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Term 2 Week 1

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

A warm welcome back to Term 2. We hope the children have all had a lovely break and are excited about being back at school!



Colour Day and Spider Day

What an awesome day this was! It was wonderful to see so many students dressed in such weird and wonderful costumes for Colour Day. Everyone had a blast during the parade, where students had the chance to show off their outfits, as well as their dance moves! Spider Day was a real success too, with the Student Council having to make 165 spiders. They commented that trying to do this before the ice cream melted was "a bit of a challenge". They did a great job and have used the money that was raised to buy nine rugby balls, and eight soccer balls. These are already on their way to Fiji, where they will be distributed to kids in the outer islands of Fiji which were hardest hit by Cyclone Winston.



Netball

Congratulations to Hannah, who has been selected in the Manawatu Year 7 Netball team. Well done, Hannah!

Thank You!

Our thanks to George Bartlett and Andrew Managh for cleaning up and taking away all the hedge trimmings. This was a big job, and we really appreciate their help and support.

Community ANZAC Service

Our school was represented by Lydia and Greer at the Halcombe Community ANZAC Service during the holidays. Our thanks to Paula and Ann for organising the wreath.

Assemblies

During terms 2 and 3 we will have weekly assemblies starting at 2.30 on Fridays. Each class takes a turn to present the assembly. See the term calendar for the assembly roster. All are welcome to attend.

Thanks Alan!

During the holidays, our caretaker Alan washed the school and sprayed it for spiders. Thanks Alan, the school looks great!

Technology Fee

Technology fees for Year 7 – 8 children are \$50 per student. Payment is due by Wednesday 4th May - tomorrow. All stationery fees/school charges must be also be paid before students can participate in Technology.

Teacher Only Day

There will be a Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 7th June. This is the Tuesday following Queen's Birthday. Children do not attend school on this day.

Celebrating Writing

Following our visit from The Minstrel at the end of last term, students were invited to write a short story which incorporated some key messages about fishing and water safety. Congratulations to Emma, from Room 6 who wrote the best story - you can read her writing below. Emma has won a new fishing rod and reel. Runners up were Grace and Märie, also from Room 6.

Me 1, Dad 0

"Betcha mine's gonna be way bigger than yours," I boasted to dad. He just smiled, and I knew he was sincerely doubting that was ever going to happen. We dropped our lines over the side and settled down to wait for a nibble.

My patience was rewarded when I felt a tiny pulling on the end of my line. I started to reel in my line, leaning so far over the edge of the boat, I was in danger of falling out. "Lucky I'm wearing a life jacket," I thought. My fish was so hard to pull in, I felt like it was going to pull my arms off! I was straining as hard as I could, but little by little, the fish was slowly being pulled out of the watery depths below. Dad was ready and waiting with the wet towel to receive the fish. It slowly appeared over the side, furiously wriggling to escape its impending doom. My jaw dropped. It was a whopper of a snapper, a gigantically huge creature, and I grinned at dad as if to say, "I told you so!" Dad took the fish with the wet towel, and my heart sank as I realised it was too big to possibly keep.

With a heavy heart I told dad that the fish might have eggs inside it, and we had to gently put it back. I took a photo with my snapper, smiling proudly at the camera, before we gently lowered it back into the ocean.

Then there was a tug on dad's line. He started reeling it in, smirking at me, as if to say, "Mine's gonna be even bigger!" He seemed to be straining, but when it came up, it was obvious he was pretending. The fish was no bigger than the palm of dad's hand. I grinned as dad's jaw dropped again. Soon I was doubled over with laughter, gasping for breath at dad's tiny fish, while he just stood there dumbfounded. I knew I'd be telling this story for a while.

Lost Library Book

Misplaced from Room 8, a Feilding Library book 'Seashore' by Steve Parker. Please could Room 7 & 8 families check for this book and return it to school if found.

Board of Trustees Election 2016

Every parent and/or caregiver should have received nomination forms for the Board of Trustees election in the mail. If you didn't, please contact the school as soon as possible. Nominations close at noon Friday 20th May 2016 (week 3).

Chocolate & Soap

Our annual chocolate fundraiser is on again this term, and has been extended to include soap. Students in Rooms 8, 7, 1, 2, 3 and 4 are raising funds for end of year EOTC activities and classroom resources, while students in Rooms 5 and 6 are raising funds for their own camp fees. Full details and order forms will be available next week. In the meantime, if you'd like to have a look at the products, check out the display in the office.



Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Sue Simpson".

Sue Simpson
Principal