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Term 2 Week 8

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

Halcombe School is a well organised and well run place. There is so much being planned, opportunities being given and the calendar looks full all the time. There is always something going on. I really appreciate the fact that our staff and parents provide all this and work together amongst all the busyness that goes on. The trouble with such a full timetable is that sometimes we get opportunities for our kids that we have to turn down even though they may have been great. One such clash occurred last week: our Kapa Haka was down to go and see a wonderful display at the Regent, of different Kapa Haka groups performing. This would have given our pupils an eye-opening understanding of what to aspire to. Then along came a local opportunity for our Kapa Haka team to actually perform along with other local schools on the same day in Feilding. So we have learned to pivot! And this has affected our whole school, due to the size of our Kapa Haka group. We have lots of opportunities, we provide lots of them, but we are learning to change when opportunities require it. Thanks for the patience of staff and parents in this change. It's not that we aren't organised (far from it!). It's just that we will always look for the best opportunities for our kids! Thanks to everyone for your patience and help.

Have a great week,

Alastair & the H Team.

Teacher Appointment:

Many thanks for those of you who have shown your support for Bex Linott after the news of her resignation. I know she feels well-supported and we look forward to her still being a part of our school and the learning programme here. You may see news online of our advertisement for a new teacher for Room 6 through until the end of the year. This allows us to review our staffing past the end of this year. The Board has formed an appointment group who are overseeing the finding of a new teacher for Room 6. Rest assured that we will find a great teacher and we expect to be able to tell you the outcome of that shortly.

Car Parking:

Car parking is at a premium, but we want to remind everyone that parking on the Willoughby verge and footpath is NOT allowed, as it creates its own traffic and walking hazard. Please do not park there - instead park up the road further if you have to.

Mid-Year Reports:

Reports are coming out THIS Friday to all parents. These are shorter mid-year reports that will update you on how well your child is achieving against an end of year expectation, and how well they are applying themselves to their learning. Because you receive a lot of information about your child's progress and learning, (Seesaw, blogs, exercise books home to view, etc), and are able to come in and see us at any time, these reports outline just what you need to know right now. If there has been a dramatic change in your child's engagement or learning you will have been contacted to let you know this already. As you read over the mid-year report, if there is something that you need clarified, you will have the opportunity to schedule a Three-Way Conference in the last week of term to discuss this. A slip in next week's newsletter will allow you to do this easily. Enjoy the update and talk to your child about their successes and goals.

Assembly

This week, Room 1 will host assembly, which starts at 2.30pm on Friday. Come and celebrate our achievements this week and the learning that is taking place.

Microphone Issues

Apologies for the microphone issues we've had during assemblies this term. We're working on this.

PTA Meeting

Our PTA meeting is TONIGHT at 7pm in the school staffroom. All are welcome. Come and hear about our next ventures, and how you can be involved.

After-School Play

We love it that families and parents get to play after school sometimes to chat and catch up, BUT please ensure you know where your child is and what they are doing. We make sure that all play equipment is away at the end of lunch and we need the grounds left in as tidy a condition as possible after school. If you are here with your child, please teach them to respect the routines by putting things back where they need to go. Many thanks. And remember that we have a strict 'one person at a time rule' on our trampolines.

Kapa Haka Beautiful Whanau Performance

Students in our Kapa Haka group will be performing at the Feilding Civic Centre on Friday 25th June. The cost of this trip is \$5 which is payable to the school office as soon as possible. Parents and whanau are welcome to attend the Beautiful Whanau celebration from 9am. Our students will no longer be attending Te Pae Tamariki - this trip has been cancelled and there is no need to pay for this trip. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Disco

We know many students are VERY excited about the disco coming up next Friday 2 July. The Junior Disco (Rooms 1-5), will be from 5.30-6.45pm, and the Senior Disco (Rooms 6-8), will be from 7-8.30pm. Next week, tickets are on sale before school from outside R8 - \$3 (cash only please). For new parents, senior students and staff run the discos, so there is no need for you to stay.

Free Study Desks!

You may have noticed the free classroom study desks outside the Hall? We have replaced some senior desks and the old ones are available to our families **free of charge**. Feel free to take one or two home for your children to use in their bedroom, or to have a spare desk in your garage/toolshed. They can be picked up from the Hall entrance and it's first-in, first served.



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