

# Halcombe School



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Term 4 Week 6

21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

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

## Christmas Raffle

If you have unsold tickets, please return them to the Office NOW. If we don't have them back by Friday, we will assume you have sold them. Unsold tickets can be passed on to others to sell. The raffle will be drawn on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at our Senior Prizegiving. **All sold tickets and money needs to be returned to the Office as soon as possible please.**

## Board of Trustees News

- Teachers presented their Professional Development journey to the BOT at its last meeting. The BOT was extremely impressed with the level of commitment and hard work put in by the teachers throughout the year, in learning new and exciting ways to teach Student Inquiry. This has been a particularly successful area of learning for teachers.
- At the end of last term, teachers moderated children's writing with teachers from Manchester Street School and Hiwinui School. This was very worthwhile cross school collaboration.
- The 'Target Students Outcomes Report 2017' was received by the BOT. This document includes reports from each teacher about the actions they have taken to lift achievement for their target students.
- The Support Programmes for children with Special Needs Report 2017 was received and details the programmes and actions that have been put in place during the year, to lift achievement for those with learning needs.
- The Information Literacy Review Report was received along with the Information Skills Assessment Report- a summary of the data collected to support Teacher Inquiry
- Plans have been finalised for the Adventure Playground. Work will be carried out in early February. Some parts have to come from Germany!
- We hope the new Cricket Turf will be laid this week.
- The new storage shed will be built before the end of the school year.
- Maintenance work will be carried out around the pool: new doors, bargeboard replaced, new novolite and painting the interior of the changing sheds.
- The PE aspect of the Health and PE curriculum has been reviewed and revised.
- We are going to remain with the status quo re co-hort entry. This means that children start school on the Monday following their birthday.
- The results of the Parent Survey are below.

## Photo Competition

Congratulations to Max and Emma who won second and third places for the wonderful photos they entered in the Totally Vets Calendar Competition. They won \$150 and \$100 prizemoney. The school also received \$250. Thanks Totally Vets for your generous donation.

## Classes for 2017

There are no changes to staffing in 2018. Below is the staffing and the probable class levels for next year. If you have any special requests about your child's placement for next year, please send an email to [ssimpson@halcombe.school.nz](mailto:ssimpson@halcombe.school.nz). If there are friendship clashes, family matters or learning issues you would like us to take into consideration, please let me know by 8<sup>th</sup> December. While we cannot guarantee the class your child will be in if there is a split year group, we are here to listen.

Room 8	Mrs Barbara Davies	Year 0 - 1
Room 7	Mrs Debbie Turner	Year 1
Room 1	Mrs Lucy Buckley	Year 2
Room 2	Mrs Kylie Olynsma	Year 3
Room 3	Miss Heidi Jeynes	Year 4 - 5
Room 4	Miss Kirsten Main	Year 5 - 6
Room 5	Miss Dayna Fleet	Year 6 - 7
Room 6	Miss Dianne Simpson	Year 7 - 8

### **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. In 2018, reading books will not be sent home until the previous book has been returned.

### **Dental Therapists**

The dental caravan will be here from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November to see new students and for catch-up visits with selected students. If you have particular concerns about your child's dental health, you can contact the therapists at 06 322 8791 or leave a message for them at the school Office.

### **Parent Survey**

There were 36 responses from 124 families. This represents 29%. Below is the summary of the 'tick box' section. The BOT is extremely pleased with the feedback received. A full copy of the survey including comments is available at the office.

<i>Please tick the appropriate column</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Halcombe School sets high expectations for student achievement				12	24
Halcombe School sets high expectations for behaviour		1	1	12	22
We promote positive attitudes and values			2	12	22
Our 'Triple A' values are evident in the school		1	4	15	16
Classrooms are stimulating and celebrate students' work		1	1	13	21
I feel well informed about what is happening at school	1		2	13	20
The school grounds and buildings are tidy, clean and well maintained				10	26
My child feels safe at school		2	1	13	20
Reports and/or Conferences are easy to understand and give me the information I need.			1	14	21
Halcombe School values tikanga Maori (culture and customs)	2	1	10	11	12
Halcombe School offers a broad curriculum		1	6	10	19

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **November:**

- 24<sup>th</sup> Room 3 to Wellington
- 24<sup>th</sup> All library books due back
- 28<sup>th</sup> Room 2 Daytona Trip
- 27<sup>th</sup> Dental Therapists
- 27<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Leadership course at Linton Army
- 30<sup>th</sup> Rooms 4, 5 and 6 – cricket coaching

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal

#### **December:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting 7pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Room 6 rafting
- 8<sup>th</sup> Year 4 – 8 reports sent home
- 8<sup>th</sup> Disco
- 11<sup>th</sup> Junior Prizegiving 1.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Senior Prizegiving 7pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> School finishes 1.00pm

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Summer Reading Programme**

Register Now for Feilding Library's Summer Reading Programme. We all know the summer slide, where children's reading levels often slip. You can help with this by registering your child in Feilding Library's Summer Reading Programme. Registrations for both Wild About Reading (for 4 to 10 year olds) and iRead (for 11 to 13 year olds) close Friday 1 December. For more details about this FREE programme and to register, head to [www.feildinglibrary.co.nz](http://www.feildinglibrary.co.nz) or come in and see us at Feilding Library.