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Term 4 Week 1

13th October 2015

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

A warm welcome back to Term 4. There is so much on this term, so this newsletter gives details of what's happening in the first few weeks. Please read this carefully, so you all know what's going on! The term calendar is attached and will look great on your fridge!

Sunhats

Children need to have a brimmed (all-round) hat to wear at school each day this term. We have a 'no hat = no play' rule. Please NAME hats, and cut off any ties or chin-straps (these are a hazard).

Cross Country

Our Cross Country event is NEXT Friday 23rd October. A map and details of the event are attached. The first race starts at 12.30pm. Please do not park in the areas indicated. Well done to those children who have been training in the holidays! Please check children have the correct gear (shorts, T shirt and running shoes) at school each day for Cross Country training. Children will be training every day.

Staffing

- We are very sad to let you know that Chris Ricketts will be leaving us at the end of this year. We thank Chris for an excellent 3 years and wish him all the very best in his new adventures!
- We are thrilled to let you know that Paula Stace has been appointed to the Secretary's position. Paula is currently a Teacher Aide and already knows our school so well. Congratulations, Paula.
- Kirsty Lynch will be working 3 full days this term: mornings in Room 8 and afternoons in Room 7 with Mrs Davies.

DISCO

The Student Council is VERY excited to host the DISCO on Friday this week in our school hall! So start practicing your dance moves and get ready to have heaps of fun! Tickets are \$3 and can be bought from the school Office each morning from 8.30am, right through until Friday. Drinks will be on sale for \$1, chocolate for \$2, lollies for \$1 and glo-sticks 50 cents each. Parents please note: teachers will be at the disco to supervise students. You are most welcome to wait in the staffroom where light refreshments will be available.

- **Junior Disco** (Room 8, 7, 1, 2, 3): 5.30pm - 6.45pm
- **Senior Disco** (Room 4, 5, 6): 7pm - 8.30pm

We're looking for some easy-to-use disco lights that we could borrow for the disco. Please contact the school Office if you can help.

Young Achievers

Our 2015 Young Achievers are Jorja Henderson and Sophie Langtry. These girls will attend a special ceremony in Feilding on Friday, along with the other Young Achievers from around our district. Watch out for the special write-up in the Feilding Herald.

Jorja is role model of excellent character. Her fun-loving, friendly personality allows her to relate well to all. Jorja gets involved with all aspects of school life and does so with an outstanding attitude.

Sophie fully involves herself in all school activities, both sporting and academic, making her a true all-rounder and a wonderful leader. Sophie is mature, has an excellent attitude and maintains high standards in all areas.

Doodle For Google

Congratulations to Jade Gilmour who recently made it into the Top 5 for the national "Doodle For Google" competition. Google received 4500 entries, so this was a massive achievement. Well done Jade!

Touch Rugby

Touch starts this Thursday after school. A notice went home yesterday to all students involved. Good luck to all six of our teams for the touch season.

Assembly

There are no assemblies this term.

Pet Day Organisation – Wednesday 28th October (week 3):

Pet entries are due by **Friday 23rd October**. Please use the entry form attached.

On the day.....

Children with pets arrive at school **no later than 8.45am and must be ready for judging at 9am**. They must stay with their pets out on the field. Judging will begin at 9.00am and should be finished by 10.30am. Pet Day is held regardless of the weather.

All pets must be under control at all times.

- Junior Lamb ring – closest to the Hall
- Senior Lambs – middle ring, between Junior Lambs and Calves
- Calf ring – near the rugby goalposts
- Dogs – ring closest to Room 7. This competition is **ONLY** for Years 5-8 children. There is no Junior Dog Competition, and dogs cannot be entered in the General Pet Section. **Dogs must be on a leash at all times, and children must stay with their OWN dog.**
- All other pets will be along the field side of the Adventure Playground, except horses/ponies which should be in the centre of the field.

Judging will be followed by the Grand Parade and presentation of trophies. Parents and visitors are invited to the **HALL** to see the **indoor exhibits**.

Indoor Exhibits

This year each class will present **2 exhibits**. Please see class blogs and KIT books for more information.

Country Kids Competition

The senior children will take part in an **Interhouse Country Kids Challenge** after the Grand Parade. This is a very exciting event. It would be wonderful if parents could stay to watch.

Pet Day Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle at Pet Day – details next week!

See below for more Pet Day details & the entry form

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 27th October (week 3) (class photos and individual portraits). Order forms were sent home yesterday (one per student). If you would like your children to be photographed together, please contact the Office for a separate “sibling” order envelope. Please return your photo orders, with payment, to the Office before Photo Day (payments are made to “Photolife” - no online payments, please).

Wednesday Pies & Friday Subways

Hot pies & Subway lunches will be available each week from tomorrow (except on Pet Day in week 3). See the school website for details on how to order.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

Halcombe School - Term 4 2015 Calendar

October	14th	Basketball starts again for catch-up games
	15th	'Shake Out'. NZ wide earthquake drill at 9.15am Touch Rugby starts
	16th	Disco Flippaball starts (to be confirmed)
	21st	Basketball - final games PTA Meeting 7pm
	23rd	Cross Country
	26th	Labour Day
	27th	School Photos
	28th	Pet Day
	30th	Huntermville Interschool Cross Country
November	2nd	Board of Trustees meeting at 7pm
	6th	Room 3 trip to Wellington Zoo
	9th	Room 5 camp at Sixtus Lodge (to 13 th November)
	16th	Room 6 camp at Turangi (to 20 th November)
	19th	Room 2 trip to Potaka Station (to be confirmed)
	20th	Rooms 7, 8 and 1 trip to Foxton Beach
	25th	PTA Meeting at 7pm
	30th	Dental Therapists due (here until end of term) Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
December	3rd – 4th	Room 4 overnight camp at school (incl. trips to Beehive Creek and Tangimoana)
	9th	Athletic Sports
	11th	Year 4 – 8 reports sent home
	14th	Junior Prizegiving afternoon 1.20pm Year 8 Leavers' Lunch
	15th	Senior Prizegiving 7pm
	16th	School finishes for the year at 1pm

Our New Murals!

Thank you to Miss Simpson and Room 6 for the MAGNIFICENT house murals that are now displayed in our Hall. This has been a major project for the last 14 months and we are very proud of the end result.



HALCOMBE SCHOOL PET DAY 2015 – WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Entries for ALL pet competitions are being taken now. Entries close on Friday 23rd October.

There are Senior and Junior Classes in each section:

- Senior Students: Years 5 - 8
- Junior Students: Years 0 - 4

CALF COMPETITION

Calving Dates: Born between 1st July and 15th September. Records/Diaries are optional.

Calf competitions will be in three classes:

- Dairy Type or Beef Type
- Care and Attention
- Leading

LAMB COMPETITION

Lambing Dates: Born between 1st July and 15th September. Records / Dairies are optional. There will be two classes:

- Care and Attention
- Leading & Calling

DOG COMPETITION (SENIOR STUDENTS ONLY):

Judging for: care and attention; excellent knowledge of dog; involvement with dog on a regular basis; good control of dog; obedience; leading skills. Dogs must remain on their lead and be supervised at all times.

PET COMPETITION:

This should be the child's pet - not grandad's, your brother's or the neighbours! All kinds of animals are welcome.

Judging for: care and attention, excellent knowledge of pet; involvement with pet on a regular basis. Please provide suitable cages and/or leads for pets. Horses and ponies to be led, not ridden. Pets must be supervised at all times.

(NO dogs, please).

HALCOMBE SCHOOL PET DAY ENTRY FORM 2015 – for lambs, calves, dogs or 'other' pets

	Student's Year Level	Student's name	Pet's name
JUNIOR LAMB	0 - 4		
SENIOR LAMB	5 - 8		
JUNIOR CALF	0 - 4		Beef OR Dairy <i>(select)</i>
SENIOR CALF	5 - 8		Beef OR Dairy <i>(select)</i>
SENIOR DOG	5 - 8		
JUNIOR PET (NO dogs, please)	0 - 4		Pet's name: _____ Type of animal: _____
SENIOR PET (NO dogs, please)	5 - 8		Pet's name: _____ Type of animal: _____

Please enclose \$2 per entry.

Parent/caregiver signature: _____