

# Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 4

21<sup>st</sup> February 2012

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

## Helping Your Child with Reading

We believe teaching your children to read is one of the most important things we do at Halcombe School. Next Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February, we will be holding meetings about '*How you can Help your Child with Reading*', one at 3.15pm and this will be repeated at 7pm. The meetings will show you how we teach children to read at school and how you can support us at home.

*Should I teach my child to sound out words? What is the coloured circle on the back of my children's books? My child has been talking about 'Richie says' - what's that? When should I stop reading to my child? What sort of books should he read? How can I help when she comes to a word she doesn't know? How does the school assess my child's reading? She reads the words, but doesn't seem to understand what's she's read. Does phonics help with learning to read?*

The meeting will take about an hour and there will be spot prizes. If you would like to come along, and we hope many of you will, please indicate on the slip below and return it to the Office ASAP, so we can organise seating and catering.

## 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ

Many thanks to all those who attended the 'Meet the Teacher BBQ' last week. It was lovely to welcome new families to our community and to also see familiar faces. More than ever we need a strong partnership between home and school. Special thanks to Mel Henderson for her organisation and to those who helped with the cooking and serving.

## NIT Alert!

We have had to send home several children in the last week or so, because of head lice. Please check your children's hair regularly (once a week). Thanks to those parents who let us know when there are nits about!

## Lost Property

Once again the lost property box is filling up! Thank you so much to those parents who have named their children's gear. We have several pairs of unnamed goggles at the office at the moment. Please name these carefully - they all look alike!

## Student Council 2012

Congratulations to the following students who have been named as our Student Council for 2012: Keelin Hardman, Te Aniwa O'Fee, Olivia Jurgens, Sean Browne, Emily Heremia, Nick Langtry, Tamara Williams, Jade Christiansen and Cara Gates. We look forward to many exciting council events this year.

## Board of Trustees meeting

There will be a Board meeting next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the staffroom (postponed from earlier in the term). An agenda will be available from the Office on Friday. You are welcome to attend the meetings to observe Board process. If there are issues you would like the Board to discuss, please contact the Office as soon as possible.

## Assembly

Friday assemblies will begin in Term 2. We will give you some more details closer to the time.

### 'Getting to Know You' Camps

Room's 4, 5 & 6 enjoyed wonderful camps here at school last week. They had to dodge a few rain showers but everyone had a great time and all the camps were very successful.



Kind regards

Sue Simpson  
Principal

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### Halcombe Community Development Group - Waitangi Day Success

The Halcombe Community Development Group's Waitangi Fun Day was a huge success once again, with children and adults of all ages enjoying an afternoon of games, socialising and shared food. The emphasis this year was on team games and it was great to see so many members of the local community willing to get involved and have a go. The tug of war proved to be particularly popular with just about everyone wanting to take on our volunteer fire-fighters! The fire brigade would like to thank everyone who bought cakes and slices on the day - thanks to the generosity of Halcombe residents they were able to raise \$134 towards their \$5,000 target for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer. *Kevin Darling*

#### Feilding Saturday Morning Rugby Club Registrations

Saturday 18th February, 10am-1pm; Tuesday 21st February 5-7pm; Thursday 23rd February 5-7pm; Saturday 25th February 11am-1pm; Feilding Old Boys Oroua Rugby Clubrooms, Johnston Park; Eftpos available. Any queries contact Kerrin 027 4395333

#### Kittens - free to good home

Four lovely kittens available - 8-10 weeks old, ready to go. Please contact Annie 06 328 8697.

#### Child-care required

Family looking for someone to look after 3 children daily after school for a couple of hours in their own home. For more information please phone Jessica a/h 328 8788.

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"HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING" - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at Halcombe School

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! We will be attending "Helping Your Child with Reading" at:

- 3.15pm
- 7pm

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

*The sessions are for parents & caregivers and it's not appropriate for children to attend.*

Please return this slip to the Office by this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Thank you!