

# Halcombe School

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Term 2 Week 5

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

## Teacher Only Day/Queen's Birthday

This is a reminder that school is closed next Monday (Queen's Birthday) AND Tuesday, (Teacher Only Day). Enjoy the long weekend.

## Board of Trustees Election

Voting in the Election closes this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at noon. Many votes have already been received and it is very encouraging to see the level of interest in the election. All votes must be received by then. Please post or deliver your vote to the school Office ASAP! Postal votes must be postmarked no later than 5pm Thursday to be accepted. The results of the Election will be announced on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

We apologise for the error in spelling Jayne Chapman's name in the candidates' statements. It is Jayne (not Jane).

## Tough Kid Challenge

What an awesome event! With 62 kids in Years 3-6 participating in this event at Linton Army Camp on Friday, Halcombe School was very well represented. The younger students ran 1.5km, while the older students had to run 3km. We'll be sharing a video at assembly on Friday, so come along if you'd like to check out some of the highlights.

The Tough Kid Challenge was fun because the mud was cold and the nets were hard to crawl under. It was challenging and exciting, because it was muddy, slippery and wet. The Army Guys told us where to go. The best part was when we went through the swamp and the barbed wire part. *Sarah and Maia (year 3-4)*

The Tough Kid Challenge was an awesome opportunity to get through lots of challenging obstacles at Linton Army Base. The soldiers use part of this course for their training. We had to dodge barbed wire and lots of trees, jump over puddles and mud holes and climb over a fence, through a tunnel and underneath some wooden poles. The most exciting parts were when lots of people fell in the swamp and going through tunnels in the pitch black. *Jessie and Blake (Year 5-6)*



On Friday we took part in the Tough Kid Challenge. It was an amazing challenge to be part of and isn't your everyday activity. It was heaps of fun and a real test of our fitness. It was well organised and the Army Guys supported and encouraged us to keep going. We liked crawling under barbed wire through the swamp and trying to avoid the electric fence wires. Everyone enjoyed themselves and was proud when they finished. We had lots of support from the parent and we are keen to go again next year!  
*Mataora and Fergus (Year 7-8)*

### Phone Messages

While we appreciate that circumstances change during a day, we are taking an increasing number of phone calls each day, especially in the afternoons, asking to change transport arrangement for children. On one day last week we had 11 calls in the afternoon, which meant a lot of running around to make sure messages get to children and bus lists are updated. We would really appreciate any calls first thing in the morning, or a note in KIT books.

### Year 8 FHS presentation

Representatives from Feilding High School will be here on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am to talk to students who will be attending Feilding High School next year. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting which will be held in the library.

### Senior Team – Winter Sport

Students in Rooms 3, 4, 5 and 6 start their winter sports rotation next week. Please see KIT Books for more details.

### Celebrating Writing

#### *The Lost Kitten*

Once upon a time there was a little girl called Lucy. She had a little family and she was the only kid in the family. One stormy night when she was sleeping there was a loud scratch on the front door. Lucy got a big flashlight and went downstairs. It was a lost kitten. She picked it up gently. It was as wet as could be and as cold as ice. She went to get a towel and wrapped it around the kitten and took it upstairs. **Isabella (Age 7)**

### BOT News

- At its meeting last week, the Board of Trustees welcomed Charles Quirk, our representative from the Ministry of Education to discuss and finalise our proposed Enrolment Zone. This has now been sent to local schools to invite their feedback which will be discussed at the next BOT meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- The BOT has approved the laying of a concrete path between Room 8 and the existing path along the back of the school. This will make access to the toilet blocks easier in the wet weather for our Room 8 children. The BOT also approved the replacement of approximately 35m of spouting and the clearlite roofing along the front of the school outside Rooms 1 – 4. We have appointed a project manager for this work.
- Megan Skiffington, Anne Langtry, Kevin Darling and Tamzin Darragh were thanked for their service and commitment to the BOT and school. Together they have given over 20 years' of service to the school. Our sincere thanks.

### Chocolate/Soap Fundraiser

Keep up the momentum and get out there and sell those chocolates and soaps! Remember you are fundraising for a camp or class trip in Term 4. You can still order chocolate to sell – please contact the Office. This fundraiser will run until the end of term but, if you have finished selling already, please return your money to the Office now (or pay online to 01 0625 0106729 00). Unsold chocolate & soap can also be returned – we will pass it on to others to sell. **If you don't return unsold chocolate bars or soap by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, we will assume that you are going to sell them all. We won't be able to accept returns later on.**

### Scholastic Book Club

Book Club orders need to be at school by this Friday morning (3<sup>rd</sup> June). We will earn free books for our school library from your orders, so thank you for your support!

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Feilding YMCA Out of School Care

We are offering families child care for the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, Teacher Only Day. We need a minimum of 8 children booked and we have 3 at this moment. All bookings on line <http://www.ymcentral.org.nz/palmerston-north/oscar-pn> or phone 06 3588921.

### Apiti School Fundraiser

Apiti School is having a Possum Hunt (also rabbit, hare, duck, stoat, river fish, deer, goat) from 10<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June. Final count, prize giving, lunch and 'Family Fun Day' at Makoura Lodge, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 11am. Great prizes. For more details contact Maryann Pratt 027 431 7221 or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1017318565029801/>