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Term 4 Week 1

13th October 2020

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Welcome back to what we hope will be the most 'normal' term of the year! We have such a busy term ahead, so please note dates and times of various activities and events. Remember that you can always check past copies of the newsletter on our website (thanks to Mrs Otter) for details.

Quiz

**Thank you for your continued support through 2 postponements.
A reminder to bring cash for our excellent raffles and the bar. We have some amazing prizes and items to auction.**

EFTPOS is available but not for cash withdrawals. Doors open at 6.15.

Because of the General Election the following day, and the school hall being used as a polling place, we need to pack up the hall before we leave!

Pet Day

We have **changed the day** for Pet Day and brought it forward one day to **Thursday 22nd October**. (No lamb judges are available on Friday!) There will be a sausage sizzle on the day. No pre-ordering required and \$2 each.

Sunhats

Children will need to wear a hat from next week please. Hats need to have an all-round brim of at least 5cm and must be named. Most children find it useful to leave their hat at school each day. We have a not hat means no play rule. Children without hats sit under the verandah at interval and lunchtimes.

Shake Out

Tomorrow morning we will join hundreds of thousands of children throughout NZ for the 'Shake Out' campaign. 'Shake Out' is held across the world to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake – DROP, COVER, HOLD. Some schools will also practise a tsunami hikoi (evacuation) if they're in a coastal area.

Principal Appointment Consultation

We would very much appreciate you taking the time to complete the attached survey form. Please return the form to the office by the end of this week, **Friday 16 October**.

Touch Rugby

A reminder that this starts on Thursday 29 October. More information will come home to those involved soon.

Tough Kids

This event is next **Monday 26 October**. See **KIT Books** for more information.

Cross Country

Training started yesterday for our Cross Country which will be held on Tuesday afternoon 27th October. Children in Rooms 4 – 8 will train on the shingle road behind the school, so need running shoes and appropriate clothes at school every day. The Juniors will train around the school field.

Details for how this day will run are attached.

Interschool Speech Competition

Best wishes to Saskia (Year 7) and Annabel (Year 8), who will represent our school in the interschool speech competition tomorrow night. Good luck girls!

Rippa Rugby

This event, which was postponed due to COVID 19, has been rescheduled. More information will come home nearer the time, but please note the dates: Year 5 & 6 - 24 November. Year 7 & 8 - 25 November.

Bullying

We pride ourselves on there being very few incidents of bullying at our school, however we are not naïve enough to think it doesn't happen. **If you ever think your child is being bullied, or they share things at home that we should know, please get in contact with me straight away.**

No matter the type of bullying (verbal, physical or social) four widely-accepted factors are used to identify it:

- Bullying is deliberate - harming another person intentionally
- Bullying involves the misuse of power in a relationship
- Bullying is not a one-off - it is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated over time
- Bullying involves behaviour that can cause harm - it is not a normal part of growing up.

Bullying can be obvious or hidden. Kids who bully use their power, such as physical strength, or knowing something embarrassing, to control or harm others. Bullying is when one student (or a group of students) keeps picking on another student again and again to make them feel bad. They say or do things to upset them, make fun of them, stop them from joining in, or keep hitting or punching them. I have zero tolerance for this sort of behaviour, but I need to know about it. Please encourage your child to speak up.

What is NOT Bullying

Bullying is a word often used to describe behaviour that is not actually bullying and not all verbal or physical aggression is bullying. For example: a one-off fight or argument, or difference of opinion between friends where there is no power imbalance and they can sort it out between themselves, not liking someone or a single act of social rejection, one-off acts of meanness or spite, isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence, using sexist or racist terms but doesn't mean to cause harm, taking someone else's things once is theft but not necessarily bullying.

These other behaviours may be just as upsetting and serious, but will be dealt with in a different way. Again – you can support your child by encouraging them to speak up at school. We can do nothing if we don't know about it.

Congratulations

Well done to our H3 netball team for winning their grade. An awesome result.

Young Achievers

Congratulations also to Annabelle, Abbie, Ruby and Dylan who have been selected as our **2020 Young Achievers**. These students will attend a special ceremony on Monday.

'Triple A' students

As you know, our Triple A Values are **Attitude, Adventure and Achievement**. These values are such important aspects of our school and underpin what we really value most in our school.

Thank you to all our families who do such an awesome job of instilling these values in their children. It makes our job so much easier.

Wanted

We are after some clean ice-cream containers please. Just send them to the office thank you.

Sports Uniforms

All hockey, netball and cycling uniforms should now be returned.

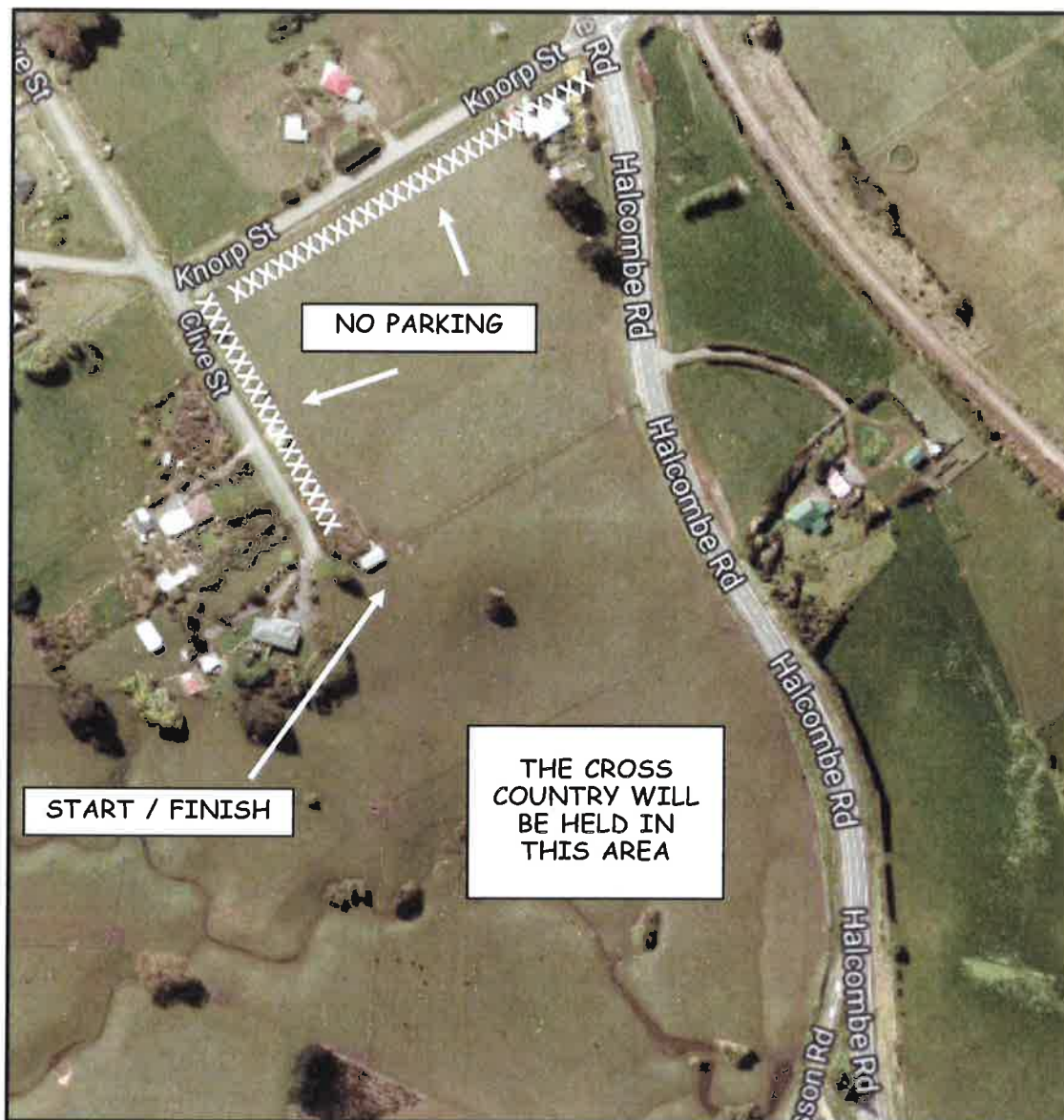


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Sue Simpson
Principal

Term 4 Calendar 2020

October	14th	'Shake Out' drill Year 6, 7 and 8 Mathex Competition in Wanganui Interschool Speech Competition North Street School 5.30
	16th	Quiz 6.15pm
	17th	General Election (hall)
	19th	Tough Kids 7.45 Young Achievers Civic Centre
	22nd	Pet Day
	23rd	Walkover to Cross Country course – practice only
	26th	Labour Day
	27th	Cross Country. First event 12.30 start
	28th	Rooms 1 – 4 First Aid with St John cadets Room 6 camp parents' meeting 6.00pm BOT Meeting 7.00pm
	29th	Room 4 to 'Wildbase' Room 7 camp parents' meeting 5.30pm Touch starts
	30th	Huntermville Cross Country
November	1st	SUNDAY. Jump Jam at PNBHS
	2nd	Room 6 to Foxton Beach camp Athletics starts Rooms 1 – 5 Civil Defence morning
	4th	Rooms 1-2 to 'Wildbase'
	5th	Room 3 to 'Wildbase'
	6th	Final Book Club closes
	9th	Room 7 to camp at Castlepoint
	10th	Room 8 camp parents' meeting 6.00pm
	12th	Room 5 at school overnight. Tawa Loop walk
	15th	SUNDAY. Room 8 to Nydia Bay
	16th	Rooms 1 – 6 'Firewise' programme
	20th	Library closes. All books due back
	24th	Year 5-6 Rippa Rugby
	25th	Year 7-8 Rippa Rugby
30th	BOT Meeting 7.30pm	
December	2nd	Athletics Day
	3rd	Touch final
	4th	Fun Day and Slip n Slide Reports home
	7th	Junior Prizegiving and Christmas Party 1.30pm
	9th	Senior Prizegiving 7pm Year 8 leavers lunch
	10th	School finishes 1.00pm



Cross Country - Tuesday 27 October 2020

1. The Cross Country will be run in the paddocks indicated.
2. Students will walk to the course, leaving school at 12.15pm. They will need to bring warm clothes, footwear, a sunhat and a named waterbottle. Shorts (not long pants) must be worn.
3. Students will have a practice run next Friday 23 October, so please ensure they have the right gear on this day too.
4. Parking will be available at school and on the northern end of Clive Street. **Please do not park on Knorp Street, or on the southern end of Clive Street.**
5. There is a great viewing area for parents near the start/finish line. There will be no seating available. You are welcome to bring your own.
6. The course will probably be muddy, slippery and there will be some prickles!
7. The students may run in shoes or bare feet - whatever they are most comfortable with. Their shoes will get very muddy.
8. Parents will not be able to enter the area where the students are seated.
9. **All students will return to school after the Cross Country.** Parents are welcome to take their children home from there. Just make sure you have told Paula about any changes to bus arrangements.
10. Any cancellation will be made by 11.30am. Please check our website or Facebook page for details.

Order of races, which start shortly after 12.30pm is as follows:

- Years 6 & 7: running approx. 2.7km
- Year 8: running approx. 2.7km
- Years 0 & 1: running approx. 900m
- Years 2 & 3: running approx. 1.8km
- Years 4 & 5: running approx. 1.8km