

# Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 1

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

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

A warm welcome back to the 2016 school year! Hopefully you all had time to take a break at some stage, enjoy the company of friends and family, and just relax! We are all excited about working alongside your children this year and getting to know them. We have lots of exciting things planned and, as usual, the term will just rush by. A special welcome to those who are new to our community and our 5 year olds who have just started school.

We have a starting roll of 175, which is the highest it has been for more than 25 years! We expect our closing roll this year to be close to 200. Our 8<sup>th</sup> class is starting straight away.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Howie (nee Crothers) and Miss Main to the teaching team this year.

## Staffing

Junior Team	Mrs Barbara Davies	Room 8 (Deputy Principal and Junior Team Leader)
	Mrs Debbie Turner	Room 7
	Mrs Lucy Buckley	Room 1
	Mrs Cara Howie	Room 2
Senior Team	Miss Heidi Jeynes	Room 3
	Miss Dayna Fleet	Room 4
	Miss Kirsten Main	Room 5
	Miss Dianne Simpson	Room 6 (Deputy Principal and Senior Team Leader)
Secretary	Mrs Paula Stace	
Teacher Aides	Mrs Jacqui Emery, Miss Annah Carey. Mrs Caroline Withey	
Caretaker/Cleaner	Mr Alan Martin	
Principal	Mrs Sue Simpson	

## Swimming

Swimming started yesterday and almost all children remembered their togs, which is a great start. Well done!

- Each class has a swimming session **every day**, so please ensure your children have the correct gear.
- Swimming is part of the school programme, so children must bring a note if they are not swimming.
- **Names on togs and towels would be great – really great – yes really, really great!** We cut up lost/unnamed towels for rags – we really do!
- Girls must wear a one-piece suit, or have their midriff covered if wearing a two-piece suit. No board shorts.
- Boys should wear proper swimming shorts above the knee, or 'speedos'.

## Beach Trip

The whole school will be going on a school picnic to the beach next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Details were given to the oldest child in each family yesterday and we need the slips back at school by **Friday this week**.

## The Minstrel

Mark de Lacy aka The Minstrel will be visiting us next Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 – 2.45. Mark's message is about conservation and protecting our oceans. The cost is \$2 each which will be added to each child's stationery charge. Please do not send money yet. You are welcome to join us at 1.30pm in the Hall. If you do not want your child to attend, please let us know.

## Fitness Circuit

Huge thanks to Ben Hyland and Chris Tunnicliffe for giving up a whole weekend to get the fitness circuit underway. They have done an awesome job of installing the first 2 'obstacles' at the end of Room 7, which the children loved playing on today. Sincere thanks guys – you've done an awesome job.

### Buses

Please note that the cost of bus tickets for the Stanway/Feilding bus are now 80c a trip (or \$8 per 10-ride ticket).

### Christmas Raffle 2015

The raffle was drawn at the Senior Prizegiving at the end of last year. Congratulations to the following prizewinners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: the Alcock family
- 2nd prize - \$300 – Adrian Henderson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$100 – Jacqui Emery

### School rules. A few reminders

- No nail polish please. Don't let your children apply nail polish if you don't have remover at home!
- Nothing to be worn around necks
- Hair tied back with simple clips please
- Hats with an all round brim
- Plain stud earrings only
- Plain haircuts (no 'mohawks', rats tails, colours etc)
- No singlet tops please – t shirts with a short sleeve are best as it stops shoulders being sunburnt

### PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ

The PTA would like to invite you to meet your children's teachers at the **Family BBQ, NEXT Wednesday 10th February**. Classrooms will be open from 5.00 – 6.00pm for you to call in, introduce yourselves and meet your children's teachers. There will be no formal presentation. A BBQ will follow at 6pm.

- The PTA will provide the sausages / sauce / bread and salads.
- Please bring plates and cutlery for your family.
- The swimming pool will be open.
- This is a family occasion and children attending should be accompanied by their parent/caregiver.

### Pool Keys

The school pool is available for families to use after school and at weekends, until Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. There is a \$30 charge for a key. Keys, and a contract for you to sign, are available this week at the Office.

### Hats

A reminder that we have a 'no hat means no play' policy. Most children have a hat they keep at school, which works well. Please make sure hats are named (or we will name them) and have an 'all-round' sun-safe brim. Bucket hats are ideal.

### White Van

We are interested in finding the owner of a white van, which we believe is a local vehicle, and has been seen travelling at speed and skidding on the shingle road behind the school and other roads around Halcombe. Please contact the office if you have any information.

### Subway Lunches

Subway lunches will be available every Friday from **THIS WEEK, 5<sup>th</sup> February**. The menu and order details are available on the school website or ask at the Office. Orders must be in by 9am Friday mornings in a named envelope with the order on the outside.

### Pies

Pies will be available again on Wednesdays, starting **NEXT** week, 10<sup>th</sup> February. Orders must be in by 9am Wednesday mornings in a named envelope with the order on the outside. Choices are: mince, mince and cheese, steak, or steak and cheese.

### A reminder about Tyler

Hi my name is Tyler Bisset and I am now in Room 1! Here's a reminder about the things you should know about me:

- I have leukaemia, which is a type of blood cancer.
- I am still getting treatment at Starship Children's Hospital but you can't catch leukaemia from me.
- I have a Portacath in my chest, so please be really careful around me in the playground.
- If someone in your family has **chickenpox, measles or shingles**, or if you come into contact with someone who has them, can you please let the school know so my family can get treatment for me. These diseases may have serious complications for me.
- My Teacher Aide Miss Annah Carey helps me at school.
- I really love school and am just like any other 6 year old boy!

### School Magazine

Thank you for all the positive comments about the School Magazine published at the end of last year. We're glad you enjoyed looking through it. We have a few more copies available at \$12 each. Please ask at the Office.

### School invoices

We will send home invoices later this term for:

- Stationery Packs. The price varies for each class.
- The Beach Trip (\$3) and The Minstrel show (\$2)
- Mathletics: Most classes will take part in this online programme. The fee is \$20 each. Details will be given in class.
- School Charge: This payment helps us to provide classroom essentials such as tissues, sunblock and the weekly newsletter. The charge is \$15 per family for the year. We do not have school fees.

We accept cash, cheque and/or online payments for school charges or events. Our bank account number is 01 0625 0106729 00. These details are also available on our website. Please make sure online payments are received before due dates for sports registration, camps etc. A number of families are using regular automatic payments to help cover school costs. We are happy to help set this up. Please contact the Office.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal

<b>Term 1 Calendar 2016</b>		
<b>February</b>	8th	Waitangi Day Holiday
	9th	The Minstrel Show
	10th	PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ
	11th	Beach Trip to Foxton (whole school) Postponement 12th
	15th	Room 6 to Sixtus Lodge (and 16 <sup>th</sup> ) Room 5 camp at school (and 16 <sup>th</sup> )
	17th	Room 4 camp at school (and 18 <sup>th</sup> )
	22nd	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
<b>March</b>	9th	Senior Swimming Sports 12.30pm (Makino Aquatic Centre)
	11th	Junior swimming sports 1.30pm (school pool)
	14th	Penhey Cup and Country School Swimming Relay 5.30pm
	21st	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
	23rd	PTA AGM
	25th	Good Friday holiday
	28th	Easter Monday holiday
29th	Easter Tuesday holiday	
<b>April</b>	6th	Year 5 - 6 Rippa Rugby Tournament
	7th	Year 7 - 8 Rippa Rugby Tournament
	11th	Feilding Interschool Athletics
	13th	Student Council event tbc
	15th	End of term 1

### Term Dates 2016

- Term 1: Monday 1st February – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 2: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Term 3: Monday 25th July – Friday 23rd September
- Term 4: Monday 10th October – Wednesday 14th December