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Term 1 Week 4

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

*Tena Koutou Katoa*

## New Principal

The Board of Trustees is very pleased to announce the appointment of Alistair Schaw as our new Principal. Alistair is an experienced Principal having previously lead Whangaehu, Opiki and Kairanga Schools. He is currently working on some exciting projects with the Ministry of Education. Alistair will be visiting the school during this term as he gets to know us, our school and our community.

## 3 Way Conferences for ALL Families

We will be holding learning conferences for **all students** on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March. These conferences with your child's teacher focus on goal setting, in both **Academic areas and the Key Competencies** for example - attitude, social skills, confidence, initiative, perseverance, cooperation, friendships, managing themselves, joining in, taking risks and leadership.

Attached, you will find a timetable which needs to be filled in and returned to school **by Friday this week**. We give consecutive times for families with more than one child and the times are allocated on a first in first served basis. **PLEASE tick several times that suit you. The shaded areas are not available.** Your interview time will be sent home next week via your child's KIT book.

**If you are able to collect your child from school at 12.30, that would be a big help to us.** Children who have to remain at school will be supervised. Please send a **KIT book note**, phone call **328 8845** or email [office@halcombe.school.nz](mailto:office@halcombe.school.nz) if you are collecting your children.

## School Triathlon NEXT WEDNESDAY! -11-12.30pm

So far, 124 students have signed up, and the entries are still rolling in. Please let us know if you'd like your child's name to be added to the list. If your child needs to borrow a bike, we might be able to help - just let us know. We're hoping to see lots of parents/cheerleaders there to support the kids. Final details and instructions will be in next week's newsletter.

## Desks to Give Away

We have a number of green desks and a fancy table to give away. They are in the hall, just to the left of the doors. Please just help yourself. First in, first served.

## PTA AGM and Ordinary Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be next week on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the staffroom. This will be the AGM which will be followed by our ordinary meeting. If you are interested in being part of this wonderful group, please come along.

## How you can Help our Swimathon Gala

- We are after empty and clean feed bags for pine cones please
- Keep collecting sponsors for the Swimathon
- Send along a bottle of wine or a box/block of chocolate for the Spinning Wheel. All donations will be gratefully received.
- Send your 'Surprise in a Jar' to your class teacher.
- Mark Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March on your calendar. Kick off will be 4.30pm and we'll finish about 7.30pm. We will be selling all you could possibly eat for your tea!

## Setting Up

We would love a group of people to be available on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March to help with preparation for the Swimathon-Gala, for example pre making toasted sandwiches, making and bagging candy floss, setting up tables, counting lengths for swimmers, setting up the cake stall and so on. Please fill out the slip below if you can help with preparation on the day.

## Senior Swimming Sports (Wed 10<sup>th</sup> March)

The Senior Sports involves children in rooms 5 – 8 and any year 4 children in room 4 who are able to confidently swim in at least 3 events (1 width each of the 50m Makino Pool).

### Use of the School Pool

This is a reminder to keyholders that the equipment stored in the pool area, is not for public use, for example flutter boards and rings. Thank you.

## 'Surprise in a Jar'

We are running a 'Surprise in a Jar' stall again for our **Swimathon Gala Day**. We need donations of any size jar filled with a surprise, for example sweets, buttons, pens, chocolate, soaps or toys. The jars are then numbered on the bottom and you can buy a jar at the Gala, however you won't know what number jar you've bought!

You might get a jar of buttons or a jar with \$50 in it!

The class that contributes the highest percentage of jars will win free Ice blocks.

Please take these jars **TO YOUR TEACHER**. Let's get creative and fill up some jars!

(If you don't have a jar with a lid, we have some available at the Office.)

### 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
- Life Education \$6 per student in rooms 1 - 5
- 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. Also a reminder that we now have eftpos.

### Contact Information and Digital Citizenship Agreements

This is a reminder that these forms are due back by **Friday this week**.

Children will be unable to use devices if the forms are not returned.

Kind regards

  
Sue Simpson  
Principal



## ABLE2TRI

SUN 14 MARCH

Registrations open at Noon  
12.45pm - Race begins  
Makino Aquatic Centre, Feilding

### ENTRY FEE

Individual: \$10  
Team (up to 3): \$25  
Support person: Free  
Register before 30 Feb for this pricing.

### Course Options

Super Sprint - 100m swim | 5km bike | 2.5km run/walk  
Super Short Sprint- 50m swim | 1.6km bike | 800m run/walk

The Able2Tri event is a triathlon for people of all abilities, held in a fun and safe environment for all participants.

REGISTER AT [SPORTMANAWATU.ORG.NZ/ABLE2TRI](https://SPORTMANAWATU.ORG.NZ/ABLE2TRI)

Registrations on the day will be cash only: Individuals \$15 | Team: \$30

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### Swimathon Gala

**YES I am available to help with preparations on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. The event starts at 4.30pm.**

Time you can be at school to help:

From \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 Way Conferences March 2021

Please read the following carefully:

1. Please tick **AT LEAST** 5 times that you can attend. **Shaded areas are not available.**
2. 3 Way Conferences are for ALL families to discuss their child's goals for the year. Children attend with parents.
3. Please return it by **FRIDAY morning 26<sup>th</sup> February**. We will notify you of your appointment time via KIT Books next week

**Children's Names and Room numbers:**

Room \_\_\_\_\_

Room \_\_\_\_\_

Room \_\_\_\_\_

|               | <b>Monday<br/>8<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>Tuesday<br/>9<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>Wednesday<br/>10<sup>th</sup> March</b> |
|---------------|--|---|--|
| <b>8.00am</b> |  |   |  |
| <b>8.15am</b> |  |   |  |
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| <b>1.30</b>   |  |   |  |
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| <b>6.15</b>   |  |   |  |
| <b>6.30</b>   |  |   |  |

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_