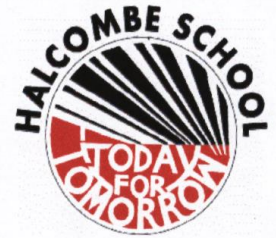


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Term 1 Week 6

5th February 2019

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Raffle Tickets - URGENT

*All unsold tickets need to be returned to school **URGENTLY**. We have people waiting to sell more tickets. Once sold, return the money and butts to school asap. Thank you. It looks as if we will easily sell all 4000 tickets which is amazing! What a great start to our Gala fundraiser.*

Gala – How you can help this week.

- 5 Pumpkins for the Hangi.
- 12kgs of onions for the BBQ
- Do you know anyone that might have supplies of bagged compost or fresh veges we could sell on the plant stall?
- We have started to receive jars of relish, jam, pickles and fruit. Can you help? Even one jar would be awesome.
- 10 dozen muffins for the 'Coffee Shoppe'. Please let Paula know, or send a note in the KIT book. (This is separate from the baking stall)
- We need about 4 more people to make 20 waffles. We have machines at school and the recipe if you want to help. Thank you to those who have already offered: Brileigh Hyland, Ashlee Emmett, Philippa Evans, Julie McKay, Liz Mills and Christine Sinclair. It's great to see some of the kids getting involved!
- Good quality used furniture and household items which we can auction.

Hangi

Preparations for the Hangi at the Gala are well in hand. Hangi meals are **PRE-SOLD**, so now is the time to place your order. Meals are \$12.00 each. Please send along the tear-off slip below with your money to the Office, or pay online as below.

Senior Swimming Sports

This is a reminder that the Senior Swimming Sports will be held tomorrow at the Makino Aquatic Centre for Years 4 – 8 students.

- Children must bring their togs, 2 towels, sunhat, warm clothes and a drink of water.
- There is no 'grandstand' for parents to watch from. You might like to bring your own chair/seat.

Junior Swimming Sports

This is a reminder that the Junior Swimming Sports will be on Friday afternoon this week, starting at 1.30pm in the school pool for Years 1 - 3. Parents are welcome to attend. The children will need warm clothes to wear.

School Starts at 8.55am

School starts each day at 8.55am and the roll is called immediately school starts. Children are expected to be here at 8.45 at the latest. Last week on some days we had 4 or 5 families arriving late. Our teachers are very accommodating, but frequent lateness to school disrupts others, they miss all the notices and means children are not ready and organised to begin the school day. We look forward to your support.

Pool 'Opening' Picnic

The PTA would like to **celebrate the heating of the pool** with a family pool party picnic. **This Friday 5-7pm**. Please bring your picnic, chairs or rug, and togs. BBQ available for those who wish to use it. Come and meet some new friends.

Road Safety

Please cross the road outside the school at the corner where we have a teacher on duty every day. Please don't cross near the buses or by the old dental clinic. Thank you.

Maths

Last Friday all of our teachers were involved in Professional Development in Maths, while we had 8 relieving teachers in the school. We are always looking to do things better and improve outcomes for all our children. One of the things we talked about was the importance of children learning their basic facts early.

By the end of year 2, we want all children to know their addition facts 'off by heart', that is, they don't need to stop and think about the answer, or use their fingers. This includes all the addition facts from $1 + 1 = 2$ up to $10 + 10 = 20$ and the reverse ie $6 + 8 = 14$ and $8 + 6 = 14$. Many children will make the connection to subtraction at the same time ie $14 - 6 = 8$ and $14 - 8 = 6$. We call this a 'family of facts' (in addition and subtraction) and they are best learnt at the same time.

If you would like any help to support your child's learning at home, please call in to see your child's teacher.

3 Way Conferences

Thank you for your attendance at your child's 3 Way Conferences. Once again we have had **100% turn out** which shows us how much you value your child's learning and your willingness to support their goals, both in their Key Competencies and academic areas. My sincere thanks also to the teachers for going the extra mile or two to prepare for your conferences. What a fantastic and supportive school community we have!

Cybersafety

You will have read or heard about the YouTube hacking involving Momo. Please be aware that this is a very serious matter which sickens us. I have spoken to all year 4 – 8 students and explained that this is a 'banned' word in this school. Parents of younger students, PLEASE be vigilant about what your children are doing on devices at home. Even something as seemingly harmless as 'Peppa Pig', has been hacked.

Kind regards

*Sue Simpson
Principal*

Order for Hangi Meal –Gala

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ meals. I enclose payment for \$_____ (\$12.00 each meal).

Signed: _____

Please return this order with cash payment or pay online to: 01 0625 0110103 00 Reference: Hangi (NOTE – this is the PTA account)

All hangi meals must be pre-ordered and paid **BY Monday 18th March**. We cannot accept late orders.