

Halcombe School

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Term 4 - Week 3

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday next week - Friday 15th November. If you would like your children to be photographed together, please contact the Office for a separate 'sibling' order envelope. Please return your photo orders, with payment, to the Office by **Wednesday 13th November**. Payments are made to 'Photolife' - no online payments to the school account.

Interschool Speech Competition

George and Briar competed in the Interschool Speech Competition last week. This competition, between North Street School, Saint Josephs and Halcombe has been running for many years, and was this year hosted by our school. Both students did a fantastic job, and we are very proud of their achievements. Special congratulations to Briar, who won the Year 8 competition, having last year won the Year 7 competition.

Christmas Raffle – URGENT

Please return any unsold tickets to school by Friday please. We have run out of tickets at the office and have people waiting to sell them.

Huntermville Interschool Cross Country

We had a fantastic team of 26 runners compete in the Interschool Cross Country at Huntermville last Friday. Thank you to those parents who provided transport and came along to support the kids. Runners who finished in the 'Top 20' of their events were:

- Year 4-5 Girls: Eleanor 15th
- Year 4-5 Boys: Ben C 20th
- Year 6-7 Girls: Millie 3rd, Sarah 6th, Isabelle 8th, Esther 9th, Abbie 10th, Emily 20th
- Year 6-7 Boys: Jordan 2nd, Fraser 10th, Max 12th,
- Year 8 Girls: Rhianna 4th, Ashlee H 12th, Georgia 13th, Ashlee E 16th, Briar 18th
- Year 8 Boys: Mitchell 5th, Dylan 11th

BOT News

At its meeting last week the BOT discussed:

- the progress the school has made towards implementing the new Digital Technology aspects of the curriculum
- the report about students who had received additional assistance during the year, and the progress they had made.
- the 6 year net report which shows the reading results of students who have turned 6 over the last 12 months.
- results of the community survey. There were many positive comments and the BOT has also identified a couple of areas that we will continue to work on. Thank you for your feedback.
- additional Teacher Only Days (3) which will be in place next year. We will signal these dates, once confirmed, for you well in advance.
- the Feilding School Network and implications for many schools in our area, including ours, which have significant roll growth.
- the possibility of having a pedestrian crossing at the corner

The BOT would like to remind everyone that if there is anything that you wish to discuss about your child, please see your child's teacher in the first instance. If you're still not happy, please see the Team Leader (Junior – Barbara Davies or Senior Team – Di Simpson). If things have still not been resolved, please see Sue.

School Pool - Holidays

The BOT is considering options for having the pool open over the summer. At this stage the BOT is looking at having the pool open from 25th November until 11th December when school closes. It would then reopen on 17th January through till mid March which are the times Alan, our caretaker can manage the pool.

We are also looking at the possibility of opening the school pool for a longer period over the Christmas holidays. We need to look at not only who would like a key, but also who would be willing to share the responsibility of maintaining the pool area. This would involve opening, closing and cleaning the toilets and checking and putting chemicals into the pool. Please fill in the slip below if you are interested and return it to school by next Monday 11th November.

Kind regards



Sue Simpson
Principal

Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight
If a child lives with fear, he learns to be apprehensive
If a child lives with pity, he learns to feel sorry for himself
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy
If a child lives with jealousy, he learns to feel envy
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty

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If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns to be confident
If a child lives with praise, he learns to be appreciative
If a child lives with acceptance, he learns to love
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves
If a child lives with honesty, he learns what truth is
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice
If children live with recognition, they learn to have a goal
If children live with sharing, they learn to be generous
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith in himself and those about him
If a child lives with friendliness, he learns the world is a nice place in which to live.

Dorothy Law Nolte

Swimming Pool – Return by Monday 11th November

- We would like a \$30 key for the school pool over the Christmas holidays. Family Name: _____
- I am willing to learn what needs to be done to maintain the pool and am willing to do it for a period over the break – outside the times when the caretaker will look after the pool.

Signature: _____