

Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 6

8th March 2016

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Senior Swimming Sports

The Senior Swimming Sports will be held TOMORROW at the Makino Aquatic Centre starting at 12.00pm and finishing by 2.45pm. **A reminder to note the earlier start time.**

- Transport will be by BUS, leaving school at 11.30am. There is NO CHARGE.
- Children must bring their togs, 2 towels, sunhat, warm clothes and a drink of water.
- Parents – remember there is no seating or shelter provided.

Junior Swimming Afternoon – Friday 11th March

The Junior Swimming afternoon will start at 1.30pm. There will be fun races and activities for students in Years 1 – 3 and some Year 4's. Parents are welcome to attend. Children will swim in the school pool. There will be fun events as well as more competitive events for our able swimmers. Parents/caregivers will be able to watch from the covered area at the end of the pool. The children will need warm clothes to wear between events.

Civil Defence

Our school is a Civil Defence Welfare Centre, which means if there is a disaster in our area, people would come to our school for help. We have a radio system which is designed to contact the outside world in case of such a disaster.

Checking this radio system is working is an important weekly job that Heath and Jason are responsible for. They must speak into the radio to confirm that all systems are working properly. Thanks boys.

Jewellery/Wrist bands/Taonga

This is a reminder that only simple stud earrings and wrist watches are to be worn at school. If you require special permission for your child to wear something else, please make an appointment at the office.

Gutterboard Champs

The 38 students in Years 5-8 who signed up to compete in the Halcombe School Gutterboard Champs, have been engaged in intense battles during break times over the last week. The elimination-style competition gradually meant we were left with the finalists! In an all-boy Year 5 & 6 final, Blake faced Jack. After an intense match, Jack managed to win. In the all-girl Year 7 & 8 final, Mya took on Catherine. Catherine set the bar very high, putting all the pressure on Mya, who couldn't quite take Catherine down. Congratulations Jack and Catherine!

Book Amnesty

Please have a search at home for Junior Reading books. We are missing some titles from the early levels and would really appreciate their return. Thank you.

Containers

Room 8 need some sturdy Tupperware type containers for jigsaw puzzles. Size approximately 30 cm x 21 cm x 6 cm deep. Please see Mrs Davies if you can help. Thank you.

Healthy Lunches

Good nutrition maximises your child's ability to stay alert and focussed on their learning. You are encouraged to provide simple, nutritious healthy lunches for your children; for example, sandwiches, fruit, plain biscuits and water. Please do not pack sweets or chocolate bars. We are concerned that some children are having packets of chippies every day in their lunch boxes.

We are a 'water only' school. This means children bring only water from home to drink. (Milk is available through the Milk for Schools programme)





Flippaball

Our Interhouse Competition has kicked off, with flippaball being the first challenge of the year. All teams played each other in a round-robin style competition and after some epic battles and amazing team work, the finalists were decided. Matai faced Rimu in the playoff for 3rd and 4th, with Matai coming out on top. The final between Kauri and Totara followed. This was a very physical match, with both teams desperate to win. Totara managed to get ahead, and eventually won the match. Well done Totara! Next up will be Interhouse Cricket!

Pies and Swimming Sports

Please note that children going to the Senior Swimming Sports won't be able to order pies on Wednesday this week.

Chooks

We'd like to say a huge thank you to the McLaughlin family for the donation of two chickens.

Pool Keys

The pool will be closed to the public from tomorrow, 9th March. Please return keys to the Office.

Spare Clothes

We keep a supply of spare clothes at school for mishaps, but currently our stocks are low. If anyone has spare shorts, trackpants, sweatshirts and tops, sizes 4 – 8, that they can donate to the school, we'd be happy to receive them.

Ice Cream Containers

We'd love some donations of clean ice cream containers (with lids) for use at school. They are really handy! Please bring them to the Office.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

More action
from the
Flippaball



COMMUNITY NOTICES

eWaste

The ATC is collecting unwanted and out of date printers and computer equipment as a fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to get rid of eWaste, while supporting a community project – the new Feilding Health Care Centre. There will be a drop off point on the first Saturday of March (5th) and April (2nd) at the ATC Market in the Square in Feilding from 8.30am – 1.30pm. (Please note that they do not take CRT Monitors.) Contact details for questions: Mark Borlase 323 2532 or

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