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Term 4 Week 2

20th October 2015

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Cross Country on Friday

- This is a reminder that the first race at the Cross Country on Friday starts at 12.30pm. Please see last week's newsletter, or check on the website for more details: www.halcombe.school.nz
- Please do not park in the areas indicated on the map or wherever there are cones/tape. We keep these areas clear for safety reasons.
- ALL children walk back to school TOGETHER so they can collect their bags. It is far too complicated to keep track of children leaving directly from the event.

Interschool Speech Competition

Last evening, Catherine (Year 7) and Jorja (Year 8) represented our school in the annual Interschool Speech Competition. This competition, which has been running since 1993, also involves North Street School and Saint Josephs. The topic this year was, 'If I could change anything in history...' Both girls worked hard to learn their speeches and refine their presentation style. Catherine and Jorja performed their speeches very well and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Special congratulations to Jorja, who won the Year 8 competition. Well done Jorja!



Christmas Raffle

If anyone would like to donate items to a Christmas Hamper that we will raffle, we'd love to hear from you! The Hamper has started off with an iPad Air, perfume, beautiful Christmas toys, yummy chocolates and wine. If you would like to donate chippies, toys, a gift voucher, Christmas cake, Christmas mince pies, other Christmas treats or something similar, we'd really appreciate your support. Bring items to the Office now. Raffle tickets will be available from week 4.

Teacher Aide

We have a Teacher Aide position available for at least 2 hours each day (afternoons). If you are interested in working with an autistic student with complex learning needs, we'd love to hear from you.

Sunhats

A reminder that 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).

NO Subways on Friday

Subway lunches will not be available this Friday because of our Cross Country event. Subways will return next week.

Old Boots and Gumboots!

Room 2 would love some old boots or gumboots for Pet Day. Raid the shed, under the garage bench, round the back door, and find those old boots and bring them to school. Any size!

'Shake Out'

Last Thursday we took part in the National 'Shake Out' campaign to raise awareness of earthquake safety. Children have done a great job of practicing the DROP, COVER, HOLD routine at school and the evacuation drill afterwards.

A few reminders!

It's time for a few reminders about some of our school rules:

- Long hair should be tied back and kept out of eyes.
- No hair products or gel.
- Earrings should be plain and small studs.
- We are a 'water only' school. Children should have water in their drink bottles.
- No 'shoe string' straps please. Shoulders should be covered.
- Children's fingernails should be cut short.

We look forward to your support.

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

Pet entries are due by this **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**. Information has been sent home - please see the 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 is no order form for the sausage sizzle. Children just bring along their \$2 on the day and line up at lunchtime. Easy! There are no pies available on Pet Day.

Manawatu Oroua Ag Club Championship Day

Students that compete in our Pet Day can then take their lambs or calves to the inter-school "Championship Day" at the Te Kawau Memorial Grounds in Rongotea on the 14th November 2015. Registrations from 9am, judging starts at 10am (no pre-registration required). As this year is the Club's 85th year, there has been a lot of effort put in to make the day extra special! For more information, contact Raewyn Hills, Secretary/Treasurer, (06) 328 7970

agclub@inspire.net.nz

School Photos

School photos will be taken next Tuesday 27th October (week 3) (class photos and individual portraits). Order forms were sent home last week (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 by this Friday (payments are made to "Photolife" - no online payments, please).

PTA Meeting

The PTA will meet tomorrow evening 21st October at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

Touch

The first games of Touch were played last Thursday afternoon. Check out the action shots of our kids!



Disco!

HUGE thanks to the Student Council and Miss Simpson for organising the fantastic Disco last Friday. Everyone had a great time and they raised over \$500! Congratulations on such a well-run event. Visit the [class blogs](#) for more photos and check out those crazy dance moves!

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Halcombe Community Yoga

Yoga has resumed for Term 3 in the Halcombe Memorial Hall, Wednesday 7 – 7.45 pm. Come along for some yoga exercises & stretching. \$5 per session or \$25 per term.

Pet Care

Going away, need someone to look after your pets and animals? Qualified Vet Nurse available to look after and feed your furry friends. Halcombe-based but can travel. Trustworthy, knowledgeable and reliable. Leave your animals knowing they will be well looked after while your away. Contact Emma today for a quote or to book on 0276886565 or emma_john@slingshot.co.nz

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: _____			