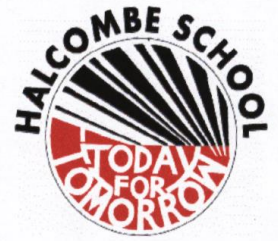


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Term 4 Week 9

6<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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

#### **Young Achievers**

Last night, two of our Year 8 students were recognised as 'Young Achievers' at a ceremony in Feilding. Congratulations Leah and Lydia!

*Leah has been a dedicated member of our school Green Team for several years, and has made a significant contribution. She shows initiative and a willingness to engage in all projects our Green Team is working on.*

*As a member of the Waitarere Surf Lifesaving Club, and Feilding St John, Lydia makes a huge contribution to our community. Involvement in these activities requires commitment, hard work and many hours of training. Lydia carries out her responsibilities with enthusiasm and dedication.*

#### **Book Amnesty**

Please have a look at home for school reading books. There are a lot of books missing and they're not at school, so they must be at your place! Please look behind the couch, under the beds and in that pile of stuff in the corner. Reading books cost such a lot of money and we'd love to have them all returned please.

#### **Athletic Sports TOMORROW**

Tomorrow we will be holding our Tabloid Athletic Sports, starting at 9.00am. Parents and supporters are most welcome to attend. We will also be opening the Fitness Trail at the start of the day.

#### **Pies and Subway**

Wednesday pie days are now finished for 2016, so there will be no pies tomorrow. This is the last week of Friday Subways for 2016. They will return early in Term 1 next year. Thanks you to TJ's Dairy and Subway Feilding for their support.

#### **Gala**

The date has been set for the 2017 Gala – a huge fundraiser for our school. It will be **Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please note this on your calendar as we need everyone to be able to help out on the day. Please consider keeping your 'no longer needed' goods for our Gala. If you have any ideas for the Gala, please give us a ring. There will be more details next week.

#### **Gala - things you could be doing now**

- Take cuttings of plants for us to sell
- Get rid of that old bookcase or chest of drawers and bring it to school. We have plenty of room to store larger items to auction.
- Start thinking about how you could decorate a bike to enter the 'DECORATED BIKE' competition
- Spring clean your cupboards over the holidays. (You've never used that plate or vase that Great Aunty Mary gave you.)
- Keep that pet lamb a little longer for the 'Pet Lamb Dress Up Competition'.

**'Plant a spud' in a bucket or pot. Bring the pot to the Gala. \$3 to enter.  
\$40 prize for the heaviest harvest of spuds.**

**'Plant a Pot'. Plant a pot (no more than 35cm diameter) with seedlings whenever you like so it will be at its very best on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. \$3 to enter. \$40 prize for the best pot!**

#### **Board of Trustees News**

- The Halcombe Board of Trustees has had its final meeting for the year.
- During this meeting the board received a student achievement report with the schools Maths Number Knowledge results for the year. 91% of our students are at or above expectation in Number Knowledge, an outstanding result.
- Other reports that were presented to the BOT tell us that most of our students' achievement is at or above National Standards in the critical areas of Reading, Writing and Maths. A huge well done to the whole team at Halcombe School.
- The Board is continuing to develop its 10 year property plan and is receiving specialist reports on the general standard of our school. This is part of the process that we as board must complete and it ties into presenting a school that meets

health and safety standards across many aspects of the school. This over all 10-year plan is a long process with carefully measured steps for us a board to follow. This plan will also help us identify new infrastructure projects during the development of our plan for example innovative learning environments if this is found to be suitable and an advantage to our school.

- During our meeting the board was also presented the draft budget which was reviewed and accepted. It's great that we have school that can provide resources for our students and teachers to help deliver great results for all.

*Shane Casey for the Board of Trustees*

**End of Year Events:**

- TOMORROW: Athletics Day (whole school)
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup>: Year 4 – 8 Reports sent home
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Year 8 Leavers Lunch
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Junior Prizegiving at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Senior Prizegiving at 7pm
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December: school finishes for the year at 1pm. The buses will run at this time.
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January: the 2017 school year begins

*Kind regards*

*Sue Simpson*

**Community News**

**Feilding's Christmas Cave**

Once again, Santa will be in his Cave in the Little Theatre, Stafford Street in Feilding from 10<sup>th</sup> December until Christmas Eve. Gold coin donation please. Opening hours:

- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Parade Day: 10.00am to 4.00pm (closed during the parade)
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am to 2.00pm

**Halcombe Community Carols 2016**

Halcombe Community Carols: Halcombe Memorial Hall Saturday 10th December starting at 6pm. Free sausage sizzle. Carols begin at 6:30pm. 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.

**Room 4 loved their trip to Mount Bruce!**



