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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

We have had an excellent start to the year. Children have settled in to their classes and teachers have worked hard to establish routines and create really positive classrooms. Children's behaviour has been fantastic, despite the exhausting weather, and there is a lovely feel around the school. Well done everyone.

Raffle

A reminder that we are asking each family to donate **ONE grocery item**. Everyone who donates an item will go in the draw to **win \$20** to spend at the Gala.

Gala News

We'd love you to donate a bottle of wine, and/or a box/block of chocolate as a prize for the spinning wheel and the raffles. Just send it along to school and leave it at the Office. Thank you.

How you can Help:

- We need more Gazebos.
- Are you able to donation of load of firewood for our raffle?
- We need people to deliver flyers in Feilding.
- More donations of butter and sugar would be great!
- Do you have nice face paint you no longer need?
- Keep sorting through those cupboards and wardrobes and don't forget the shed!

Hangi

Preparations for the Hangi at the Gala are well in hand. Hangi meals are being **PRE-SOLD**, so now is the time to place your order. Meals are \$10.00 each. Please send along the tear-off slip below with your money to the Office and collect your hangi tickets.

Gala Stalls

See below for a list of people volunteering on the various stalls. Check carefully - your name might be here! If you would like to help on any of these stalls, please **RING ME**, or send a note, rather than organising this yourself. While that's great initiative, it gets very confusing at this end! If your name is not on the list, don't panic - we will be ringing you!

Gala Raffle

The oldest child in your family will soon bring home a raffle book to sell. We have some fabulous prizes and we're sure the tickets will be easy to sell. There'll be a \$50 prize draw for all those families which sell 3 or more books.

More ICT and less paper

It is becoming increasingly important for children to have access to the internet, for access to online learning sites and information, and also to help communication between the school and our families. Increasingly we are using class blogs, and our website, to give information to you. Students in Year 8 this year will be running their own blogs, so people all over the world will be able to see what they are learning. Remember that if you can't find the newsletter, it's on the school website!

PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ

Thank you to everyone for coming along last Wednesday to the Meet the Teacher BBQ. There was a great turnout of families who met their children's teachers and had the opportunity to ask questions about the year ahead. Sincere thanks to the PTA who ran the evening for us and were so organised!

'How is My Child Doing'?

Today, every family will receive a copy of the booklet 'How is My Child Doing'? It offers some useful ideas about conversations you can have with teachers about how your children are getting on at school. A reminder that if you want to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher, please just write a note in the KIT book, or leave a message at the Office.

'Kids for Kids'

Our school will be taking part in the Palmerston North 'Kids for Kids' Concert early next term. I have entered a choir of 50 children. If your child is in years 4 - 8, they can just come along each week to our practices. Children have been given more details at school. We have 18 songs to learn before the end of week 2 next term, with the concert on May 20th in the Regent. The title of the concert is 'Everything is Ka Pai' and Jackie Clarke will front the show. A note will come home later this term with more details. If you wish to find out more in the meantime, ring me or visit www.kidsforkids.org.nz

School visit to Taumata O Te Ra

Next Tuesday 26th February, the school will be visiting Taumata O Te Ra Marae in Halcombe as part of our Theme for this term - Māoritanga. The marae is less than 1km away, so everyone will walk. If you would like to join us, the Juniors (rooms 7, 1, 2, 3) will be leaving school at 9.00am and the Seniors (rooms 4 - 6) will be leaving at 10.30am. Each group will be at the marae for about an hour. Children will need to bring shoes next Tuesday.

Cricket

All students enjoyed our first session of cricket yesterday and had the opportunity to develop some awesome batting skills. We look forward to the rest of these cricket sessions. If you have yet to pay the \$2, please send it along to the office ASAP.

Student Council

It is our pleasure to announce that the following students will form the Student Council for 2013: Molly Alcock, Elen Barr, Juliet Bonnor, Olivia Durston, Hilary Short, Nelly Skelton, Grace Te Whatu, Alexander Baker, Logan Brett, George Henderson, Tyler Jefferies, Stefan Williams and Jaxson Wind. Alex will be the school president, Jaxson the treasurer and Elen the secretary. House captains are Kauri - Olivia, Matai - Molly, Rimu - Alex and Totara - Juliet. Congratulations to all these young leaders. We look forward to another successful year for our Student Council.

Juicies

Starting tomorrow, the Student Council will be selling 'Juicies' (frozen fruit juice treats) at lunchtimes on Wednesdays. They are \$1 each. No order form is required and children just take their money to the library at 12.30pm to buy their Juicie.

Community Consultation/Charter

The School Charter is the document which sets the direction of the school through identifying goals and plans for the future. Last year the school community was invited to have an input into those goals. The resulting Charter for 2013 reflects that consultation. Thank you to those who had an input into this important school document.

Touch

Touch started for our Year 5-6 team last week. Unfortunately they lost to a very good Lytton Street School team. Touch starts for our Year 7-8 teams this week - good luck for our first game. Thank you to Sarah Tunnicliffe, Ali Skelton and Megan Brett for offering to coach our teams.



Gala Stalls for Saturday 16th March

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- Spinning Wheel: Vaughan Munn and David Skiffington
- Hangi: Joe Tai
- Army vehicle display: Lew Skelton
- Coffee and Cake Shop: Ali Skelton
- Face Painting/Beauty Spot (nails): Sarah Tunncliffe, Teresa Alcock, Joelle Mudgway
- Cakes, Sweets and Toffee Apples: Anne Humphrey, Jessica Pettersson, Caroline Wind
- Ice blocks, cold drinks and 'Spiders' - Anne Langtry, Toni Ferris, Belinda Bonnor
- Toys: Paula Stace, Mel Henderson, Michelle Weston
- Pictures, jewellery, bags and bric-a-brac: Lisa Davies, Megan Brett
- Boys Toys: Stephen Jestin, Graeme Drayton
- Motorbike rides: tbc
- White Elephant: Michelle Stanley, Emma Hatzen, Karen Higgie, Melissa Fryer
- Book Stall: Kirsten Otter, Alice Fraser, Tamzin Darragh, Gill Flewers
- Plants:
- Auction: Cameron Waugh, Matt Langtry, Andrew Bonnor
- Clothing: Annie O'Fee, Lourdes Short
- Candy Floss/Hot Dogs/Popcorn : Latasha Tai, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Kathleen Watkins, Katie Hodge
- Magic Carpet Rides: George Bartlett, Ellie Bartlett, Wayne Short and Alison Short
- Steak/venison sandwiches/Hamburgers: Chris Higgie, Dan Humphrey, Terry Ferris, Hank Kuyper
- Bouncy Castle: NZ Fire Service
- Dunk-the-Teacher: Chris Ricketts, David Johnston
- Rifle Shooting: Shane Durston, Graeme Brett
- Toss the Something or other: Kind regards
- Raffles/Guess the Weight of Something or other : Room 6 children
- Splat the Rat/Ping Pong Plunk: Room 6 students Sue Simpson
- Halcombe School Idol: Sue Principal
- Larry O'Fee: MC

Order for Hangi Meal - Halcombe School Gala 2013

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ meals. I enclose payment for \$_____ (\$10.00 each).

Signed: _____ (If you order multiple meals, you will need to distribute the tickets.)

Please return this order, with payment, to the Halcombe School Office and collect your hangi tickets.
All hangi meals must be pre-ordered.