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Term 2 Week 6

4th June 2019

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

**CRAZY
BURGER DAY!**

Thursday 6 June

**COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED
IN THE CRAZIEST THINGS
YOU CAN FIND!**

Board of Trustees Election

Voting closes this Friday 7th June 2019 at noon! Please get your votes in NOW. Because of the reduction in postal services and a change in postmarking practice, we highly recommend that you personally deliver your vote to the Ballot Box in the Office, or get your student to do it, rather than rely on mail services towards the end of the week. Remember that your vote must be delivered in the return envelope provided. Please contact the Returning Officer, Kirsten Otter (kotter@halcombe.school.nz) if you have any concerns or questions.

A reminder that information about all candidates can be found on our school website <http://www.halcombe.school.nz/trusteeelection19.htm> as well as in last week's newsletter.

The results of the BOT Election will be announced next Thursday 13 June 2019.

Assembly

This week Room 3 will host assembly, which starts at 2.30pm on Friday.

Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their new LOOP website. Your books are delivered to the classroom as usual. You can still send in cash or cheque orders to the office. Please make cheques payable to 'Scholastic NZ'. See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close Friday 17th June.

New Lime

Thanks to PTA members and helpers for putting new lime on the fitness track. Richard Waugh, Chris Monk, Stu Addenbrooke, Brent Thompson and Simon Wishnowsky. Awesome job guys.

Roll 2020 - Future Enrolments and Students Leaving

As you know, our roll has been growing. In order for us to look at the future roll, we need to make sure we have everyone on our lists of future enrolments.

If you are out of zone (check if you are not sure) and have a child already attending Halcombe School, who has younger siblings who you would like to come here, please let us know as soon as possible. This is important.

We already have a long list of out-of-zone students who wish to come here next year. The BOT needs to decide shortly whether any of these students will be able to enrol in 2020.

If your children are currently enrolled at Halcombe School, but NOT likely to attend here next year, please let us know urgently. This is important. (not current year 8 students). We would hate to say 'No' to children on our waiting list, only to find that some students will be leaving. A 'heads up' would be much appreciated!

Pie Warmer Lunches

From **next Monday 10th June**, the pie warmers will be available for children to heat up their lunches. They bring their lunch to the office when they arrive at school and put it in one of the pie warmers.

- Lunches must be wrapped carefully in **tin foil**, so that all food is totally covered. For health reasons we will not be able to heat up lunches when food can be seen, the tin foil is ripped, or for example when cheese is leaking out.
- We do not have room to heat up food on plates or in bowls.
- Names AND room numbers must be clearly written on the outside in black Vivid marker.
- The small square tin foil trays you can buy with the cardboard lids are fine and perfect to write on. These are available at Coinsaver/\$2 shop type outlets. We also have these at school and you can purchase a pack of 10 of these from us for \$3. These are great for mac n cheese, spag bol, lasagne and similar 'leftovers'. Don't forget to send along a fork.
- If you are freezing meals, make sure you write the name and room number on it **before** it goes in the freezer, so it's not damp to write on, and take it out the night before. Frozen meals will not defrost in time in the pie warmers.

Mid Year Reports

Your child's mid-year report will be sent home on Wednesday 26th June. There is an opportunity the following week to meet with teachers to discuss the report if there is anything you are not sure about, or would like to follow up.

40 Hour Famine

Good luck to the large group of children who have signed up to take part in the 40 Hour Famine this weekend. Thank you for giving up something to help others.

Chapter 3 from the Archives

- 11th July 1913: I find the reading in Standards 1V, V and V1, very much behind the other work. The pupils seem to have no idea of grouping their words and have a habit of lowering their voices at every pause. Very few make any attempt at answering any questions.
- 15th August 1913: I have given Miss Keir authority to use the strap up to 3 strokes for disobedience etc. I have written to the Board for straps as there are none here. Standard V is a very uneven class – some children do four times as much as others.
- 3rd Sept 1913: Had to give Eric Cole and B Adams the strap for rolling W Couch in cowdung, each receiving 6 strokes on the hand.
- 10th Oct 1913: Had to give Maggie McElroy the strap for dirtying a boy's book with paint. 3 strokes on the hand.
- 24th Oct 1913: Mrs Sergeant has complained of children playing round her dam and swinging on the fence. The starlings are very troublesome. They come in to build their nests and unless a certain window is left open they cannot get out. The nest has been destroyed, but they are very persistent and disturb the classes.
- 31st Oct 1913: We have had to re-sow carrots, onions and swedes in the school garden, some having been eaten off by slugs.
- 12th Dec 1913: All of Standard II will be promoted except Raymond Pilcher whose work was very weak. He is really not fit for Standard II.
- 3rd April 1914: Charles Good's name was taken off (the roll) as his mother cannot trust him on the road alone. She intends sending him to a Convent
- 22nd May 1914: The weather is very cold and we are short of firewood. We have been cutting up the logs of macrocarpa, but cannot split them without a maul and wedges. I am not at all satisfied with the work of the majority of the children.

They seem to be in a chronic state of tiredness. It is almost impossible to stir them up. A good deal of this is owing to their bad throats. Mr Adams brought a load of kindling from the Hotel. During the week I made a bridge over the drain at the boys' turnstile.

- 29th May 1914: Isabel Voss was taken to the Doctor today to have her goitre seen to. This child is quite weak minded, no doubt owing to her health. David Wishnowsky should also be attended to. His throat and nose are in a terrible state.
- 26th June 1914: At dinner recess I had occasion to send out for Gordon Adam. He sent word that he wasn't coming in because he didn't want to. On being sent for again, he said I could come for him if I wanted him. He came in with the others when the whistle went. When told to hold out his hand for his impudence and disobedience, he refused to. He received 6 strokes on the legs and was told again to hold out his hand. He again refused and received 3 more on the legs. He again refused, but on receiving yet another 3 on the legs, thought better of it. He then received 6 strokes on the hand.
- 24th July 1914: I had occasion to keep Norman Adam in for doing his writing carelessly. When he got out he made use of a very disgusting expression in connection with me. He acknowledged having done so. He received 6 strokes. I am very much afraid I shall have to expel the whole family as they have a bad influence on other children.
- 28th August 1914: The Truant Officer called this afternoon and congratulated the school. He addressed the children on the care of their teeth and suggested cleaning them with soot twice a day.
- 16th October 1914: Mrs Sergeant's fowls are scratching up the seeds in the garden. Word has been sent twice but nothing has been done.
- 23rd October 1914: Mr Eichler has ploughed the little paddock at the back. His price was twelve shillings and sixpence (\$1.25). He has made a very rough job of it. The children have been at work breaking it up.
- 11th Dec 1914: Mr Sorensen has made waste paper baskets of wire netting, one for each room.
- 6th August 1915: Special lessons were given on Wednesday about the War. Mr Fraser has promised to give the upper classes, a demonstration on rose pruning.
- 26th July 1918: Four more sacks of coal were brought from the Hotel on Monday. The flag was flown today for Trooper Wapp, an old boy of the school who has died of wounds at the front.
- 12th November 1918: School closed at 11am for the signing of the Armistice. The flag was saluted. Children marched around the township in procession singing patriotic songs.
- 13th November 1918: The school is closed until further notice because of the Influenza epidemic. The Committee arranged to have the school thoroughly fumigated. The school will be closed until February 1919.

That's it from the Archives for the time being! I hope you have enjoyed reading a few excerpts from our school's past. How different things were!

Nga mihi

*Sue Simpson
Principal*

Community News

Lighting Up Halcombe's Night Sky

A lantern parade is to be held on Saturday 6th July (postponement Sunday 7th July). This is a family evening where we will meet at the Monteith Street end of the walkway, walk along to the cenotaph with the lanterns and back to the Levin Street end of the walkway for hot chocolate, sausage sizzle etc. Start time 5.30 pm.

Now... you will need to come to a Lantern Making Workshop to make your own lantern. You only need to come **along to one of the following workshops to make your lantern:** Sunday 16 June, Sunday 23 June and Sunday 30 June from 3 – 5pm at the Halcombe Community Hall.

All materials will be supplied for you to make your own lantern. Please express your interest by emailing Jeannette Henderson at halcombe.community@gmail.com **as soon as possible.**