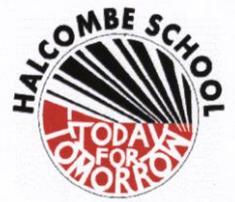


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Term 2 Week 1

1<sup>st</sup> May 2018

**A warm welcome back to Term 2. It sounds as if the children have had loads of fun during the break.**

**This term the focus will be on Science as part of our focus this year.**

**Rooms 8, 7, 1 and 2 will be learning out their Senses and how these help them make sense of the world.**

**Room 3 will be looking at aspects of Pollution and Rooms 4, 5 and 6 will be learning about Plastics.**

## Review of School Reports

As mentioned last term, we are currently reviewing the format of our Year 1 – 8 reports. If you have received reports on your child's progress and achievements in the current format, we'd love you to take a few minutes to fill out a quick survey.

- If you are receiving the newsletter electronically, simply click on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P8N56RJ>
- Otherwise, go to the school website and click the link on the first page.

Please fill out the survey by Friday this week so we can take your thoughts in to account as we design our new reports.

## Crazy Day

Thanks to the Year 8 students from Rimu House; **Elisabeth, Regan, Ashley, Bethany, Lucy and Jack** for organising 'Crazy Day' at the end of last term. The burgers were delicious. It was great to see everyone joining in so enthusiastically! Our thanks to Marcus and Zoe from the 'Mad Butcher' Palmerston North for their generous donation of the chicken patties.

## Playground Opened

Yesterday we had the grand opening of the 'new' Adventure Playground. The playground was paid for with the \$17 000 raised at the Gala last year and a \$15 000 grant from the Eastern and Central Community Trust, with extra work being done by parents to replace all the platforms and spread the pine chip. The kids are loving being able to use the playground again! (We are just waiting for the huge swing to be finished early next week.)



*Charlie (who started school yesterday), Shania, (our oldest student) and Mrs Dodunski (representing the PTA), open the playground!*

## Year 7-8 Tech

Each Friday morning during terms 2 and 3, our Year 7 and 8 students will take part in their tech programme. This includes hard materials (woodwork), soft materials (sewing) food technology (cooking), digital technology, and handcraft. The 48 students are split in to 5 groups and rotate through each area during the 20 weeks. We employ extra specialist teachers to help deliver the programme.

## Sport

With our netball and flippaball teams about to start their season, it is a perfect opportunity to remind you of a couple of important school rules. Firstly, if your child has the day off school, for whatever reason, they are not allowed to play sport that afternoon. Secondly, we'd like to share our Sideline Code of Conduct with you. This was created a few years ago and remains relevant.

## Assemblies

Our weekly Friday assemblies will start this week at 2.30 in the Hall. Each week, a class will host an assembly and everyone is welcome. Please be in the hall before assembly starts. The roster of classes hosting assembly is on the term calendar attached.

## Halcombe School Sideline Code of Conduct



### **POSITIVE LANGUAGE ONLY**

**We don't mind if you yell out to encourage us, but please don't say negative things about our team or the opposition.**

### **RESPECT THE REF**

**You should never criticise the referee - they are doing the best they can. Please don't yell at them from the sideline.**

### **THANK THE COACH**

**Without coaches, we could not have teams or participate in sport. We think a 'thank you' every now and then sure would be appreciated.**

### **IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUN**

**It's important to remember we're not representing our country or trying to win an Olympic medal. We're playing sport because it's fun and we love it.**

### Freebies

We have some furniture and bits and pieces we no longer require eg shelving and tables. These are at the back of the Hall ready waiting for you. First in first served. Just call in to the office.

### Netball

This is a reminder that netball practices start TOMORROW for the A, B and Red teams, and Thursday for the Black and White Teams. Please make sure children have the right footwear at school for practices. Practices finish at 4.30pm. Please let Paula know if there are any changes to the bus lists.

### School painting

A good start has been made on painting the school during the holidays. We are hoping this will all be finished in the next 2 weeks.

### Chocolate

Our annual chocolate fundraiser is on again this term. Students in Rooms 8, 7, 1, 2, 3 and 4 are raising funds for end of year EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) activities and classroom resources, while students in Rooms 5 and 6 are raising funds for their own camp fees. Full details and order forms will be available next week. No one HAS to sell chocolate!

### Term Calendar

The term 2 calendar is attached which outlines the events during the term.

### Great Writing!

The 10<sup>th</sup> of April brought some phenomenal weather along with it. Here is what I witnessed:

*I saw endless layers of nimbostratus cloud across the sky, stretching as far as my eye could see. As the rain continuously descended to the tarmac, a flash of brilliance and power streaked from the heavens, an incredible show of light! The rain was an endless assault, a continuous barrage against the ground, soaking and seeping into the soil. I felt the icy wind scratch against my face, and tear at my legs. The frostiness was accumulating in the air. A wintry element had infiltrated this storm! I heard a symphony of rain, as sheets fell, creating an orchestra of tumbling water. Thor sent a clap of thunder, which exploded from the stratosphere. It was a surround sound system, shooting noise from every angle. Then, another BANG! Thor's thunder whip cracked across the horizon once again. (Cameron – Year 8)*

Nga mihi  
Kind regards

Sue Simpson

### Community News



#### **Feilding Junior Hockey 2018**

**Starts: Monday 7th April**

Held at FAHS Turf

**Skills and Drills:** 6 weeks 5:10-6:10pm (5-13yrs)

Monday 7th May – 18th June

(Monday 4th June = public holiday)

**Sign up:** via Feilding Junior Hockey Facebook page

Or email: [ldodunski@feildinghigh.school.nz](mailto:ldodunski@feildinghigh.school.nz) for the link

**Cost:** \$30 per person for 6 weeks

Just bring shin pads, mouth guard and a big smile.

Hockey sticks and coaches provided.

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### **HALCOMBE TAVERN**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Duck Calling Competition

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

5.30 – 6.30pm Kids Calling

6.30pm Onwards Adults Calling

**\*\* GREAT PRIZES \*\***



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## TERM 2 CALENDAR (Great to stick on the fridge!)

May	4th	Room 6 hosts Assembly Year 5-6 Flippaball starts
	7th	Kahurangi Dance Theatre (Myths and Legends) 1.30 – 2.30. School is paying the charge. Senior netball competition starts.
	8th	Room 5 Te Manawa
	10th	PTA AGM 7.00pm
	11th	Room 5 hosts Assembly
	12th	Feilding Saturday morning netball starts
	14th	ERO visiting
	18th	Room 4 hosts Assembly
	23rd	Student Council event
	24th	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
	25th	Room 3 hosts Assembly
	30th	Parent Workshop for Maths Stage 8 (senior) . 6pm. BOT Meeting 7.00pm
June	1st	Room 2 hosts Assembly
	4th	Queen's Birthday Holiday
	6th	Senior Team Winter Sports rotation starts
	7th	Whanau Meeting 7.00pm
	8th	Room 1 hosts Assembly 40 hour famine
	15th	Rooms 7 - 8 host Assembly
	19th	Jump Jam competition
	21st	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
	23rd	Quiz Night Year 1-8 reports home No Assembly
	26th	BOT Meeting 7pm
29th	Room 6 hosts Assembly DISCO	
July	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	3 way Conferences by request
	8th	Room 5 hosts Assembly Term 2 ends 3.00pm