

# Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 1

30<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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

A warm welcome back to the 2018 school year! Hopefully you all had time to take a break at some stage, enjoy the company of friends and family, and just relax! We are all excited about working alongside your children this year and getting to know them. We have lots of exciting things planned and, as usual, the term will just rush by.

A special welcome to those who are new to our community and our 5 year olds who are just starting school.

You know things don't change when at 7.45 yesterday one of the bus drivers informed me that her bus wouldn't start!  
Roll on 2018!

We have a starting roll of 179. We expect our closing roll this year to be about 194 which is very much the same as last year. Mrs Davies will be working in Room 8 in the mornings only for the first few weeks of this term. In the afternoons, her children will join with Room 7 for swimming and story time. Miss Carey will be there to help.

## Staffing

Junior Team	Mrs Barbara Davies	Room 8 (Deputy Principal and Junior Team Leader)
	Mrs Debbie Turner	Room 7
	Mrs Lucy Buckley	Room 1
	Mrs Kylie Olynsma	Room 2
Senior Team	Miss Heidi Jeynes	Room 3
	Miss Kirsten Main	Room 4
	Miss Dayna Fleet	Room 5
	Miss Dianne Simpson	Room 6 (Deputy Principal and Senior Team Leader)
Secretary	Mrs Paula Stace	
Teacher Aides	Miss Annah Carey and Miss Emma Johnson	
Caretaker/Cleaner	Mr Alan Martin	
Principal	Mrs Sue Simpson	

## LONG Weekend

This is a reminder that school will be closed next Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February and of course Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February for Waitangi Day.

## Beach Trip

**You will find attached, information about our whole school trip to the beach next week. This form MUST be back at school by Friday this week please.**

## Swimming

- Each class has a swimming session **every day**, so please ensure your children have the correct gear.
- Swimming is part of the school programme, so children must bring a note if they are not swimming.
- **Names on togs and towels would be great – really great – yes really, really great!** We cut up lost/unnamed towels for rags – we really do!
- Girls must wear a one-piece suit, or have their midriff covered if wearing a two-piece suit. No board shorts.
- Boys should wear proper swimming shorts (not shorts they would wear in class) above the knee, or 'speedos'.

## Junior Reading

Thank you to all those families who encouraged their children to continue reading during the holidays. Reading is not just a school activity, it is a life-long skill. We notice there is much less 'slip-back' at the start of the year with junior children who have continued to do their reading each night during the holidays.

### **Christmas Raffle 2017**

The raffle was drawn at the Senior Prizegiving at the end of last year. We have already purchased the Lego, the sandpit toys have been ordered and the new garden shed will come from the profit also. Thanks for your support.

Congratulations to the following prizewinners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Tania Goodyer
- 2nd prize: Lucy Lintott
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Monk Family

### **School rules. A few summer reminders**

- No nail polish please. Don't let your children apply nail polish if you don't have remover at home!
- Nothing is to be worn around necks. No jewellery.
- Hair should be tied back. Wear **simple clips** please.
- Sunhats with an all round wide brim.
- Plain stud earrings only. No sleepers.
- Plain haircuts (no 'mohawks', rats tails, colours etc).
- No singlet tops or string shoulder ties – t shirts with a short sleeve are to be worn as it stops shoulders being sunburnt.

### **PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ**

We have decided that this year we will replace the 'Meet the Teacher BBQ'. Instead we will have a 'Meet the Teacher' evening at school on 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 4.00 – 6.30pm. This will give parents a chance to come along, meet their child's teacher and have a catch up. More details to follow.

### **Pool**

During the holidays the pool changing rooms have had a spruce up. The changing rooms have been painted white inside, the old moss-covered novolite has been replaced, the footpath has been removed, fascia board replaced and we have new doors. It looks much better. Thank you Dan Humphrey.

### **Lunchtime Tennis Coaching**

Kurt McNamara is offering lunchtime tennis coaching for 5 – 8 year olds, one day a week. The day is yet to be confirmed. Kurt provides all the gear. The cost is \$60 for 8 lessons. This offer is limited to 12 students and will be allocated on a first in first served basis. Please contact Paula in the office if you are interested.

### **KIT Books**

***Our 'Keep in Touch' books are a very important part of our school and key to good communication. These books travel to and from school every day, so you can write notes for us, and teachers can let you know what is happening at school. Please READ your child's KIT book each day and ensure they bring it to school. We had a few children at the end of last year who often arrived without their KIT books, which meant lots of confusion and missed messages about what was happening at school.***

***We look forward to your support.***

***PLEASE READ THE INSIDE COVER OF YOUR CHILD'S KIT BOOK TONIGHT.***

### **School invoices**

We will send invoices home in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> February for:

- Stationery Packs. The price varies for each class.
- Beach Trip: \$4
- Athletics: Most classes will take part in this online programme. The fee is \$20 each. Details will be given in class.
- School Charge: This payment helps us to provide classroom essentials such as tissues, sunblock and the weekly newsletter. The charge is \$15 per family for the year. We do not have school fees.

We accept cash, cheque and/or online payments for school charges or events. Our bank account number is 01 0625 0106729 00. These details are also available on our website. Please make sure online payments are received before due dates for sports registration, camps etc. A number of families are using regular automatic payments to help cover school costs. We are happy to help set this up. Please contact the Office.

### Hats

A reminder that we have a 'no hat means no play' policy. Most children have a hat they keep at school, which works well. Please make sure hats are named (or we will name them) and have an 'all-round' sun-safe brim. Bucket hats are ideal.

### Drone

Many thanks to the Student Council of 2017 for their generous donation of a drone. It's an excellent idea and will be well used.

### Pool Keys

The school pool is available for families to use after school and at weekends, until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. There is a \$30 charge for a key. Keys, and a contract for you to sign, are available this week **ONLY** at the Office.

### Newsletter Next Week

Our newsletter will go home on Wednesday next week. (Tuesday is Waitangi Day)

*Kind regards*

### Term 1 Dates 2018

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

*Sue Simpson  
Principal*

### Term Calendar

Term 1 Calendar 2017		
February	5th	School closed
	6th	Waitangi Day Holiday
	9th	School Trip to Kai Iwi Beach
	12th	Room 6 to Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre (3 days)
	13th	Room 4 overnight camp at school (Tues)
	15th	Room 5 camp at school (Wed, Thurs)
	19th	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
	21st	Firewise Programme for Rooms 7-8 and 5-6
	22nd	Meet the Teacher afternoon 4 – 6.30pm Cricket Tournament Year 5-6 Ashhurst
	23rd	'Girls Only Football Day'
March	28th	Cybersafety with Constable Cree Student Council Event
	7th	Senior Swimming Sports 12.30pm (Makino Aquatic Centre) Years 4 – 8 PTA AGM
	9th	Junior swimming sports 1.30pm (school pool) Years 1 - 3
	12th	Penhey Cup and Country School Swimming Relay 5.30pm.
	14th	Interschool Triathlon
	19th	BOT Meeting (AGM)
April	20th	Weetbix Try
	30th	Good Friday
	2nd	Easter Monday
	3rd	Easter Tuesday
	4th	Year 5 - 6 Rippa Rugby Tournament (Commonwealth Games begin)
	5th	Year 7 - 8 Rippa Rugby Tournament
	6th	Athletic Sports
	9th	Feilding Interschool Athletics
11th	Student Council event tbc	
	13th	End of term 3pm

Thank goodness we have a school pool.



# Halcombe School Trip to Kai Iwi Beach

30 January 2018

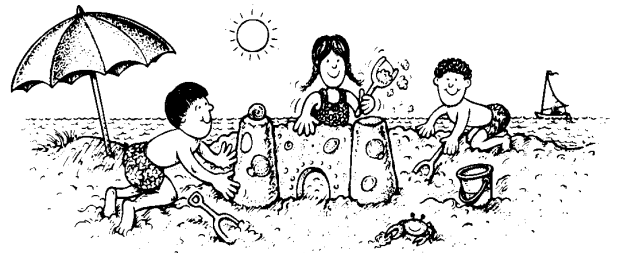
Next Friday 9 February, the whole school will be travelling to Kai Iwi Beach (10 minutes north of Whanganui) to participate in a beach fun day! We have all sorts of exciting activities planned, and it will be a wonderful opportunity for us to foster some awesome school spirit and to kick the year off in a really positive way. Please note, we won't be swimming... just paddling! No togs are required.

The junior students will travel by bus, so it is not necessary to send car seats to school. Older students will be travelling by car. All students will travel to and from the beach with the school, and not with their parents. Parents are more than welcome to join us for the day and can either meet us there, or help with the transport – we need lots of help. Please indicate below if you are available.

In order to make the most of our day, we will be leaving school at **8.20am**. Students will not be able to travel to school on the Feilding bus, as it will not arrive at school in time. We realise this may be an inconvenience for some families, so please let us know if there are any issues. Students can be dropped off at school anytime from 7.45am. We will be back at school by 3pm, when buses will operate as normal.

## Gear List:

- sunhat & sunblock
- shorts & t-shirt (no singlets please)
- jandals/scuffs/sandals (no shoes and socks please)
- morning tea & lunch, including a drink (water only)
- warm sweatshirt
- beach towel



The cost for the trip is \$4. This will be added to your child's stationery list, so please don't send any money now. Please return the permission slip to the school office by this **FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at school.

Regards,

Barb, Debbie, Lucy, Kylie, Heidi, Kirsten, Dayna, Di and Sue



## KAI IWI BEACH TRIP – FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

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- I give permission for my child/ren to go to Kai Iwi Beach.
- I intend to meet you at the beach, but cannot provide transport.
- I am able to help with transport. I can take \_\_\_\_\_ children with seatbelts.
- My vehicle is insured.
- My vehicle is registered: Registration Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- My vehicle has a current Warrant of Fitness: WOF Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- The driver is fully licensed: Licence Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- If applicable - Road User Charges: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_