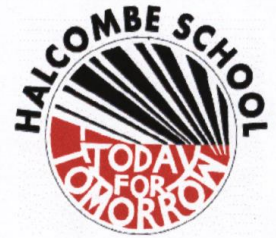


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Term 1 Week 8

22nd March 2016

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

PTA AGM

The PTA Annual Meeting will be **TOMORROW** night in the Staffroom starting at 7pm.

Please give some thought to joining this very important group of people in our school. There are several positions available. While the core business of the PTA is to support fundraising in the school, this is often about organising and coordinating the activities.

The school is extremely fortunate to have the support of the PTA which contributes financially for the benefit of all our children. Meetings are usually less than an hour and only twice a term.

We would love to see you **TOMORROW** evening

Swimming Certificates

The following children were awarded certificates for great progress or attitude during our swimming programme:

Room 8: Charlie and Ben

Room 7: Olivia and Cooper

Room 1: Jett and Oliver

Room 2: Brooke and Will

Room 3: Lincoln and Mikayla

Room 4: Mitchell and Jazmin

Room 5: Jessie and Steve

Room 6: Bradley and Alyssa

We are very proud of all the children who have demonstrated aspects of our AAA values;

- **Attitude:** perseverance and a 'can do' attitude
- **Adventure:** being a risk taker
- **Achievement:** striving to do our best

Interschool Swimming and Penhey Cup

Our top swimmers took part in the Feilding Interschool Swimming event at Makino Pool last night. Our relay team (Mya, Willow, Lydia, Gussie, Greer and Catherine) won the Country Schools Relay! All the girls swam superbly well, and we had a clear victory. Greer, Mya and Lydia made it to the final of the 100m freestyle, out of 34 swimmers.

Kai and Jack represented our school very well in the Penhey Cup. Well done boys.

Rippa Rugby

More than 50 students in Year 5-8 who signed up to participate in a Rippa Rugby tournament later this term, enjoyed two training sessions with Clayton and Rhys from the Manawatu Rugby Union last week. We learnt the rules of 'Rippa' and some tips to help us play well. We played games like 'Last Man Standing', where you have to work as a team to try to rip all the tags off other people. We also played a couple of games of 'Rippa'. It was heaps of fun. Written by: Jensen and Carlos – Room 6



Bus Wardens

Constable Sarah Cree talked with our Bus Wardens last week about their important role in bus safety. They are doing an excellent job of monitoring behaviour and ensuring children behave responsibly on the bus.

- Tokorangi Bus: Bradley and Mataora
- Stanway Bus: Cody and Seth
- Main Road Bus: Grace, Mya and Jensen

School charges & stationery fees

This is a reminder that payments are due by the end of week 9 (1st April). Thank you to the many families that have already paid! A reminder that we do not have EFTPOS at the school but online payments to account 01 0625 0106729 00 are most welcome.

Board of Trustees meeting

A reminder that our next Board meeting is on Monday 4th April at 7pm. An agenda will be available Friday 1st April at the Office.

Easter

School will be closed for Easter on Good Friday, Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday. School will begin again on Wednesday 30th March.

Halcombe School Board of Trustees Election 2016

The election for parent representatives for our Board of Trustees will be held on Friday 3rd June 2016. We will be calling for nominations soon. Please give serious thought to becoming a school trustee. Halcombe School is an excellent school, thanks to the hard work and dedication of its Principal, staff, and the current Board of Trustees. Our school deserves a great new Board that can continue this success. If you are assuming that 'someone else' will stand for the Board, please consider that 'someone else' may not share your views on education or be able to represent your community as well as you can.

New trustees will receive full support and training. It's not 'in at the deep end'! Trustees attend only two meetings per term. The Board currently meets on Monday evenings but meeting times and days can be varied to meet the needs of its trustees. The meetings are informative, relaxed and fun, and cover a wide range of topics. Current trustees often comment on how much they have learned about education and how much their own children have benefited. If you would like more information about being a trustee, please talk to our Board Chairperson, Megan Skiffington or call in to the school office.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Manawatu District Council Information Sharing Evening:

Manawatu District Council Elected Members invite all residents of Manawatu district to join them on **Wednesday 20 April 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Council Offices, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding** for an information sharing evening about their 2016/2017 Annual Plan. They will also provide an update on the District Plan Review.

Halcombe Fire Brigade Fundraiser

Thank you to those of you who ordered Leukaemia & Blood Cancer tea towels in support of the Halcombe fire brigade's fundraising efforts for this year's Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge. These are now available for collection at the school reception. If you missed out on ordering, the brigade do have some spares so it's not too late. Simply contact Kevin Darling on 027 244 5407 or kevin.darling@fire.org.nz

Feilding Saturday Morning Rugby Registrations

The Feilding Saturday Morning Rugby Club is still accepting online registrations. Please register as soon as possible at <http://sporty.co.nz/fsmr/>. Payment can also be made online and must be made with registration. \$40 for one player, \$60 for a family (up to three children), \$10 per extra child.

'Screaming Meemees' Singing Group

If you have a 4-8 year old interested in singing, a singing group called the 'Screaming Meemees' is held at Feilding High School at 5.30 every Wednesday, for half an hour. Cost is \$5 per lesson, however the first 2 lessons are free. Students will learn singing and performance techniques while working in a group. Contact Rowena Jones on 027 425 4911 or email rowenajones@hotmail.co.nz.