

# Halcombe School



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Term 1 Week 1

29<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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

A warm welcome back to the 2019 school year! Hopefully you all had time to take a break at some stage, enjoy the company of friends and family, and just relax! Apart from a few windy days, the weather was great. 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 Hughes, Mrs Portman and Mrs Higgie to the teaching team this year. We welcome back Miss Fleet.
- We have a starting roll of 173. We expect our closing roll this year to be about 186.
- Mrs Davies will be working in Room 1 in the mornings only until after swimming. In the afternoons, her children will join with Room 1 for swimming and story time. Miss Carey will be there to help.

### Staffing

Junior Team	Mrs Barbara Davies	Room 1 (Deputy Principal and Junior Team Leader)
	Mrs Debbie Turner	Room 2
	Mrs Rebecca Hughes	Room 3
	Mrs Jane Portman	Room 4
Senior Team	Miss Heidi Jeynes	Room 5
	Miss Dayna Fleet	Room 6
	Mrs Rebecca Higgie	Room 7
	Miss Di Simpson	Room 8 (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'.

### Meet and Greet

We would like to invite all parents of New Entrants (5 year olds) to attend an afternoon tea on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the staff room. This is an opportunity to listen to Barbara Davies (new entrant teacher) talk about expectations and handy hints for the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for **parents to meet each other as your children begin their school days together**. Please indicate **below** if you will be attending for catering purposes.

### 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/ties** please.
- Hats with a wide all round brim. Bucket hats are perfect.
- Plain stud earrings only.
- Plain haircuts (no 'mohawks', rat's tails, colours etc).
- No singlet tops please – t shirts with a short sleeve are best as it stops shoulders being sunburnt.

## Sun Safety

At our school, teachers regularly remind students to wear their hats, apply sun screen, and spend time in the shade at break times. We are always mindful of sun safety when we're planning outdoor activities, and try to provide shade where we can. This is an important time to remind parents that older students in **Rooms 6, 7 and 8 are responsible for their own sun safety.** Sun screen is always readily available at school thanks to our PTA, so if students choose not to apply it, we will not be chasing them up!

## 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.*

## Pool Keys

The school pool is available for families to use after school and at weekends, until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Gala – Saturday March 23rd

*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 kitchen cupboards and send along the stuff you haven't used for ages.*
- *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 the kids wardrobes. We'd love the stuff they no longer wear 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!*

*You can expect a call from us soon!*

## Gala Raffle

The Gala Raffle is a great fundraising part of our Gala. Children will come home with 2 raffle books over the next few days. If you do NOT wish to sell them, **please send them back to school straight away** so they can be reallocated.

There are 2 x \$50 cash prizes for the 2 families which sell the most raffle tickets.

- First prize: new iPad air, household goods (towels, clock, serving ware etc), wine etc all packed in a brand new wheelbarrow – value \$1000.
- Second prize: \$200 cash
- Third prize: \$100 cash

## School invoices

We will send home invoices next week for:

- Stationery Packs. The price varies for each class.
- Life Education \$4 per student for Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4
- School Picnic \$2 per student.
- 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. If you do not pay the \$15, you will need to provide your child with sunblock, tissues and print off your own newsletter if return slips are required. We do not have school fees or donations.

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 2019**

- Term 1: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 2: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Term 3: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> December tbc

*Kind regards**Sue Simpson  
Principal***Classic/Vintage Car**

If you know anyone that has a vintage or classic car that would bring it to the Gala, please ask them to get in touch with the school. 328 8845.

**Term Calendar**

Term 1 Calendar 2019		
<b>January</b>	30 <sup>th</sup>	Constable Cree with Rooms 6, 7 and 8 for digital citizenship.
<b>February</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	School picnic to Totara Reserve. Everyone goes.
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Waitangi Day Holiday
	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education for Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4.
	11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Room 8 camp at Kawhatau (3 days)
	11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Room 7 camp at school (3 days)
	14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA mtg 7pm tbc
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Room 6 camp at school (overnight Thursday)
<b>March</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	BOT meeting 7.00pm
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Student Council event
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Swimming Sports 12.30pm (Makino Aquatic Centre) Years 4 - 8
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Junior swimming sports 1.30pm (school pool) Years 1 – 3 Swimming finishes for the season. Athletics starts.
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Penhey Cup and Country School Swimming Relay 5.30pm tbc
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Triathlon
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	GALA
	25 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Meeting 7pm
<b>April</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	PTA AGM 7pm tbc
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 - 6 Rippa Rugby Tournament
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 - 8 Rippa Rugby Tournament
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Athletic Sports
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Feilding Interschool Athletics
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Student Council event tbc
	12 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 1

**Community News****Halcombe Community Events**

- Waitangi Day Community Powhiri 9.30am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. All are welcome, morning tea will follow. Details of protocol can be found at [www.halcombcommunity.co.nz/communityinfo](http://www.halcombcommunity.co.nz/communityinfo)
- Halcombe Community Development Group meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm at Halcombe Tavern.
- ANZAC Day Ceramic Poppies. Workshops start Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> February at Hato Paora College - contact Robbie & Sandra for more details.

**Wanted**

House to rent in or around Halcombe for a school family. Phone 021 031 1129

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**Meet and Greet**

- Yes. I will be attending the 'Meet and Greet' get-together for parents of New Entrant children on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm

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