

Halcombe School News



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Term 1 Week 6

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Swimathon - Gala

We are less than 2 weeks away from our Swimathon-Gala!

This is how you can help us:

- Donate 1.5kg of sugar or 500g of butter for our bakers! If you are doing a lot of baking, pop in and see us.
- Keep collecting sponsors for the Swimathon. Hopefully you are just about ready to hand your forms in.
- The collection of wine and chocolates is growing. More chocolate would be great!
- Start thinking of what you might be able to bake for the cake, biscuit and lolly stall. We can never have too much.
- We would like to borrow a **toasted sandwich machine** (at least double). Ring us if you are able to help.

Menu for Your Tea! At the Gala, we will be selling . . .

Hamburgers with lots of different fillings, sausages, steak sandwiches, toasted sandwiches, spiders, drinks, lollies, popcorn, candy floss, ice blocks and more!

The world famous **Magic Carpet Ride** will be back, along with **trailer rides** for younger children. We have **Dunk the Teacher**, a **Bouncy Castle**, golf games, Surprise in a Jar, spinning wheel and lots of other awesome activities to make for a wonderful fun afternoon. The event starts at 4.30.

If you are an **adult who wants to swim** a few lengths to help us get to Taupo, please let us know so we can organise a time during the day or afternoon/evening that suits you. We need 8 swimmers in the pool at a time.

Emirates Team NZ Support

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Senior Swimming Sports- TOMORROW

- Students will travel to Feilding by bus.
- The first race, the Barnett Cup, **will be at 12.15pm. Please note the change of time.**
- Students take: togs, two towels, goggles, **warm clothes** and a water bottle
- A reminder to let Paula know if you are taking your children home with you or they don't need a ride back to school on the bus, after the sports.

PTA News

The PTA held their AGM last week. Officers elected were:

- President: Lucinda Dodunski
- Secretary: Philippa Evans
- Treasurer: Gary Dundass
- Vice President: Richard Waugh
- Pastoral Care: Lucinda Dodunski

Congratulations to everyone who is part of the PTA on a hugely successful 2020. Despite Covid, the PTA raised about **\$27 000** for the school last year, mainly through the Moveathon, Quiz, and lamb fattening, which is incredible and allows us to have the excellent facilities and resources we all enjoy at our school. The major PTA project last year was the Outdoor Classroom which the children and teachers love.

Filing Cabinet

We have a 4 drawer filing cabinet in excellent condition that is no longer required. Ask at the office if you're interested.

Board of Trustees News from 2nd March

- The BOT received the end of 2020 student achievement data, which shows that 90% of our students are achieving at or above national expectations in Reading, 84% in Writing and 92% in Maths. These are excellent results.
- The 2020 Annual Plan was presented which shows the actions and activities undertaken by the school during the past year. The 2021 Charter and Annual Plan are in place for this year.
- We can expect to see the solar panels on the roof within the next couple of weeks. This \$88k project is a very exciting one for the school.
- Plans for a 6m extension to the end of Room 1 are being finalised.
- The Boards' policies and Procedures for Health and Safety have been reviewed.
- The Board received a report which shows how students who need support with their learning have progressed during the last year.

Junior Swimming Afternoon

This will be held on **Friday this week**, starting at 1.30pm and is for children in Rooms 1 – 4 (not those who attend the senior sports). The children will need warm clothes to wear after they've swum. Parents are welcome to attend. It would be great if mums, dads and supporters could wear hats!

School Triathlon

We are so proud of the students for their incredible effort in the triathlon last week. It was all about joining in, and having fun. For some kids, an event like this is a little outside their comfort zone, so we're especially proud of them for being willing to get stuck in!

Morning bus from Feilding to Halcombe

Because there has been an increase in the number of high school students Mary picks up on her way to town in the mornings, the bus will be running about 10 minutes later than usual from now on. This will affect all pick ups in the morning as she returns to school. Children will arrive at school at about 8.50, so just in time to unpack and get notices to the office!

LOTS OF EVENTS: (Year 5-8)

This is a very busy time of year, with lots of events coming up. We think it's fantastic that there are so many opportunities to get involved, but we need parents to remind their children to **check their KIT Books** for notes each night. **If forms are not returned on time, they won't be included.** Other than the interschool cricket and athletics, forms have now gone home to those involved in these events.

Here is a reminder of what's coming up:

- interschool triathlon - Wednesday 17 March
- interschool football - Friday 19 March
- interschool swimming - Monday 22 March
- interschool cricket - date to be confirmed
- Jump Jam trip - Thursday 25 March
- Manawatu Tough Kids - Friday 26 March
- rippa rugby (Year 5-6) - Wednesday 7 April
- rippa rugby (Year 7-8) - Thursday 8 April
- interschool athletics - Monday 12 April

Kind regards



Sue Simpson
Principal

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SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS – TOMORROW

ONLY return this slip if your children are **NOT** returning to school. **Return BEFORE SCHOOL tomorrow**

Student/s: _____

My child/children will NOT require a ride back to school AFTER the sports (i.e. they will be collected from the pool or will walk home).

Signature _____