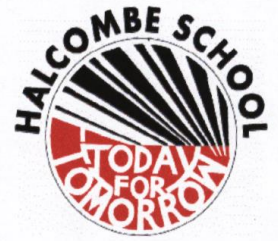


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Term 4 Week 7

22nd November 2016

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Fitness Trail

Work has started on the rest of the Fitness Trail. PTA money raised at the Quiz night is paying for this.

Christmas Raffle

This has been a VERY popular raffle. Thanks everyone for getting in behind this fundraiser.

Stationery 2017

Student Stationery packs for 2017, will be delivered directly to the classroom, at the start of the school year, with everything that students require.

- The Junior Team (Rooms 7, 8, 1 & 2) and Room 3 will also get 'EZ Covers' for their books. Students will have a choice of covers and will be able to cover their own books in class.
- Students in Rooms 4, 5 & 6 will be asked to cover their own books with Duraseal or similar.
- The price of stationery packs is still to be confirmed but will be very similar to this year (was \$35 - \$40 per pack).
- We will invoice families later in Term 1, giving you extra time to pay.
- Families can 'opt out' of having their stationery supplied in packs and can make their own arrangements – please contact the Office.

Library

The Library closes on Friday this week for students in Rooms 8, 7, 1, 2 and 3. Please return all books by Friday.

Room 6 Camp

Room 6 had an awesome week at Nydia Bay. Apart from the earthquake on Monday morning and a fair dose of rain, the students had a wonderful time. Highlights included a mud slide, fishing from the jetty, kayaking, tramping and exploring the shore. A special thanks to Miss Simpson and all the parents involved in this exciting and challenging week.

Rooms 7 and 1, 2 and 3 also thoroughly enjoyed their various Outdoor Education experiences. Thanks to all the parents who helped with supervision and transport. We appreciate your help.

BOT News

- At its meeting on 7th November, The Board heard the annual presentations from our teachers on the work they have done to lift student achievement in reading, writing and mathematics. The teachers have a lot of passion and commitment to achieving student goals, and this is evident in the results where teachers are using a wide range of teaching strategies.
- In other business, the Board is currently working on the 10yr Property Plan, to assist with future property management. Based on a condition assessment of the school, the Board will then decide what needs to be carried out.
- Standing reports were reviewed, including the '6 year net' reading tests, which showed excellent results, being far above national averages. The BOT also heard about what the school does to support students with learning needs.
- 5 Trustees attended a workshop about the Vulnerable Children's Act and what this means for schools. The school's Child Protection Policies and Guidelines will be reviewed. The Board discussed what the school does for challenging and difficult behaviours. The BOT found this very very informative and were extremely happy with how the school currently handles these situations.

The next Board meeting is on Monday 28 November.

Andrew Managh, for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees

End of Year Events:

- Thursday 24th and Friday 25th November: Room 4 overnight camp at school
- Friday 25th November: Library closes for students in Rooms 8, 7, 1, 2 and 3.
- Monday 28th November: Dental Therapist due
- Monday 28th: Board of Trustees Meeting at 7pm
- Wednesday 30th November: Room 8 trip to Foxton Beach
- Wednesday 7th December: Athletics Day (whole school) and Country Kids Challenge (morning)
- Friday 9th: Year 4 – 8 Reports sent home

- Friday 9th Year 8 Leavers Lunch
- Monday 12th December: Junior Prizegiving at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 14th December: Senior Prizegiving at 7pm
- Thursday 15th December: school finished for the year at 1pm. The buses will run at this time.
- Monday 30th January: the 2017 school year begins

Kind regards

Sue Simpson

Community News

Santa's Helper

The Manchester Lions Club is holding a competition for 'Santa's Helpers' to ride with him on his float at the Christmas Parade on Sunday 11th December. Write a letter telling Santa why you'd like to be chosen. Please include your name, age, School, home address and phone number to Santa's Helper Manchester Lions Club Box 451 Feilding. Entries close 1st December.

Living Christmas

Feilding District & Promotion are excited to announce the date for the 2nd annual Living Christmas Tree Lighting Event. This year's kick-off to the holiday season in Manchester Square will be held **Saturday, November 26, 2016**, starting 5.30pm.

Halcombe Community Carols 2016

Halcombe Memorial Hall Saturday 10th December starting at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. The service will conclude with super so please bring a plate of finger food to share. Sponsored by the Hub Church. Contact Richard Bain 328 8627.



Nydia Bay 2016

