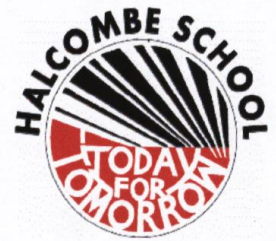


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Term 3 - Week 10

15th October 2019

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers.

Welcome back to Term 4.

We feel very excited when we look at all the things we have on this term! We have an amazing term ahead and now that the weather is hopefully more settled, we're looking forward to getting out and enjoying it. Please read your weekly newsletters carefully, so that you're well informed about what is going on. There's lots of dates to remember, so keep the newsletter and term calendar close by. **You can always access our newsletters on the school website.** These are usually posted by 9am on a Tuesday morning.

Pet Day Thursday

We are all looking forward to Pet Day on Thursday. Judging will start at 9am.

Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle on Pet Day. Sausages are \$2 each. There is no need to pre-order, just bring your money on the day. Thanks PTA.

Sunhats

Children need to wear sunhats with an all-round brim wide **AFTER LABOUR DAY**. Bucket hats are ideal. Names in hats would be WONDERFUL. We have a 'no hat means no play' rule.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets for our Christmas raffle are almost sold out! If you have any unsold books at home please send them to school urgently. We have people waiting for more tickets to sell.

Cross Country – 29th October

Training for Cross Country has already started and children will be running each day at school. They need to have suitable clothing and footwear. This event is on Tuesday 29th October with the details attached. Please read these carefully.

Appointments

The Board of Trustees is very pleased to confirm the appointments of Miss Hannah Prior and Mr Kieren Kleinschmidt to the teaching team next year.

Assemblies

This is a reminder that there are no assemblies this term.

Tane

Our theme for learning this term is Tane - the Māori God of the forest and birds. Children will be learning about our native bush, protecting the environment and the animals that live there and appreciating all that our outdoors offers us.

Camps

Best wishes to Rooms 6, 7 and 8 who are away on camp in Weeks 2, 4 and 6 respectively. Rooms 6 and 7 are going to Sixtus Lodge and Room 8 is heading to Turangi. Our sincere thanks to Miss Simpson and Mrs Higgle for all their organisation for these camps. We are so lucky to have teachers prepared to undertake such challenging events.

Congratulations Fleet Whanau

Congratulations to Miss Fleet who had her baby Casey, a healthy 9lb baby boy just before the holidays. We wish the family every happiness.

Interschool Speeches

Congratulations and best wishes to George and Briar who will represent our school at the Interschool Speech competition on 30th October. The topic 'If I were Prime Minister.....' provided our senior students with an opportunity to think about how they would make our country a better place.

George (year 7) argued with humour that all seagulls should be eradicated and Briar (year 8) would make learning cooking skills compulsory for all young people. Food for thought!

Young Achievers

Rhianna, Georgia and Briar, (year 8 students), who have been selected as our 2019 Young Achievers. These awards recognise outstanding achievement in a range of categories. They will attend a special presentation to receive their awards next week. Congratulations to these awesome students.

Shake Out

We will be taking part in the 'Shake Out' drill on Friday morning, a day after most NZ schools as Thursday is our Pet Day. This involves practicing our 'DROP, COVER, HOLD' drill.

Now is a good time to discuss **the plan that your family has** for emergencies – both earthquake and fire.

*Ngā mihi nui
Sue Simpson
Principal*

Term 4 Calendar 2019		
October	17th	Pet Day
	18th	'Shake Out' drill
	21st	Room 6 to Sixtus Lodge
	24th	Touch rugby starts
	24th	Walkover to Cross Country course – practice only
	28th	Labour Day
	29th	Cross Country BOT Meeting
	30th	Y 7 – 8 Interschool Speech Competition 6pm PTA Meeting 7pm
November	1st	Huntermville Cross Country
	4th	Room 7 to Sixtus Lodge
	13th	Rooms 2, 3 and 4 trip to Mount Lees and Kitchener Park
	15th	School Photos
	18th	Room 8 to Turangi
	22nd	Tough Kids Challenge Mt Biggs R5 to Wellington Zoo Library closes today
	29th	Student Council Fun Day
December	2nd	BOT Meeting 7pm
	5th	Touch final
	6th	Junior Prizegiving and Christmas Party 1.30pm Reports home Disco
	9th	Senior Prizegiving 7pm
	10th	Year 8 Leavers' Lunch
	11th	School finishes 1.00pm

