

Halcombe School

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Term 1 Week 1

2nd February 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

A warm welcome back to the 2021 school year! Hopefully you all had time to take a break at some stage, enjoy the company of friends and family, and just relax! We are all excited about working alongside your children this year. We have lots of exciting things planned and, as usual, the term will just rush by. A special welcome to those who are new to our community and our 5 year olds who are just starting school.

Totara Reserve Picnic

You will find attached, information about our whole school trip to Totara Reserve next week on Wednesday 10th February.

The form MUST be back at school by Thursday this week please.

Staffing

Junior Team	Mrs Margot Mackie	Room 1 (Deputy Principal and Junior Team Leader)
	Mrs Debbie Turner	Room 2
	Mrs Rebecca Hughes	Room 3
	Miss Hannah Prior	Room 4
Senior Team	Miss Aimee Faulkner	Room 5
	Mrs Rebecca Lintott	Room 6
	Mrs Rebecca Higgie	Room 7
	Miss Di Simpson	Room 8 (Deputy Principal and Senior Team Leader)
Secretary	Mrs Paula Stace	
Teacher Aides	Mrs Kirsten Otter, Mrs Maria Barnes, Mrs Ngaire Penn	
Caretaker/Cleaner	Mr Alan Martin	
Principal	Mrs Sue Simpson	

8th February - Teacher Only Day

Next week the school will be closed on Monday 8th February, as Waitangi Day is Mondayised.

Swimming

- Each class has a swimming session **every day**, so please ensure your children have the correct gear. Girls wear a one-piece suit, or have their midriff covered if wearing a two-piece suit. No board shorts. Boys should wear proper swimming shorts (not shorts they would wear in class) above the knee, or 'speedos'.
- Swimming is part of the school programme, so children must bring a note if they are not swimming.
- **Names on togs and towels would be great – really great – yes really, really great!** We cut up lost/unnamed towels for rags – they last for ages!
- **Names on goggles** would be amazing. Six other children have probably got a pair exactly the same as your child's.
- Rooms 4 – 8 swim in the morning and Rooms 1 – 3 swim in the afternoon.

Sun Safety

At our school, teachers regularly remind students to wear their hats, apply sun screen, and spend time in the shade at break times. We are always mindful of sun safety when we're planning outdoor activities, and try to provide shade where we can. This is an important time to remind parents that older students in **Rooms 6, 7 and 8 are responsible for their OWN sun safety.** Sun screen is always readily available at school, so if students in these classes choose not to apply it, we will not be chasing them up!

Hats

Thank you everyone for remembering hats yesterday! An awesome start.

Teacher Only Day

The school will be closed on Thursday 1st April for a Teacher Only Day. This is the day before Good Friday.

School rules.

These are written in full in the Information Book which you can read on the school website, but here are a few reminders:

- No nail polish please. Don't let your children apply nail polish if you don't have remover at home!
- No jewellery except plain stud earrings.
- Hair tied back with **simple clips/ties** please. No mohawks or rats' tails. No fluffy or sparkly head bands or hair products. Hair is not to be dyed.
- Hats with a wide all round brim. Bucket hats are perfect.
- Plain haircuts (no 'mohawks', rat's tails, colours, zigzags etc).
- No singlet tops please – t shirts with a short sleeve are best as it stops shoulders being sunburnt. Halter neck tops, 'boob tubes' and shoe string singlets are not appropriate.
- Please keep fingernails and toe nails cut short.
- No lollies or chewing gum.
- Water only

KIT Books

Our 'Keep in Touch' books are a very important part of our school and key to good communication. These books travel to and from school every day, so you can write notes for us, and teachers can let you know what is happening at school. Please READ your child's KIT book each day and ensure they bring it to school. We had a few children at the end of last year who often arrived without their KIT books, which meant lots of confusion and missed messages about what was happening at school. We look forward to your support.

PLEASE READ THE FIRST ENTRY OF YOUR CHILD'S KIT BOOK TONIGHT.

Pool Keys

The school pool is available for families to use after school and at weekends, until Saturday 13th March. There is a \$40 charge. Keys, and a contract for you to sign, are available **this week** at the Office. The pool is a very warm 27deg.

Thanks Stu and Helpers

Our huge thanks to Stu Addenbrooke who organised hay and pea straw picking up during the break. We really appreciate all those who were able to pitch in and help with this. You have raised close to \$5000 for the school! What an amazing start to the year.

School invoices

We will send home invoices in about 3 weeks' time for:

- Stationery Packs. The price varies for each class.
- School Picnic to Totara Reserve \$2 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.

Term Dates 2020

- Term 1: Monday 1st February – Friday 16th April (one Teacher Only Day)
- Term 2: Monday 3rd May – Friday 9th July
- Term 3: Monday 26th July – Friday 1st October (one Teacher Only Day)
- Term 4: Monday 18th October – Thursday 16th December

Kind regards



Sue Simpson
Principal

Term Calendar

Term 1 Calendar 2021		
February	8 th	Waitangi Day Holiday observed
	10 th	School picnic to Totara Reserve. Everyone goes
	15 th – 19 th	Rooms 7 and 8 camp at Kawhatau 2 nights each
	15 th – 19 th	Rooms 5 and 6 camp at school 2 nights each
	15 th	Life Education for Rooms 1 - 4
	18 th	Manawatu Cricket with rooms 5 – 8 (4 consecutive Thursdays)
	25 th	PTA Meeting
March	3 rd	School Triathlon tbc
	8 th – 10 th	3 Way Conferences/Parent Meetings this week for all students
	10 th	Senior Swimming Sports 12.00pm (Makino Aquatic Centre) Years 4 - 8
	11 th	PTA Meeting
	12 th	Junior swimming sports 1.30pm (school pool) Years 1 – 3 Swimming finishes for the season. Athletics starts.
	17 th	Interschool Triathlon
	19 th	Swimathon tbc Central Football Tournament
	22 nd	Interschool Swimming Relays/Penhey Cup 5.30pm
	26 th	Mt Biggs Tough Kids (to be confirmed)
April	1 st	Teacher Only Day – school closed
	2 nd	Good Friday
	5 th	Easter Monday
	6 th	Easter Tuesday – no school
	7 th	Year 5 - 6 Rippa Rugby Tournament
	8 th	Year 7 - 8 Rippa Rugby Tournament
	9 th	Athletic Sports. All children are involved.
	12 th	Feilding Interschool Athletics Day
	14 th	Student Council event – Wheels' Day
	16 th	End of Term

Halcombe School Trip to Totara Reserve

2 February 2021

Next Wednesday 10th February, the whole school will be travelling to **Totara Reserve** in the Pohangina Valley for a school picnic and fun day! We have all sorts of exciting activities planned. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to foster some awesome school spirit and to kick the year off in a really positive way. Please note, we will be swimming, and will have significant safety measures in place. Student safety is our top priority.

Younger students will travel by bus, so it is not necessary to send car seats to school. Older students will be travelling by car. Parents are more than welcome to join us for the day, and we need you to be able to be in the river while the students are swimming. It is not suitable for pre-schoolers to join us on this trip.

Junior parents: even though your children will travel on the bus, we'd love some of you to help with transporting the older students too. Please indicate below if you are available to help and provide transport, and send this form back to school by **Thursday (this week)**.

We will be leaving school at **8.50am (don't be late)**, and will be back by 3pm.

Gear List:

- shorts & t-shirt (no singlets please)
- jandals/scuffs/sandals (no shoes and socks please)
- morning tea & lunch, including plenty to drink (water only)
- warm sweatshirt
- togs and towel (girls: wear togs underneath clothes, boys: wear togs and a t-shirt)
- **underwear/clothes to put on after swimming.**
- sunhat & sunblock (please ensure students come to school with sunblock on already)



The cost for the trip is \$2. This will be added to your child's stationery list, so please don't send any money now. We're not sending home permission slips - if you **do not** want your child/ren to attend, please let us know by the end of this week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at school.

Regards,
Margot, Debbie, Rebecca, Hannah, Aimee, Bex, Becs, Di and Sue



TOTARA RESERVE TRANSPORT – WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

- I am able to help with transport. I can take _____ children with seatbelts.
- My vehicle is insured.
- My vehicle is registered: Registration Expiry Date: _____
- My vehicle has a current Warrant of Fitness: WOF Expiry Date: _____
- The driver is fully licensed: Licence Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____
- If applicable - Road User Charges: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form by THURSDAY this week please.