chance to order them at the Office before school tomorrow!

A reminder that there are NO PIES tomorrow.

Black Day

A reminder that it is **Black Day** on Thursday! We are encouraging everyone to come along dressed in black, to show our support for the All Blacks as they kick off their World Cup campaign. Please note we are NOT collecting money at this event.



Winter Sports Prizegiving at Assembly

Our winter sports awards will be presented at the assembly this Friday 18th September at 2.30pm. We'll be presenting awards for soccer, basketball, netball and rugby. Parents of those students receiving awards have been contacted. This will be the final assembly for 2015. It will be hosted by Room 6. Everyone welcome!

End-of-term School Buses

School finishes at 1pm on the last day of term, next Friday 25th September. Both buses will run at 1pm.

Board of Trustees News

The Board met last Monday and, as usual, we had a full programme of topics to discuss:

- We confirmed the school year will commence on Monday 1st February 2016.
- Figures were presented on student attendance and we are pleased with the overall report.
- We are satisfied with the current guidelines on Attendance and Truancy and the procedures within this area are working well.
- A review of our Sick Bay, Health Care and Accidents Procedures was also presented and the school meets all requirements.
- Our recent audit suggested several areas in our financial management that need reviewing. The Board will implement changes as required. We have accepted the contract from Silks Chartered Accountants, our current auditor, for the next three years' audit.
- Tamzin Darragh, trustee with responsibility for personnel, updated the BOT about recent negotiations in collective agreements.
- The next Board meeting will be on Monday 2nd November 2015 (Term 4, Week 4).

The Board is aware of the roll growth at the school and is currently looking at various options.

Anne Langtry for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees

Term Dates for 2016

The Board of Trustees have confirmed the school term dates for next year. School will begin on Monday 1st February:

2016	START DATE	END DATE
Term 1 11 weeks. Includes Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday	Monday 1 February	Friday 15 April
Term 2 10 weeks. Includes Queen's Birthday	Monday 2 May	Friday 8 July
Term 3 9 weeks.	Monday 25 July	Friday 23 September
Term 4 Up to 11 weeks. Includes Labour Day	Monday 10 October	Tuesday 20 December (to be confirmed)

Yummy stickers

A reminder to collect "Yummy" stickers and bag labels, and return them to school by the end of this term, please! We exchange them for wonderful sports gear. Full details on the school website www.halcombe.school.nz/newsletters2015.htm

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cash for Communities

This is a reminder that PGG is running the 'Cash for Communities' programme again this year. When you buy Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser, we'd love you to nominate Halcombe School which will earn us a donation. Farmers who took part last year are already registered, otherwise you can register Halcombe School at cashforcommunities@pggwrightson.co.nz. Thank you for your support.

Community Archives

To celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Manchester Block, the Feilding and Districts Community Archives (FDCA) group are running a project about the people who settled in our area. One part is about pioneer families – those who settled here before 1900, and the other part is to gather information about families right up to the present day. If you are interested in contributing information, please contact archives@feildingarchive.org.

Halcombe Fire Brigade Kids Movie Fundraiser on behalf of Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ

Where: Halcombe Fire Station

When: Saturday 3 October, 2-4pm

Cost: \$15.00 per child

What's included: a movie, popcorn, drink and supervision by real firefighters!

CHILDS NAME	AGE

Parent/ caregiver name: _____ **Contact number:** _____

Please return completed forms, along with full payment, to the Halcombe School Office by next Wednesday 23 September 2015. (No online payments please.) For further information please contact Kevin Darling (027 244 5407; kevin.darling@fire.org.nz)