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Term 1 Week 3

11th February 2020

Tena Koutou Katoa

Kai Iwi Beach

We had a wonderful time at the beach on Wednesday. Thanks to all the mums, dads and grandparents who helped with transport and supervision. Having an annual school picnic at the start of the year is an excellent way to develop a positive school culture, for children to get to know new classmates and for teachers to get to know their students in a different environment.

PTA

The PTA would like to kick off the school year with an **afternoon tea** at school on Friday 14th February 3-4.30pm. This is an opportunity for new parents to meet our school community as well as a welcome back to everyone. The pool and playground will be open. Please bring a plate to share, blanket/chairs, togs and a smile. PTA will provide tea/coffee and ice blocks.

The PTA would like to welcome everyone back to school. Our first meeting will be Tuesday 11th February 7pm (tonight) in the staff room. We are a friendly bunch of parents (5 dads and 3 mums) who get together during the year to organise and brainstorm fundraising for the school. We welcome new members and it's a great chance to get to know the happenings of the school and meet other parents. If you would like to join, or see what we do, just come along.

Another option is to join the **'Friends of the PTA'**. This involves supporting events throughout the year in a variety of ways, for example baking for families in need. Please show below if you would like to add your name to the list. Please fill out even if you have been a 'Friend' in the past.

If you have any questions please contact Lucinda on 3288534 or lucindadodunski@hotmail.com

School Values

Our school AAA Values (Attitude, Achievement, Adventure) are hugely important at our school. They are part of life and learning across the curriculum. We celebrate those who display our AAA Values each day. This week we make special note of the following students:

<u>Room</u>		<u>For</u>
1	Ibuki	persevering and having a 'can do' attitude
2	Louis	showing respect and friendship to others
3	Aden	being super helpful and showing so much initiative
4	Joseph	persevering and having a 'can do' attitude
5	Brenna	valuing opportunities to learn and striving to do her best
6	Campbell	valuing opportunities to learn with and from others
7	James	being so kind, tolerant and polite
8	Lachie	showing initiative and being really helpful both in class and around the school

School invoices

These are being sent home today and include:

- Stationery – cost varies for each class.
- School Picnic to Kai Iwi Beach \$4 per student.
- 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 would appreciate your prompt payment.

BOT Meeting

The first Board of Trustees meeting of the year will be next Tuesday 25th Feb at 7pm in the staffroom. Apologies for the change of date from the one in the term calendar.

Cross at the Corner

We ask that after school, all children and parents **cross at the school corner** where there is supervision. It is not safe to cross where the buses are lined up. Thank you for your support.

After School Care

At this stage, we have **not had enough people** put up their hand to help SUPERVISE an after school care programme. You do not need to commit to every day, but you may be able to do one or two days a week which is fine. This may also suit other people in our community, so ask around to see if we can get a few more people interested. (Final notice)

Class Camps

Rooms 6, 7 and 8 will be having their 'Getting to Know You' camps over the next 2 weeks. Room 8 is off to the Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre on Wednesday this week and Rooms 6 and 7 will be camping in tents at school next week.

These camps provide opportunities to offer students at Halcombe School, a broad curriculum. Our thanks to teachers for going above and beyond to make these events a reality.

Maths Cross Grouping

Next week, some students in the senior team will go to other rooms for maths so that we can best meet their needs. 5 teachers will teach maths to the 4 classes which means teachers have fewer students in their rooms.

3 Way Conferences

These are coming up on 2nd, 3rd and 4th March. These conferences are really important as we share your child's learning and Key Competency goals with you. All families attend. A notice will come home next week for you to book times.

Teacher Only Day

Our next Teacher Only Day will be later this term on **Friday 27th March**. School will be closed. These extra Teacher Only Days are to address teacher workload and are part of the Teachers' negotiations with the government last year.

Keep the Date Free

We will be holding a school **Triathlon** on Wednesday 26th February. More next week.

'Moveathon' - PTA Fundraiser coming up!

Sounds exciting. Sounds fun. Sounds an excellent idea! More next week.

Kind regards


Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

Halcombe Playcentre Fundraiser

Halcombe Playcentre have been given an exciting opportunity to do a fundraiser with The Little Organic Egg Company, a local free range and organic egg farm. We are currently fundraising for a makeover in the outdoor area and as you are aware the support and backing in a small community is crucial to making our goal happen. We are selling free range and organic eggs which are delivered fresh to the Playcentre every Wednesday during term time. Free range are \$5.50 and organic are \$7.50 per dozen with a \$1.00 donation going to the Playcentre for every dozen we sell per week. For further information please contact Pip on 027 201 3451 or pipchrystill@gmail.com.

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LIFEGUARD
PROGRAMME**

8 Sessions over 8 Weeks
Starting from Monday 17th February
Ages: 8 - 10 years & 11 - 13 years

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Tear off strip for 'Friends of the PTA'

We/I _____ would like to be involved in the PTA by joining 'Friends of the PTA'

- I can help by baking/cooking
- I can help with working bees
- I can help by supporting events

Phone Number/contact details: _____