

Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 1

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

A warm welcome back to the 2017 school year! Hopefully you all had time to take a break at some stage, enjoy the company of friends and family, and just relax! We are all excited about working alongside your children this year and getting to know them. We have lots of exciting things planned and, as usual, the term will just rush by. A special welcome to those who are new to our community and our 5 year olds who are just starting school.

- We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Olynsma to the teaching team this year.
- We have a starting roll of 170. We expect our closing roll this year to be about 188.
- Mrs Davies will be working in Room 8 in the mornings only this term. In the afternoons, her seven children will join with Room 7 for swimming and story time. Miss Carey will be there to help.
- Congratulations to Mrs Howie and her husband Marcus, on the safe arrival of Jack.

Staffing

Junior Team	Mrs Barbara Davies	Room 8 (Deputy Principal and Junior Team Leader)
	Mrs Debbie Turner	Room 7
	Mrs Lucy Buckley	Room 1
	Mrs Kylie Olynsma	Room 2
Senior Team	Miss Heidi Jeynes	Room 3
	Miss Kirsten Main	Room 4
	Miss Dayna Fleet	Room 5
	Miss Dianne Simpson	Room 6 (Deputy Principal and Senior Team Leader)
Secretary	Mrs Paula Stace	
Teacher Aides	Miss Annah Carey and Miss Emma Johnson	
Caretaker/Cleaner	Mr Alan Martin	
Principal	Mrs Sue Simpson	

Swimming

- Each class has a swimming session **every day**, so please ensure your children have the correct gear.
- Swimming is part of the school programme, so children must bring a note if they are not swimming.
- **Names on togs and towels would be great – really great – yes really, really great!** We cut up lost/unnamed towels for rags – we really do!
- Girls must wear a one-piece suit, or have their midriff covered if wearing a two-piece suit. No board shorts.
- Boys should wear proper swimming shorts (not shorts they would wear in class) above the knee, or 'speedos'.

Christmas Raffle 2016

The raffle was drawn at the Senior Prizegiving at the end of last year. Congratulations to the following prizewinners:

- 1st prize: Marsh family
- 2nd prize: Alcock family
- 3rd prize: Peti family

School rules. A few reminders

- No nail polish please. Don't let your children apply nail polish if you don't have remover at home!
- Nothing to be worn around necks. No jewellery.
- Hair tied back with **simple clips** please.
- Hats with an all round brim.
- Plain stud earrings only.
- Plain haircuts (no 'mohawks', rats tails, colours etc).
- No singlet tops please – t shirts with a short sleeve are best as it stops shoulders being sunburnt.

PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ

The PTA would like to invite you to meet your children's teachers at the **Family BBQ, NEXT Wednesday 8th February**. Classrooms will be open from 5.00 – 6.00pm for you to call in, introduce yourselves and meet your children's teachers. There will be no formal presentation. A BBQ will follow at 6pm.

- The PTA will provide the sausages / sauce and bread. Please note that this year we ask that you provide your own salad etc.
- Please bring plates and cutlery for your family if needed.
- The swimming pool will be open.
- This is a family occasion and children attending should be accompanied by their parent/caregiver.

KIT Books

Our 'Keep in Touch' books are a very important part of our school and key to good communication. These books travel to and from school every day, so you can write notes for us, and teachers can let you know what is happening at school. Please READ your child's KIT book each day and ensure they bring it to school. We had a few children at the end of last year who often arrived without their KIT books, which meant lots of confusion and missed messages about what was happening at school. We look forward to your support.

Playhouse

Thanks to the fund raising of the 2016 School Council Rooms 7 and 8 now have an outside playhouse, which looks amazing!

Pool Keys

The school pool is available for families to use after school and at weekends, until Wednesday 8th March. There is a \$30 charge for a key. Keys, and a contract for you to sign, are available this week at the Office.

Hats

A reminder that we have a 'no hat means no play' policy. Most children have a hat they keep at school, which works well. Please make sure hats are named (or we will name them) and have an 'all-round' sun-safe brim. Bucket hats are ideal.

Pies

Pies will be available again on Wednesdays, starting **NEXT WEEK, 8th February**. Orders must be in by 9am Wednesday mornings in a named envelope with the order on the outside. Choices are: mince, mince and cheese, steak, or steak and cheese.

Gala – Saturday March 18th

In just 7 weeks we will be holding our biennial Gala. How time flies! This is a major fundraiser for the school, so we need everyone to pitch in and help. It's not too early to start bringing along contributions for our stalls. So how can you help?

- *Send along books in good condition. Please don't send any magazines, Readers' Digest, National Geographics or encyclopaedias. We just can't sell these.*
- *Sort through the CDs you haven't listened to for ages and the DVDs you're sick of.*
- *Toys, puzzles and board games. Please don't send broken toys, puzzles with pieces missing or teddy bears with no arms or legs!*
- *Clean out your kitchen cupboards. We'd love the stuff you no longer use or need.*

Please leave any donations in the hall foyer for our team to sort. We'll be organising stall holders and who can work on each stall over the next couple of weeks, so please be patient!

Gala Raffle

The Gala Raffle is a great fundraiser for us. We'd like everyone to donate 2 grocery items over the next few weeks. These can be bought along anytime and left in the admin area. Please tick off your name on the sheet.

Subway Lunches

Subway lunches will be available every Friday from **NEXT WEEK 10th February**. The menu and order details are available on the school website or ask at the Office. Orders must be in by 9am Friday mornings in a named envelope with the order on the outside.

School invoices

We will send home invoices next week for:

- Stationery Packs. The price varies for each class.
- Life Education \$4 per student. (More about this next week)
- Athletics: Most classes will take part in this online programme. The fee is \$20 each. Details will be given in class.
- School Charge: This payment helps us to provide classroom essentials such as tissues, sunblock and the weekly newsletter. The charge is \$15 per family for the year. We do not have school fees.

We accept cash, cheque and/or online payments for school charges or events. Our bank account number is 01 0625 0106729 00. These details are also available on our website. Please make sure online payments are received before due dates for sports registration, camps etc. A number of families are using regular automatic payments to help cover school costs. We are happy to help set this up. Please contact the Office.

Term Dates 2017

- Term 1: Monday 30th January – Thursday 13th April
- Term 2: Monday 1st May – Friday 7th July
- Term 3: Monday 24th July – Friday 29th September
- Term 4: Monday 16th October – Thursday 14th December

Kind regards

*Sue Simpson
Principal*

Term Calendar

Term 1 Calendar 2017		
February	6th	Waitangi Day Holiday
	8th	PTA 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ
	13th	Life Education Caravan visiting this week.
	13th	Room 6 to Sixtus Lodge (3 days) Room 5 camp at school (Mon, Tues)
	15th	Room 4 camp at school (Wed, Thurs)
	20th	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
March	2 nd – 3 rd	'People Savers' First Aid Rooms 5 and 6
	8th	Senior Swimming Sports 12.30pm (Makino Aquatic Centre) Years 4 - 8
	10th	Junior swimming sports 1.30pm (school pool) Years 1 - 3
	13th	Penhey Cup and Country School Swimming Relay 5.30pm tbc
	15th	Interschool Triathlon
	18th	GALA
April	22nd	PTA AGM tbc
	3rd	BOT Meeting
	4 th	Athletic Sports (Term 1 this year)
	5 th	Year 5 - 6 Rippa Rugby Tournament
	6 th	Year 7 - 8 Rippa Rugby Tournament
	10th	Feilding Interschool Athletics
	12th	Student Council event tbc
13th	End of term 1 (Thursday)	

Community News

Halcombe Community Events

Waitangi Day Community Powhiri 9.30am Monday 6th February. All are welcome, morning tea will follow. Details of protocol can be found at www.halcombcommunity.co.nz/communityinfo

Halcombe Community Development Group meeting Tuesday 7th February at 7pm at Halcombe Tavern.

ANZAC Day Ceramic Poppies. Workshops start Thursday 9th February at 7pm in Halcombe Memorial Hall and will continue for 8 weeks. If you would like to make ceramic poppies please contact Jeannette to register your interest.

Family Cricket Match 11am on Saturday 11th February at Hato Paora College (Maori Boys College) - contact Robbie & Sandra for more details.