

Halcombe School



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Term 4 Week 4

3rd November 2015

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Huntermville Cross Country

We had 25 Year 4 - 8 students represent our school in the Interschool Cross Country race at Huntermville last Friday. This is a very challenging race, with a mega-steep hill to climb! Our runners performed very well, and tried their very best. A special congratulations to those who achieved Top 20 placings. Thank you to all those who provided transport and supported our team.

- Year 4/5 Girls: Rhianna Jukes 7th, Holly Thompson 13th
- Year 4/5 Boys: Logan McKay 4th, Jack Pettersson 9th
- Year 6/7 Girls: Greer Mudgway 8th, Emma Jukes 10th, Mya Leamy 18th
- Year 6/7 Boys: Seth Hodge 9th, Cody Hodge 13th
- Year 8 Girls: Bethany Smith 15th
- Year 8 Boys: Jed Skelton 8th



Pet Day

What a fantastic day we had last Wednesday! It was wonderful to see so many pets and also a big crowd of supporters. Sincere thanks to our fantastic judges and stewards who did such an awesome job of judging all the animals. We really do appreciate the time and effort they give to this important job. Special thanks also to Mr Martin for getting the field ready and putting up the rings. To Paula Stace and her BBQ team, thank you for organising the sausage sizzle for us.

Congratulations to all the children who raised lambs or calves, brought along a pet, or competed in the Country Kids Challenge. You were all amazing! Pet Day results are attached. Visit the [class blogs](#) for more Pet Day photos and news!

The 'Country Kids' Challenge' competition was another great hit at Pet Day. Teams of four students, representing each house, had to complete such tasks as using a drench gun to fill a container, making a square pen with pigtail standards and tape, putting rings on a lamb's tail, target throwing and jumping together in a fadge. Totara House won this event, closely followed by Rimu.

Congratulations to all those who won certificates for their indoor exhibits. The standard was excellent this year. Thanks to our teachers also for all the extra work that goes in to preparing these exhibits for Pet Day.

Room 3 trip

We hope Room 3 has a wonderful trip to Wellington Zoo on Friday.

Room 5 Camp

We wish Room 5 all the very best for their camp to Sixtus Lodge next week. Here's hoping for great weather and a fun-filled week.

Staffing

We have appointed 2 amazing new experienced teachers to the teaching team next year: Kirsten Main will teach in the senior team and, because of roll growth, Cara Crothers will teach in the junior team. We are thrilled with both of these appointments! We congratulate both Lucy Buckley and Dayna Fleet who have both been appointed to permanent positions. Next week we will be able to give you more information about class levels and which teachers will be in each class in 2016.

Christmas Raffle

Thanks to the support of local businesses and families, we have put together a fantastic raffle for Term 4. Our Christmas "Hamper" Raffle goes on sale this week, with a first prize of wonderful Christmas goodies to the value of \$1000, including an Apple iPad Air 16GB, presented in a new "New Zealand" brand wheelbarrow! You can view this great prize in our admin area now.

Second prize is \$300 cash and third prize is \$100 cash. Tickets are \$1 each and the raffle will be drawn on 15th December 2015 at our Senior Prizegiving. The proceeds of this raffle will benefit all students of Halcombe School.

We hope you can support us by selling tickets in this raffle, and we will send home 1 raffle book (10 tickets) per family on Thursday this week. If you DO NOT want to take part, please let us know by tomorrow. Collect additional tickets to sell once you've sold your first book. There will be a "seller's prize" of \$50 for the family that sells the most tickets!

BOT Meeting

The Halcombe School Board of Trustees met last night and welcomed two new trustees – Andrew Managh & Lisa Poulsen – who have been co-opted to the Board as part of its succession planning, given the Trustee Elections coming up in 2016. Congratulations to Lisa & Andrew for taking on this challenging & interesting role, and we thank them for their commitment to Halcombe School.

- The meeting began with the annual presentations by the Teachers of Halcombe School on their student target groups for the year, and the work they have done to lift student achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics. Trustees were impressed by their professionalism, the wide range of teaching strategies being used, and the commitment shown to improve learning outcomes for the students. This is always a very interesting and enjoyable meeting for the Board as they get to connect with the teaching staff and see what is really happening in the classrooms!
- In other business, the Board confirmed that they will investigate an Enrolment Scheme for Halcombe School, given the rising roll and concern over lack of classroom space. A sub-committee will liaise with the Ministry of Education and consult with the school community, and full information will be available soon. Please be reassured that this does not affect the enrolment of any of our current students or their siblings.
- The Board also received reports on the special education programmes at Halcombe School, the "6 year net" reading tests (showing excellent results!) and the outcome of our recent survey of new families about their transition to our school (also very positive).
- Trustees reported back on ways other schools have reviewed their Health Curriculum, and how Halcombe School can approach this.
- Recent personnel appointments were ratified and a variety of property issues were discussed, including heat pumps, air driers, sandpit sand and guttering.
- The next Board meeting is on Monday 30th November (week 8).

Kirsten Otter for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

PET DAY RESULTS 2015

Lambs:

Judges & Stewards: Paul Turner, Chris Hansen, Hamish Manthel, Rhys Staples, Peter Davies, Marcus Hensen

Senior Lambs - Leading & Calling:

1st: Shania McLaughlin & Poppy 2nd Tommy O'Fee & Alice 3rd Emma Humphrey & Buzz 4th Kai Alcock & McKenzie

Senior Lambs - Care & Attention:

1st: Emma Humphrey & Buzz 2nd Kai Alcock & McKenzie 3rd Jensen Alcock & Barney 4th Shania McLaughlin & Poppy

Henderson Family Trophy: Care & Attention (Senior): Emma Humphrey & Buzz

Junior Lambs - Leading & Calling:

1st: Georgia Monk & Silver 2nd Arden Merritt & Anna 3rd Abbie Pettersson & Bumble 4th Emily Emmett & Ginger

Junior Lambs - Care & Attention:

1st: Hollie Payne & Mischeife 2nd Hannah Viles-Borck & Molly 3rd Emily Sinclair & Rufus 4th Sophie McLaughlin & Midnight

Henderson Family Trophy: Care & Attention (Junior): Hollie Payne & Mischeife

Craine Cup – Champion Lamb: Hannah Viles-Borck & Molly

Reserve: Emma Humphrey & Buzz

Calves:

Judge: Colin Oliver; Stewards: Mike Langtry & Brenna Wynn

Senior Calves – Leading:

1st: Greer Mudgway & Clementine 2nd Anna Skiffington & Splotch 3rd Olivia Pickford & Hope 4th Cody Hodge & Tumble

Senior Calves: - Care & Attention:

1st: Olivia Pickford & Hope 2nd Holly Thompson & Jezzy 3rd Sophie Langtry & Poppy 4th Greer Mudgway & Clementine

Webb Cup – Champion Senior Calf: Olivia Pickford & Hope

Reserve: Greer Mudgway & Clementine

Junior Calves – Leading:

1st: Ruby Thompson & Bluebell 2nd Moss Rider & Gingy 3rd Jayden Matakiki & Moses

Junior Calves – Care & Attention:

1st: Ruby Thompson & Bluebell 2nd Moss Rider & Gingy 3rd Jayden Matakiki & Moses

Beattie Cup – Champion Junior Calf: Ruby Thompson & Bluebell

Reserve: Moss Rider & Gingy

Wynn Cup – Calf Leading Champion: Greer Mudgway & Clementine

Best of Breed Dairy Type: 1st Olivia Pickford & Hope 2nd Greer Mudgway & Clementine 3rd Ruby Thompson & Bluebell
4th Holly Thompson & Jezzy

Best of Breed Beef Type: 1st Sophie Langtry & Poppy 2nd Heather Skiffington & Maple 3rd Cody Hodge & Tumble
4th Seth Hodge & Cruiser

Senior Dogs:

Judges: Diane White & Sarah Clarke (Totally Vets)

Senior Dog - Care & Attention:

1st: Lydia Stace & Bonnie 2nd Mya Leamy & Franklin 3rd Ffion Barr & Boyo 4th Brooklyn Robinson & Daisy

Otter Cup – Champion Dog: Lydia Stace & Bonnie

Goats:

Judges: Diane White & Sarah Clarke (Totally Vets)

Williams and Kettle Trophy for Champion Kid Goat: Ella Simpson & Bubbles

Reserve Champion: Jordan Botham & Boots

3rd place: Hilton Newman & Pixie

Pets:

Judges: Kate Shannon & Michelle Bloomfield

Senior Pets:

1st: Bethany Smith & Horse/Charlotte 2nd Jessie Jukes & Rabbit/Mini 3rd Leah McLaughlin & Cat/Muzzy

4th Zoe Fox-Blanchard & Cat/Socky

Junior Pets:

Top 5 “Super Pet People”: Caleb Hatzen & Pigeons “Phoenix & Palm”, Ashlee Hatzen & Lorikeet “Blue”, Jesse Pateman & Kitten “Speedy”, Milla Rider & Rabbit “Liquin”, Thomas McLaughlin & Bird “Bart”

Pet Day Indoor Exhibits 2015

Room	Item	1st	2nd	3rd
7 & 8	Wheat People	Jett Jayet-Barker	Emily Emmett	Mackenzie Marsh
	Decorated Gumboot	Maggie Thompson	Tristan Casey	Thomas McLaughlin
1	Rural Plasticene Pictures	Jordan Botham	Max Dodunski	Ben Humphrey
	People Sculptures	Brooke Kereama	Fraser Waugh	Sam Emmett
2	Plants in Gumboots	Jay Whiteman	Lucy Monk	Hannah Feldon
	Pinecone Animals	Caleb Kereama	Kaleb McKay	Brooke McAlley
3	Pet Rocks	Ashlee Emmett	Maggie Nicholson	Jaxson Riki
	Apple-head Dolls	Cruz Taylor	Jasmine Hosking	Milla Rider
4	Miniature Farms	Bethany Feldon	Holly Thompson	Mitchell Waugh
	Rustic Fruit Photography	Logan McKay	Ashlee Hatzen	Alexander Greig
5	Greeting Cards	Emma Humphrey	Aaliyah Lyttle	Ben Fraser
	Papier-mâché Vases	Hamish Higgie	Danielle Thompson-Gorinski	Anna Skiffington
6	Rural Photos	Grace Chapman	Catherine Pyne	Mya Leamy
	Scarecrow Masks	De'Quante Butcher-Tiepa	Madison Tai	Leah McLaughlin



Kawhatau Valley Church Garden and Tea Party - Sunday November 29th 2015

At the garden of Bunny and the late Kristin Gorrige, Kawhatau Valley, Mangaweka. Sunday November 29th 2015, 1.30pm – 5pm. A delicious country afternoon tea plus a programme of displays and demonstrations. Help raise funds to pay for the recent painting and carpeting of St Stephens Church. Tickets from \$25. Children 3-12 \$5. Available at: Papa Cliff Cafe, Mangaweka, Hunterville Trading Company, Piccadilly and Co., Taihape, Paper Plus, Feilding or email angtaihape@xtra.co.nz for internet banking details.

House wanted in Halcombe

2 – 3 bedroom country cottage wanted to rent in Halcombe or surrounding area. Family of 2 wanting to rent ASAP. Excellent references. Please call or text Sara 021 083 48903.