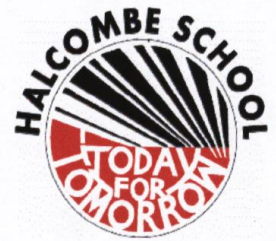


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Term 2 Week 3

14th May 2019

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

PTA AGM

Congratulations to those who put themselves forward to be part of the PTA.

Executive:

- President: Lucinda Dodunski
- Vice President: Richard Waugh
- Secretary: Bex Lintott
- Treasurer: Gary Dundass
- Pastoral Care: Lucinda Dodunski

Committee: Cameron Waugh, Stu Addenbrooke, Chris Monk, Rachel Lane and Lucy Lintott

The photo shows Natylie, MacKenzie and Zoe with recent purchases of equipment and resources made possible by a donation from the PTA - puzzles, sandpit toys, maths equipment and games. Thank you.



Marae Trip

- On Wednesday 22nd May, the whole school will visit Te Tikanga (Tokorangi) Marae.
- The cost is \$4 per student. Please send this along to the office asap. Thanks to those who have already done this.
- We will be welcomed on to the Marae at 9.30 with a powhiri.
- Children need to bring their morning tea, lunch and water bottle.
- Children will travel by bus but we would welcome parents who wish to join us for the day or part of it. You don't need to let us know. Just follow the buses out to the Marae, leaving school at 9.05am. Bring your own morning tea and lunch.

Assembly

This week Room 6 will host assembly, which starts at 2.30pm on Friday.

People Savers

Rooms 6, 7 and 8 will have a full day 'People Savers' Course later this week. Thanks to the Red Cross for providing this programme and the PTA for their donation to such a good cause.

Key competencies

It's great to see our 5 year olds showing independence in taking notices, money and messages to the office on their own. Well done! One child was so pleased that he finally got to take money to the office by himself. Thanks Mum!

Some more great tips for you!

- For children who might find it more difficult to complete morning tasks, use picture cues and a tick off chart (children do the ticking) for each task eg. Make bed, clean teeth, put lunch in your bag, put your KIT book in your bag etc. This gives ownership to the child, rather than us hearing, "Mum forgot to put it in my bag!"
- Encourage your child to get involved – in everything they can. This makes for confident, well – rounded young people. It doesn't mean enrolling them in every afterschool activity you can think of. It does mean, joining in with opportunities at school and being prepared to give things a go.
- Don't tell your children you were no good at something. "I couldn't spell at school." "I hated maths". "I still don't like reading." All this may be perfectly true, but as a role model, you will want your child to succeed in as many ways as possible. Saying "I hated maths," means your child thinks it's okay if she hates maths too. They want to be just like you. Explain that you found something challenging, but you tried really hard and that you are going to help and support them to do their best.

Board of Trustees Election

Every parent and/or caregiver should have received nomination forms and election information in the mail. If you didn't, please contact the school as soon as possible. The BOT requires 5 parent trustees. To date, nominations have been received for: Mr Shane Casey.

Nominations close at noon on **Friday 24 May 2019**.

A reminder that you are welcome to attend the Board meeting tonight, in the staffroom at 7pm, to observe the current Board in action and find out more about the role of trustees. Here are some of the things that boards do:

- Work with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent
- Support the school's principal and support the development of all staff
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration
- Trustees work together to support teaching and learning and the ongoing improvement of achievement of all students at Halcombe School.



Community News

Nga mihi

Ibike 4 Kids

Sunday 19th May Victoria Esplanade, Palmerston North. Enter online www.ibike4kids.co.nz. Cost \$15, all participants get a medal and a goody bag. Event starts at 9.45am. All ages up to 15 years. Easy, medium & long courses and a balance bike/16in wheels for 3-5 year olds. For more information visit www.ibike4kids.co.nz

*Sue Simpson
Principal*

Entries in the Halcombe School Log Book 1895

March 15th: The infant room in the charge of Miss Small seems to be in good order and improving satisfactorily. Standards 1 and 2 can show some very good work, but the order in this room is seldom what it should be.

April 1st: Telegraphed the Secretary to send a relieving teacher. I am ill with broken ribs. Unable to send relieving teacher.

April 17th: Returned to work today although feeling far from well. During my absence, one boy, L Clapham, was reported for rudeness.

May 10th: Examined Standards 1 and 2 in all subjects and from Standard 3 upwards in Arithmetic and Geography. There seems to be a slight falling off of work all round, especially in my own room which was in the charge of a young teacher in my fortnight's absence.

May 27th: Very wet. Only 65 children present.

June 12th: Again very wet. Only 38 children in the morning and 40 in the afternoon

August 9th: Mr Clapham has been appointed truancy inspector. The attendance is somewhat low, but this is accounted for by the prevalence of La Grippe (influenza) and whooping cough.

August 23rd: Supplied Mr Clapham with a list of children who are liable to be fined for non-attendance.

August 26th: Several children who have been looking after cows came back to school today.

December 2nd: Caned Managh and Menyham for truancy.