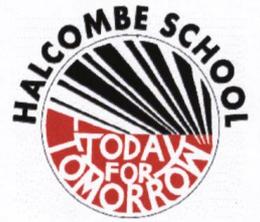


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Term 1 Week 5

28th February 2017

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Gala

With less than 3 weeks until the Gala, we need everyone on board now to support this fundraiser. Two years ago we raised almost \$20 000. We want to equal that this year. All the money will be used to upgrade the Adventure Playground.

- We still need more gazebos please
- We urgently need more volunteers to deliver flyers in Feilding – Grandad? The neighbours? Nana?
- We are up to 105 'Surprises in Jars'. Well done. Let's keep them rolling in.
- There will be a Photo Booth at the Gala.
- Now is the time to return unsold raffle tickets. If they're not returned by Friday, we will assume they are sold.
- We'd love more bottles of wine or chocolates for the spinning wheel.
- Let's get those groceries to school.
- Does anyone have a chiller we can borrow or hire?
- Thanks to all those who are delivering flyers around Feilding for us.
- Clean out a few more cupboards, bookshelves and don't forget the shed!
- Start baking things that will freeze well. We have butter and sugar for you.
- Make jam, tomato relish, pickles and lemon honey
- Do you have any empty ice cream containers? We'd love some please.

Gala Stalls

You will get a phone call over the next week or so, asking which stall you would like to be on. We'd love everyone to be available for part of the day to help.

'Surprise in a Jar'

We are running a 'Surprise in a Jar' stall for our Gala Day. We need donations of any size jar filled with a surprise, for example sweets, buttons, pens, pasta, chocolate, soaps or toys. The jars are then numbered on the bottom and you can buy a jar at the Gala, however you won't know what number jar you've bought! You might get a jar of buttons or a jar with \$50 in it! The class that contributes the highest percentage of jars will win free Juices.

Please take these jars TO YOUR TEACHER. Let's get creative and fill up some jars!

(If you don't have a jar with a lid, we have some available at the Office.)

PS – we have a better system for giving out the jars this time!

Board of Trustees News

- The 2016 student achievement data was presented to the Board. It shows that in 2016, 89.5% of students achieved at or above National Standard in Reading and Maths with 83% in Writing. These are impressive results.
- The Board has approved the building of a new shed for our PE gear, recycling, bikes, and general storage. This will replace the existing old caretakers shed and shelter shed beside the back court.
- The Board is in the process of signing on to our next 10 year Property Plan. This involves making sure everything on the school property meets regulations (electrical, plumbing, roofing) and also planning for future developments.
- We have reviewed and updated our Pandemic Plan.
- There has been a small revision of the school Values which is on the website.
- The BOT approved the setting up of a trial school Facebook page in the near future.
- The opening roll is 170, with 19 new entrants expected during the year – much the same as last year.
- The school has been in talks with the MDC about the poor visibility and safety concerns at the school corner. We are hoping this will be attended to this year.
- Unfortunately the Board received the resignation of Jayne Chapman, a current member. We thank Jayne for her contribution to the BOT over the last few months.

Nit Alert

Please check your children's hair regularly. It seems to be the 'nit' season at the moment.

Senior Swimming Sports

The Senior Swimming Sports will be held at the Makino Aquatic Centre next Wednesday 8th March, starting at 12.15pm and finishing by 2.45pm.

- These sports are for year 4-8 children.
- Transport will be by BUS, leaving school at 12.00pm. There is NO CHARGE. (if you have already offered to take a car, we'll be on touch)
- Children do NOT need to return to school after the sports. **Please fill out the slip below.**
- Children must bring their togs, 2 towels, sunhat, warm clothes and a drink of water.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to those students who will form our Student Council this year: Hannah, Emma, Mārie, Willow, Hamish, Gussie, Fergus, William, Georgia, Alyssa and Olivia. The House Captains are Mārie (Kauri), Hannah (Totara), Emma (Matai) and Georgia (Rimu). These students are looking forward to hosting lots of fun events this year.



Facebook

Halcombe School now has a Facebook page. We are trialling this as an additional way to keep parents and our community informed about what's happening at school. Class blogs will still be used to showcase what happens in our classrooms, and our school website will continue to operate. Here are some guidelines we'd like you to be aware of:

- If you'd like to comment on any of the posts, please keep it positive. Our school site is not the place to air concerns or complaints. Please remember, that if you'd like to discuss any matters about your child's learning, contact your child's teacher and/or follow our complaints process.
- We will not answer questions.
- Please feel free to share posts or tag other people - especially when we need to provide cancellation information.

Interhouse Flippaball

Many of our senior students were involved in a lunchtime interhouse flippaball competition last week. As the first interhouse event of the year, all teams were very keen to stamp their mark on the competition. After not losing a game in the round robin stages, Totara were red hot favourites going into the final. Facing a determined Rimu in an intense final, Totara had to work hard, but proved too strong in the end. Final results: Matai 4th, Kauri 3rd, Rimu 2nd and Totara 1st. Congratulations to all those who were involved. The next event will be interhouse cricket, starting in a couple of weeks. Bring it on!



Reading Workshops

'Reading Together' workshops will begin on 23rd March at school. Please fill in attached form to indicate your attendance and preference of time. This series of 4 workshops (all on Thursdays) are low key but very informative and will give you suggestions on how best to help your child read at home. Comments from previous sessions:

"It has completely changed the way I take reading at home." "I am much more relaxed with the way I help my child read." "This was so informative. I wish I had attended such a session for my older children." Please come and see me if you want more information.

Return slip by 10th March please.

Thank you. Barbara Davies

Junior Swimming Afternoon – NEXT Friday 10th March

The Junior Swimming afternoon will start at 1.30pm in the school pool. There will be fun races and activities for students in Years 1 – 3. Parents are welcome to attend. There will be fun events as well as more competitive events for our able swimmers. Parents/caregivers will be able to watch from the covered area at the end of the pool. The children will need warm clothes to wear between events.

Jewellery etc

A few reminders please:

- No fancy head bands
- Plain stud earrings only
- Nothing is to be worn around necks
- No nail polish

Triple A Values: Adventure

At Halcombe School, we endeavour to support students to become risk takers, have a sense of humour, be resilient, persevere when things are tough and be confident to try new things. While Room 6 was at Sixtus Lodge recently, there were plenty of opportunities to foster skills in this area!

- I really enjoyed making camp fires. It made me feel like Bear Grylls, apart from using matches and a little bit of newspaper. It was also fun cooking the marshmallows. At one point it started to rain, so we had to stoke up the fire. Ben.
- During our walk up Cone Creek, the rocks were very slippery. In some places, the water went above my knees and there were a lot of small waterfalls. There were vertical rock faces either side along the way. I found a small cave and crawled inside. The water was freezing, but wearing woollen socks meant my feet stayed warm. Samuel.
- The Limestone Creek walk was great. I loved looking at the glow worms and getting wet from the waterfall in the cave. It was near pitch black in the cave, which meant you had to be careful because you couldn't see where you were putting your feet. Shelby.
- The first round of spotlight was terrible for me, because I was found first. When I was the finder, I reckon I found and tagged the most people. On the last round, I had an awesome hiding spot. Logan.
- I slipped over so many times while we were exploring Cone Creek, and now I have heaps of bruises on my shins and butt. Emma, Olivia and I called ourselves the Triple C's; Clutz 1, Clutz 2 and Catcher! Alyssa.
- When we went for a walk down Cone Creek, the water was FREEZING! There were a couple of little baby waterfalls, which made the bush look really nice and peaceful. That put a smile on my face! At one point, I walked through a weird looking bush, and after about five minutes, I realised there was a huge, creepy spider on my leg. I did a massive kick, and the spider went flying into the wall. Jessie.
- I was the master at spotlight. I was so good on the first night, that Blake hid next to me and didn't even see me, and Logan almost stepped on me! Hamish.
- The camp fires were awesome, and our team had the biggest fire. It was really hard to cook the marshmallows without burning them. My marshmallows kept catching on fire because I put them too close to the flames. Josh. *Kind regards*
- While I was looking for sticks for our campfire, I walked into heaps of stinging nettle and my whole leg was stinging for the rest of the day! I reckon I was a pretty good marshmallow cooker and most of mine were golden and nice. Gussie. *Sue Simpson
Principal*
- The Cone Creek walk was really cool. I was the first person in our group to take a fall – it was so slippery! We had to scramble over trees, large rocks and walk through cutty grass. Fergus.

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SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS – WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH 2017 (years 4 – 8 only)

ONLY return this slip if your children are **NOT** returning to school. Return by **FRIDAY this week**

Student/s: _____

My child/children will NOT require a ride back to school AFTER the sports (i.e. they will be collected from the pool or will walk home).

Signature: _____

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READING WORKSHOPS

Name: _____

- Yes I will be attending. I prefer evening sessions 6.30 – 7.30
- Yes I will be attending. I prefer afternoon sessions 2.00-3.00

Signature: _____

Community News

Motorbike for Sale

Suzuki JR80 2 stroke. Reliable kids' bike. \$800. Contact Grizz 06 328 8552.

Rental House Wanted

3 bedroom house wanted to rent in the Halcombe area. Please contact Sue 027 661 3355.



Totara - the winning House in Flippaball

Feilding Kowhai
Patchwork Quilters Club Inc.

QUILTS
@ THE
COACH HOUSE

17-19 MARCH 2017
10am – 5pm (4pm Sunday)

Merchants Mall, Demonstrations, Full Coach House Entry
✂ Mr.Sharp will be in attendance ✂

Admission \$5
(Students Free)

 The Coach House Museum
121 South Street, Feilding
Cnr of Kawakawa Road &
South Street
Disabled access & toilet facilities
Large free parking area

Manawatu District
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COMMUNITIES nz

 Manawatu
New Zealand Riding for the Disabled

Refreshments provided as a fundraiser for the Manawatu Riding for the Disabled

 **FEILDING HIGH SCHOOL**
Australia Rugby Tour 17

“Quiz Night”

Cash Prizes .?. Spot Prizes .?. Auctions .?. Raffles

DATE: Friday 10th March 2017

WHERE: FAHS School Hall
Churcher at Feilding

TIME: 6pm-Doors Open
7pm – Quiz Start

COST: \$10pp – 6-8 per team

Bar – Beer, Wine, RTDS

Light Supper Supplied

Big Auction Items
up for Grabs

For
Team Registrations

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