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Term 4 Week 1

17th October 2017

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4.

We feel very excited when we look at all the things we have on this term! We have an amazing term ahead and now that the weather is more settled, we're looking forward to getting out and enjoying it. Please read your weekly newsletters carefully, so that you're well informed about what is going on. There's lots of dates to remember, so keep the newsletter and term calendar close by. You can always access our newsletters on the school website. This is usually posted by 9am on a Tuesday morning.

Pet Day 25th October – Get your entries in!

This is a reminder that Pet Day is *next Wednesday 25th October*. Lambs, calves, cats and a great range of other pets come to Pet Day. Only senior students (years 5 – 8) bring dogs. There are also class competitions which will be displayed in the Hall on Pet Day.

- ALL entries *must be in by Friday this week* – 4 days away. We cannot accept entries next week.
- Entry forms for lambs, calves and dogs and all other pets (eg guinea pigs, cats, goldfish, rats etc) is attached.

Book Fair

We have a Book Fair starting at school tomorrow.

There is a wonderful selection of books to look at and buy if you wish.

Each book sold, raises money for new library books.

The books are displayed in the office area. Please call in and have a look at any time from

8.30 – 1.30, or after school until 3.30pm.

Children will be looking at the books during class time.

This is a great chance to start your Christmas shopping.

Cross Country – 27th October

Training for Cross Country has already started, so children will be running each day at school. They need to have suitable clothing and footwear. This event is on Friday 27th October and all the details are attached. Please read these carefully as some things have changed from previous years.

Road Works

Please take extra care at the corner while the road works are being completed.

Sheds

The 2 old sheds were demolished during the holidays. The new concrete slab for the shed will go down shortly, followed by the new 10 x 5m shed. We will also be adding a new garden shed next to the chook house.

Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle on Pet Day. Sausages are \$2 each. There is no need to pre-order, just bring your money on the day.

Christmas Raffle

Today we are sending 2 raffle books home with each family. This is our famous 'Christmas Raffle' with first prize valued at \$1000. If you do not wish to sell the tickets simply return them to school tomorrow. There will be TWO \$50 ticket seller prizes for the families that sell the most tickets. The money raised will buy our new garden shed, new toys for the sandpit and more lego. If you need extra tickets, just call in to the office.

Touch Rugby

This is a reminder that Touch start NEXT Thursday 26th. More information including the draw will come home as soon as we receive it.

Guitar Lessons

Byron Foley, who is a guitar teacher, is available this term on Thursday afternoons to teach guitar to Year 5-8 students. A group lesson (2 students) of 30 minutes, is \$15 per student. Each student needs to have a guitar they can bring to the lesson. If you are interested, please let us know THIS WEEK. Check out his website at www.homerunguitar.com

PTA Meeting

There is a PTA Meeting tomorrow evening in the staffroom starting at 7pm. All welcome.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

Community Notices

Marton Swim Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-7pm at the Marton Pool, Hereford Street. Starting Tuesday 17th October, register on the night. New members welcome. Enquires Nicki Hosking 027 522 1064.

Term 4 Calendar 2017		
October	18th	Book Fair begins PTA Meeting 7pm
	23rd	Labour Day holiday
	24th	Walkover to Cross Country –practice only
	25th	Pet Day and Sausage Sizzle
	26th	Touch rugby starts
	27th	Cross Country
	30th	Book Fair closes
	31st	BOT Meeting 7pm
November	3rd	Huntermville Cross Country Rooms 1 and 2 trip to Rangī Woods
	6th	Room 5 to Sixtus Lodge
	15th	School photos Room 4 to Foxton Beach Camp
	20th	Room 6 to Turangi
	22nd	Room 8 trip to Foxton
	24th	Room 3 trip to Wellington
December	4th	Dental Therapists
	5th	Fun Sports Day
	6th	Room 6 Rafting trip
	8th	Disco Year 4 – 8 reports home
	11th	Junior Prizegiving and Christmas Party 1.30pm
	13th	Senior Prizegiving 7pm
	14th	School finishes 1.00pm

Pet Day Organisation – Wednesday 25th October (week 2)

Pet entries are due by **Friday 20th October**. Please use the entry form attached.

On the day, children with pets arrive at school **no later than 8.45am and must be ready for judging at 9am**. They must stay with their pets out on the field. Judging will begin at 9.00am and should be finished by 10.30am. Pet Day is held regardless of the weather.

All pets must be under control at all times.

- Junior Lamb ring – closest to the Hall
- Senior Lambs – between Junior Lambs and Calves
- Calf ring – near the rugby goalposts
- Dogs – ring closest to Room 7. This competition is **ONLY** for Years 5-8 children. There is no Junior Dog Competition, and dogs cannot be entered in the General Pet Section. **Dogs must be on a leash at all times, and children must stay with their OWN dog.**
- All other pets will be in the area between Room 8 and the Adventure Playground, except horses/ponies which should be in the centre of the field.
- We ask that parents leave their children with their pets.

Judging will be followed by the Grand Parade and presentation of trophies. Parents and visitors are invited to the **HALL** to see the **indoor exhibits** during the morning

Indoor Exhibits

Each class will present **2 exhibits**. Please see class blogs and KIT books for more information.

Country Kids Competition

The senior children will take part in an **Interhouse Country Kids Challenge** after the Grand Parade. This is a very exciting event. It would be wonderful if parents could stay to watch.

Pet Day Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle at Pet Day.

HALCOMBE SCHOOL PET DAY 2017 – WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Entries for ALL pet competitions are being taken now. Entries close on Friday 20th October.

There are Senior and Junior Classes in each section:

- Senior Students: Years 5 - 8
- Junior Students: Years 0 - 4

HALCOMBE SCHOOL PET DAY ENTRY FORM 2017 – for lambs, calves, dogs or ‘other’ pets

	Student's Year Level	Student's name	Pet's name
JUNIOR LAMB	0 – 4		
SENIOR LAMB	5 – 8		
JUNIOR CALF	0 – 4		Beef OR Dairy
SENIOR CALF	5 – 8		Beef OR Dairy
SENIOR DOG	5 – 8		
JUNIOR PET (NO dogs, please)	0 – 4		Pet's name: Type of animal:

CALF COMPETITION

Calving Dates: Born between 1st July and 15th September. Records/Diaries are optional.

Calf competitions will be in three classes:

- (a) Dairy Type or Beef Type
- (b) Care and Attention
- (c) Leading

LAMB COMPETITION

Lambing Dates: Born between 1st July and 15th September. Records / Dairies are optional. There will be two classes:

- (a) Care and Attention
- (b) Leading & Calling

DOG COMPETITION (SENIOR STUDENTS ONLY):

Judging for: care and attention; excellent knowledge of dog; involvement with dog on a regular basis; good control of dog; obedience; leading skills. Dogs must remain on their lead and be supervised at all times.

PET COMPETITION: This should be the child's pet - not grandad's, your brother's or the neighbours! All kinds of animals are welcome. Judging for: care and attention, excellent knowledge of pet; involvement with pet on a regular basis. Please provide suitable cages and/or leads for pets. Horses and ponies are to be led, not ridden. Pets must be supervised at all times. *(NO dogs, please)*

SENIOR PET (NO dogs, please)	5 – 8		Pet's name: Type of animal:
Please enclose \$3 per entry. Parent/caregiver signature: _____			