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Term 2 Week 3

17th May 2016

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Board of Trustees Election

Every parent and/or caregiver should have received nomination forms in the mail. If you didn't, please contact the school as soon as possible. To date, nominations have been received for: Lisa Poulsen, Karl Borck, Shane Casey, Annie O'Fee and Richard Dodunski. Nominations close at noon this Friday 20th May 2016.

**WHEELS
DAY**



Wednesday 18th May: Week 3

**Bring your skateboards,
ripsticks, scooters and
rollerblades!
No bikes please.
We recommend wearing
a helmet.
Spot Prizes to be won!**

Proudly Brought To You By The Student Council

Wheels Day is TOMORROW!

Don't forget your wheels!

If the weather is too wet, children can leave their wheels at school until Thursday.

PTA

The next PTA meeting is next week on Wednesday 25th May at 7.00pm. All welcome!

Next BOT Meeting

Our Board meeting will be next Monday 23rd May at 7pm in the staffroom. You are welcome to attend to observe Board process. An agenda will be available at the school Office this Friday. If there is anything you would like the Board to discuss, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Yummy Stickers

It's that time again! We collect "Yummy" brand apple stickers and bag labels, and exchange them for quality sports gear. We have always had great support with this project, and last year received over \$300 of essential sports equipment for our school. This year, we can earn DOUBLE points by collecting the new apple varieties "Sweetango", "Ambrosia" and "Lemonade". Yummy Sticker collection sheets are available at

the Office. Please bring full sheets to the Office. The promotion runs until the end of Term 3.

Teacher Aide required

We are looking for a Teacher Aide to work with a non verbal autistic student for 2 hours a day. Previous experience working with autistic children would be an advantage however not a necessity. Please send a letter of application and any relevant qualifications/references to Sue Simpson at school. Applications close TOMORROW.

Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their new LOOP website (your books are delivered to the classroom in the usual way). You can still send in cash or cheque orders to the Office – make cheques payable to "Scholastic NZ". See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close Friday 3rd June (end of week 5).

Chocolate and Soap

The order form is included again at the end of the newsletter for those who wish to participate in the chocolate and soap fundraiser.

Knuckle Bones

We're learning to play knuckle bones at school and would like to have a look at real knuckle bones. If anyone has any we can borrow please send to school. Thank you from Mrs Davies.

Junior Reading

'Richie Says' is a list of the strategies we teach children to use when they are learning to read and get stuck on a word.

1. First we **read on**: this means that when we come to a word we don't know, we read on to the end of the sentence. This helps us think of a word which would MAKE SENSE.
2. Next we **re-read** – we go back to the start of the sentence and reread up to the tricky word to try and figure it out.
3. Next we **'sound out'** the FIRST sound of the word then read to the end of the sentence. (This is NOT the first strategy)
4. During all of these strategies, the teacher/parent does not help, except to remind children of the next strategy.
5. Now children ask themselves (with your help perhaps),
 - what word would make sense?
 - does the word you are thinking of, make sense?
 - does the word you are thinking of, sound right?

The books your child brings home in their first 3-4 years at school will be easy reading and books they have read before at school. This is so important as it means your child can share and practice their reading with you more confidently and fluently. We don't want them to be struggling with reading at home! Your child might be learning to read at the Orange level at school, but will often still bring home Green books.

Young Leaders Day

Yesterday, Mya, Jack, Grace and Jensen attended the National Young Leaders' Day in Palmerston North. A number of guest speakers spoke about leadership and shared inspiring messages. The students have summarised the key points below:

Billy Graham (Jack)

Billy Graham motivates young people to be the best he can be. As a result of his work, he was awarded the title of New Zealander of the Year in 2011. Billy said you should always listen and don't be afraid to ask for help. He also said you should believe in yourself, eat good food, get plenty of sleep and exercise! Hard work pays off and you should always be the best you can be. If you want something to happen, make it happen, don't just let it happen.

James Beck (Mya)

James Beck has been involved with Attitude, the youth education division of The Parenting Place since 2007. During this time, he has helped young people all over New Zealand to make better choices about issues they face. James was a very inspirational speaker and he taught me a lot of things about how to be a great leader and role model. One of his key messages was, that you don't need a badge or a special title to be a leader, you can be a leader in your own way. He also said it's important to always do the right thing, even if it doesn't always feel quite right.

Brylee Mills (Grace)

Despite losing her left arm in a car accident when she was six, Brylee trained as a dancer for years and was accepted into an elite dance programme in Sydney. Brylee was inspiring because she doesn't let only having one arm get in her way. She says, "Dancing is symmetrical. I am not, and I don't let it bother me". I really like that quote because it shows us how strong she is.

Jonny Wilson (Jensen)

A few years ago, Jonny launched his own music school that has ballooned into an international organisation that reaches over 30,000 students a year. In 2012, he was awarded a Local Hero Medal in the New Zealander of the Year competition. Jonny said it is important not to compare ourselves to others, but to use our own potential. We shouldn't try to be the best, we should try to be OUR best. Another message was that we should not let our past determine our future.

Chris Jupp (Miss Simpson)

Chris has worked with World Vision for the last four years. He encourages young people to help fight poverty and injustice. A key message was that it doesn't matter who you are, or what your background is, we can all make a difference to the world. In fact, we don't even have to wait one second, to start making a positive difference.



Pirate Day

This term our school wide theme is 'Our Oceans'. Each class is developing their own learning activities around this theme, but everyone will learn about PIRATES! On Wednesday 1st June, we are having a PIRATE DAY. It would be great if everyone could dress up as a PIRATE for the day.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fundraising First Aid Kits

The Stanway Pony Club is selling large first aid carry kits containing 77 items - including a digital thermometer, safe scissors and instant ice pack to raise funds for new equipment. These are very comprehensive and excellent value for money at \$39.95 each. Perfect for home, car and travels. The Pony Club receives \$12 from the sale of each kit. Please contact Geraldine Managh geraldinemanagh@gmail or 021 481 246 if you would like to order one for delivery early June. We would love

your support!!

Halcombe School Soap and Chocolate Fundraiser - 2016

- All students can take part in this optional fundraiser, unless families have money owing to the school.
- \$1 is earned for every bar of soap or chocolate sold, both of which are sold for \$2.50.
- Students in Rooms 8, 7, 1, 2, 3 and 4 are raising money for class EOTC activities that will be held in Term 4, and classroom resources. Students in Rooms 5 and 6 are raising funds for their own camp fees.
- All money comes back to the office.
- Unsold soap and chocolate can be returned, but must be in perfect condition.
- The initial allocation is limited to 48 chocolate bars (two boxes) per student, and 48 bars of soap (two boxes). Students can get extra chocolate or soap once they have sold and returned the money from their first allocation.
- This fundraiser runs throughout this term, and will finish at the end of Week 9 - Friday 1st July.

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I give permission for _____ to sell soap/and or chocolate as a school fundraiser. All money received will be returned to the school. Any unsold bars will be returned to the school in perfect condition.

Signed: _____

Student:	Soap (max two boxes/48 bars)	Chocolate - Mixed blocks, 12 Dairy Milk, 6 Caramello & 6 Marvellous Creations (max two boxes/48 bars)
Room:	Lemongrass: No. of boxes: ____ Grapefruit & Mint: No. of boxes: ____	Chocolate: No. of boxes: ____

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