

# Halcombe School

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Term 2 Week 4

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

## **Marae Trip Reminders**

- We will be welcomed on to the Marae at 9.30 with a powhiri.
- Children need to bring their morning tea, lunch and water bottle.
- Children will travel by bus but we welcome parents who wish to join us for the day or part of it. You don't need to let us know. Just follow the buses out to the Marae, leaving school at 9.05am. Bring your own morning tea and lunch.

## **NZ Playhouse**

The NZ Playhouse (our favourite group) will be performing 'The Hare and the Tortoise' for us on Tuesday next week. The cost is \$5 each BUT the PTA have agreed to subsidise this to reduce the cost to \$3 per child. ☺ Thanks PTA.

**Please send along \$3 per child by next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. I apologise for the short notice.**

## **Strike Action**

The Halcombe School Board of Trustees agreed at its meeting last week to keep our school **OPEN AS USUAL** for instruction on the day of the planned teachers' Strike Action on 29<sup>th</sup> May. Buses will run as usual.

## **Seesaw**

All of our Junior classes have changed to Seesaw, to share your children's learning with you. Teachers will have been in contact regarding how this online portfolio works. This will replace the paper/clearfile portfolio system we have had.

## **After School pick-up**

This is a reminder that we have no afterschool playground supervision at Halcombe School. From time to time, all staff have left here by 3.15pm, for example last Wednesday, to attend a course or meeting. There have been times when parents have not arrived until 3.30pm to collect their children! After 3.00pm, children need to be supervised by parents. We worry that even though we check, one day a child will be left in the playground with no adults at school.

## **Butternut Pumpkins**

We have a number of pumpkins for sale for \$3 each. Thanks to the Green Team and Mrs Davies for growing these! Call in to the office.

## **BOT News**

- We are in contact with the Ministry of Education regarding the roll growth and the possibility that in time, we may need another classroom. The roll is currently 184 with at least 13 children to enrol before the end of the year.
- The school is moving towards the explicit teaching of keyboard skills. As the world becomes more digital, the need to be able to use a keyboard efficiently becomes more important.
- The BOT is working on plans to improve the interior of Room 2, including new wall linings, painting and flooring.
- Teachers are working on understanding and implementing the new aspects of the Technology Curriculum. This will be a work in progress throughout the year.
- Activities such as the trip to Te Tikanga Marae, Athletic Sports, e-Pro 8, Jump Jam, Kapa haka, Wheels Day, Sausage Sizzles, Sexuality Education, First Aid Course, Robotics and ongoing teacher development, mean that our children continue to enjoy a broad curriculum and numerous exciting activities at Halcombe School.

## **Board of Trustees Election**

Every parent and/or caregiver should have received nomination forms and election information in the mail. If you didn't, please contact the school as soon as possible. The Board requires 5 parent trustees. To date, nominations have been received for:

Mr Shane Casey, Mrs Rowena Jones

Nominations close at noon **this Friday 24 May 2019**.

## **Assembly**

This week Room 5 will host assembly, which starts at 2.30pm on Friday.

## **Key Competencies**

I want to thank all of our wonderful parents for the changes you are making in order to make your children better at managing and organising themselves. Whatever you are doing – it is working. We see the sense of pride your children have when they are trusted to do things by themselves.

Children will often follow your example more than your advice. If you want them to leave their shoes tidy at the

back door, don't leave your gumboots in the doorway. If you want them to take their dishes to the bench, don't leave your coffee cup on the floor until Thursday.

On Saturday I watched many of our children play netball. Coaches and referees need to pick up and drop off score cards. I was amazed at the number of adults who gave us instructions rather than asking. "I need the scorecard for

Court 5." "Has anyone collected the card for court 4. I'll take it." "Court 3!" Wow! A few pleases and thank yous were missing! And for those children who were listening to the adults – it was not a good example of what we want our young people to do.

Our kids were awesome at netball by the way!

*Nga mihi*

*Sue Simpson  
Principal*

## **More from the Archives!**

### **1900**

*Feb 20<sup>th</sup>: Mrs Gifkins complained that Miss McEwen and Miss Clapham had punished her children. There was a slight mark on the back of Rose Gifkin's hand, but Miss McEwen said it was not inflicted by her. I cautioned Miss Clapham not to use the strap or cane, but in cases of necessity to send the children to my room. The Gifkin children have been a source of constant trouble since entering the school.*

*August 13<sup>th</sup>: Miss Clapham informed me today that several of the pupils from the infant room had had their lunches stolen lately. I made enquiries but could not find out who was the culprit.*

### **1901**

*Jan 28<sup>th</sup>: Owing to the death of Her Majesty the Queen, (Queen Victoria) our excursion to Castlecliff was postponed.*

*Feb 12<sup>th</sup>: School closed to allow children to see Imperial Troops at Palmerston North. Notwithstanding the short notice, nearly a hundred children made the trip.*

*March 4<sup>th</sup>: Cautioned the children about taking hats belonging to others from the lobby. There has been a good deal of this sort of thing among the infants and it is very hard to detect.*

*April 30<sup>th</sup>: Arranged with boys to put a drain from the horse paddock gate down the hill.*

*May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Boys began work on drains and also cleared the girl's ground of rushes.*

*Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>: Miss Clapham looks ill.*

*Sept 6<sup>th</sup>: Influenza is very prevalent in our district.*

*Sept 24<sup>th</sup>: Punished two boys for cigarette smoking and cautioned the whole school against the practice.*

*Oct 25<sup>th</sup>: Warned boys against fishing in Mr Fraser's dam.*

*Oct 31<sup>st</sup>: Punished Fred Noffke and Bert Harris for fighting in the shed after school yesterday and John Fergusson, Len Schmidt, Charles Whiskie, George McElroy, Henry and Albert Wishnowsky for inciting the first two to fight.*

*Nov 13<sup>th</sup>: Gave Herbert Berendt two strokes with a light strap for telling an untruth.*

*Nov 20<sup>th</sup>: Sent 3 cows to the pound from the school ground.*