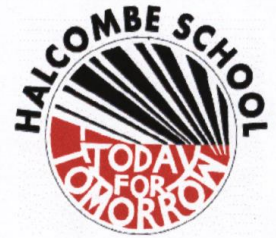


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Term 1 Week 2

7<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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

## **Kai Iwi Beach Trip**

***We've been doing some thinking, and we think it would be a VERY good idea for the students to wear their togs to the beach on Friday. While we won't be swimming in the ocean, there is a wee stream there that is perfect for kids to play in. In this hot weather, it just seems a bit mean not to let them do this! Thanks to all those who have offered to provide transport. You'll find a note in your child's KIT Book about this. This is a reminder that students must be at school by 8.15am, and can arrive any time from 7.45am. We will not be able to wait for students who arrive late. Updated gear list:***

- sunhat and sunblock
- wear togs and a t-shirt or rash suit (girls, wear some shorts too)
- a change of clothes to put on after swimming
- wear sandals or scuffs or jandals (not shoes and socks)
- warm sweatshirt
- towel
- a full bottle of water
- plenty to eat – morning tea and lunch
- put on plenty of sunblock before you leave home

## **Rooms 4 – 5 – 6 Camps**

Rooms 4, 5 and 6 will be having 'Getting to Know You' Camps next week. This is a great way for teachers to get to know their class, build a positive class culture and set goals. Thanks to our teachers for providing this opportunity.

- Room 4 will stay at school overnight next Tuesday
- Room 5 will stay at school next Wednesday and Thursday
- Room 6 will be at the Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre for 3 days next week

## **Swimming pool upgrade**

The major work to upgrade the school pool system has started.

## **Playground**

The new playground will be installed next week. In the meantime, this area is out-of-bounds. Thanks to Ben Hyland, Richard Waugh and Chris Monk for their work over the weekend to remove the tyres and swinging bars.

## **Cell Phone Coverage**

I have spoken to the person in charge of the cell tower project for rural communities. They do have a proposed site for our area, but have yet to talk to landowners and there has been no site acquisition as yet. The best we can hope for is a tower built in the area some time next year, but we are certainly on the list and as a school and Civil Defence Centre, I have requested urgency.

## **Reporting to Parents**

I would be keen to hear from parents with your thoughts about our School Reports. As you will be aware, National Standards have been removed, so this year our school will be looking at closely at the information we gather about your child's progress and achievement and how we will report to you about this. If you are interested, please send a quick email ([ssimpson@halcombe.school.nz](mailto:ssimpson@halcombe.school.nz)) or call in to the office.

**Children in Years 1 – 3:** While we work through this process this year, there may be some change to when we report your child's progress and achievement to you. We will keep you up to date with any changes. In the meantime we encourage you to call in and talk to your child's teacher at any time, to see how they are getting on.

### Corner Crossing

We'd like to remind our families that they must cross at the **corner of Monteith Street** after school. We have a staff member on duty there, to ensure the safety of our students.

### Sexuality Education Years 1 – 4

Neil Buddle (Health Promoter, Family Planning NZ) will be holding an evening at school on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** to Introduce the Sexuality Education Programme to parents of Year 1 – 4 students. Sexuality Education is part of our Health Curriculum. The evening begins at 7.30pm.

### Handwriting

Included in this newsletter is a chart which shows the correct formation of letters for writing.

- This is especially useful for younger children who are still learning to form some letters, however we have students right through the school who would benefit from some regular practice in writing.
- If you have pre-schoolers, learning to write their name correctly is important.
- Many children do not start letters in the correct place and once established it's a hard habit to break.
- Note, that there is no linking of letters together.
- Copying a sentence or two from their reading book each night can be very beneficial. Check that they start letters in the right place.

### Afternoon Tea with Sue

Next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, you are welcome to come along to the staffroom from 2.15pm onwards for a cuppa and a chat. I am happy to chat/talk about/discuss anything about our school.

### New Sandpit Toys

Here are the sandpit toys that were purchased with some of the profit from the Christmas Raffle. The kids will just love playing with them! Thanks for your support.

### School invoices

We will send invoices home next week. 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. 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.



### Community News

*Kind regards*

### Pea Straw

Bales of pea straw are available locally at \$10 bale. Fantastic mulch for your garden and a great price. Larger loads can be delivered. Ask at the office.

*Sue Simpson  
Principal*

### Firewood for sale

Old Man Pine \$70m<sup>3</sup>, Macrocarpa \$90m<sup>3</sup> or mixed load \$80m<sup>3</sup>. Wood is dry and ready for next winter. Free delivery to Halcombe/Feilding area. Please phone Teresa on 0223357621.

An advertisement for Superstar Cricket Academy. It features a photograph of children playing cricket on a field. The text includes: "FURTHER YOUR CRICKET SKILLS TODAY!", "SUPERSTAR CRICKET ACADEMY", "BEGINNING FEBRUARY 5, 7 AND 8TH ONGLEY PARK, PARK ROAD (PN): MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS 5.30-6.30PM KOWHAI PARK - FEILDING: THURSDAYS 5.30-6.30PM", and contact information for MCA and New Zealand Cricket.

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e: [mca@t.co](mailto:mca@t.co) 04955236586410181  
or  
Contact MCA's Junior Development Officer, Henry Collier - [henrycollier@mca.org.nz](mailto:henrycollier@mca.org.nz)

An advertisement for Kids Triathlon. It features a blue background with yellow and white text. The text includes: "crank it CYCLES", "SPECIALIZED", "I Tri'd the Tri Series", "KIDS TRIATHLON", "For Kids 4-12 Years", "NOW ON!", and "Register at www.triclub.co.nz".

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