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Term 2 Week 4

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia ora koutou,

As I walk around the classrooms most days I am impressed with the quality of learning and the kinds of activities that pupils are involved in here.

In the afternoons we have our Inquiry units in full swing: 'Space', and 'Up In The Sky'. These are full of knowledge building, Questioning, Investigation, plus a lot of experimentation - I have learned quite a few things I had no idea about (and I LOVE these topics). In amongst this unit is the ability for pupils to investigate questions they have come up with during their learning, that will help further their understanding.

To support your children, and a way to be involved in their learning, is to ask questions at night about what they have learned and what they think about it. This is an important way for you to be involved and to know what is going on in your child's school-life. You will have ideas about what they are learning too, and you will have things you remember from your own education.

At Halcombe, we want you to know what is going on, and as part of the learning partnership, we encourage you to take a really active interest in what they are doing too. Enjoy the conversations with your children!

Have a great week,
Alastair & the H Team.

Pie Warmer Lunches

These will be available from this Wednesday 26th May.

For our new families, we have 2 pie warmers that children use to heat up their lunches.

- Lunches need to be wrapped securely in tinfoil, or put in **small** tinfoil trays (for anything that might leak) from the \$2 shop named clearly with a Vivid marker and with a room number.
- If you're making lunches for the freezer, name them before putting them in. (Vivid doesn't work on cold tinfoil!)
- Children put their lunches in the pie warmers when they arrive at school.
- Popular lunches are lasagne, toasted sandwiches, pizza, mac n cheese, sausage rolls, spag bol, left overs from tea etc. Anything that will heat up really.

Afternoon Buses

In the past, some students have taken one of the buses into town in a casual capacity. This has helped transport children to where they need to be. Mrs Stace has done a great job making sure everyone gets to where they are going, even at a great cost to her time. UNFORTUNATELY, we cannot accommodate these casual rides anymore, as both Feilding buses are full. Trying to do this for everyone has become increasingly complicated and now we don't have the level of flexibility that we had last term. As our school roll increases, spare seats in the buses are getting as rare as hen's teeth. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes, but we are sure you understand the issues. We will let you all know if and when this situation changes.

Assembly

This week Room 5 will host assembly, which starts at 2.30pm on Friday.

Technology in Action:

We are very fortunate to run our very own Technology programme here at Halcombe. Each week our Year Seven and Eight pupils are involved in different rotations, and each class has only 9-10 pupils in it. This ensures everyone gets a great programme and the support they really need to learn new skills. It is all action, thinking, and discovery of some new skills!



Pictured: Baking with Mrs Barnes, and Woodwork with Mr Stoneley. More next week.