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Term 4 Week 7

28<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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

## Christmas Raffle

No unsold tickets can be returned now. All sold tickets and money should be back at school. Sincere thanks to those who are still out there selling tickets. Remember that the profit will buy our new garden shed, more lego and new sandpit toys. Thank you for your support.

## Room 8 trip to Foxton

What a great day Room 8 had at Foxton Beach. It was perfect weather and they all had great fun making castles etc. and also learning some things about the environment. A very big thank you to all those who provided transport and helped with supervision.

## Room 6 Camp

Room 6 had a fantastic time away at their camp in Turangi last week. Their week was packed with lots of fun activities, including caving, mountain biking, white water rafting, tramping and swimming. The students (and parents!) had a blast, and will remember their adventures for years to come. Thank you to the awesome camp parents. Check out the Room 6 blog for more photos.

## Sports Fun Day

Next Tuesday 5 December, we are having a **Sports Fun Day** at school. Parents are welcome to attend the morning's activities. The plan is outlined below. Please check our website or Facebook for cancellation information.

9-10am	Classes will rotate around a series of eight fun activities.
10.10am	400m Finals (this event was postponed on Athletics Day in Term 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boys: Samuel, Jock, Jack and Logan</li><li>Girls: Rhianna, Lucy, Marie and Georgia.</li></ul>
10.30am	Morning Tea
10.50am	Opening of our <b>new cricket pitch</b> , followed by a Students vs Adults cricket match. The Adults team will be made up of the following (excellent) players: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jess Pettersson (BOT)</li><li>Shane Casey (BOT)</li><li>Lucinda Dodunski (PTA)</li><li>Sarah Norman (PTA)</li><li>Kim Blanchard (PTA)</li><li>Tash Narasy (Sport Manawatu)</li><li>Dave Meiring (Cricket Manawatu)</li><li>Nicky Lankshear (3D Constructions)</li><li>Dayna Fleet (Team Fleety)</li><li>Lucy Buckley (Team Loose)</li><li>Sue Simpson (Weak Link)</li><li>Di Simpson (12<sup>th</sup> man)</li></ul>
12pm	Iceblocks – no charge Lunch as usual.
1.30pm	Slip n Slide – send your child to school with their togs and a towel!

## Stationery 2018

Student Stationery packs for 2018, will be delivered directly to the classroom, at the start of the school year, with everything that students require.

**HALCOMBE  
SCHOOL  
DISCO** 

**Friday 8 December**

**Junior Disco: 5.30-6.45pm**  
**R8, 7, 1, 2 and 3**

**Senior Disco: 7-8.30pm**  
**R4, 5 and 6**

**HALCOMBE SCHOOL HALL**

**TICKETS \$3 - ON SALE NEXT WEEK!**

For Sale At The Disco:  
**Lollies \$1 Drinks \$1 Chocolate Bars \$2 Glo-Sticks .50c**

**Brought To You By The Student Council**

### Student Leadership Day

Our Year 7 students attended a Leadership Day run by the New Zealand Army at Linton Army Camp yesterday. During the morning, they had the opportunity to check out some of the equipment the army uses, including communication gear, weapons and vehicles. After lunch, the students were put through their paces in a number of physical challenges. This was the perfect chance to practice leadership skills. Throughout the day, the students were given messages and information about what makes a great leader, and we're sure that all students will have benefited from this experience.

### Classes for 2017 (second notice)

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

### Dental Therapists

The dental caravan is now here 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.

### National Standards

The Government's decision to do away with National Standards may mean changes in how we report to parents about children's learning, progress and achievements. Rather than being **required** to report on whether children are above, at, below or well below National Standards in reading, writing and maths, this becomes a choice. Schools will be free to report information about your child's progress in different ways. We will be working on this in the New Year. In the meantime, if you would like to talk with me about things you'd like to see in future children's school reports, please get in touch. I would very much like to hear your ideas.

[ssimpson@halcombe.school.nz](mailto:ssimpson@halcombe.school.nz) phone 328 8845, or just call in.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal

### Dates to Remember

#### November:

- 30<sup>th</sup> Rooms 4, 5 and 6 – cricket coaching

#### 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



Room 3 loved their trip to Wellington Zoo



Room 6 rafting at Turangi