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Term 2 Week 9

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

This term has gone so fast, it is hard to believe we have managed to do all the things we have – and there's still much more to be completed yet! This week we reached 200 pupils. This is a cause for celebration, and we cut a cake at morning tea with our two latest New Entrants - Lauren and Miles cutting the cake for us. According to Sue, we reached 240 in the 1970's, back when we had two fewer classrooms - you do the maths on class sizes! Classroom teaching and learning has changed so much since then, and it has had to. Since coming to Halcombe School I am so impressed with the level of student engagement, achievement, as well as the very high levels of respect and rich learning activities that occur in our classrooms each day. We won't be at 200 forever as we have a large group of pupils leaving at the end of the year to head off to high school (28), but reaching 200 students may now become an annual event - let's see what can happen in this great little place!

Have a great week,
Alastair & the H Team.



Kapa Haka Beautiful Whanau Performance

Students in our Kapa Haka group performed beautifully last week, along with other local schools. We were so proud of them and their efforts. Many thanks to the parents who were able to come and support our students! We all appreciated seeing you there.

Jump Jam Performance Coming:

If Friday's assembly item was anything to go by, our Jump Jammers are going to be a hit! We are very much looking forward to the performance and action from our Jump Jam Team. They compete at the Spiers Centre at PNBHS on Saturday 3rd, at 5.20pm. Enjoy!



Car Parking:

It seems some people didn't see the note in last week's newsletter: PLEASE do not park on the Willoughby footpath and verge! The safety of pupils is our paramount aim and this habit is not a good one. We understand parking is at a premium for assemblies, so please park further down the road and have a nice walk to the hall. Many thanks.

Assembly

This week, Room 8 will host assembly, which starts at 2.30pm on Friday. Come and celebrate our achievements this week and the learning that is taking place. We appreciate that all our families can come to these assemblies and enjoy them. If you have a pre-schooler please remember that the focus needs to be on our pupils who are being celebrated. Please keep your little ones under control and quiet when our pupils are sharing. Many thanks.

Lamb Fattening Scheme:

Our PTA has launched this major fundraiser, and thanks to the generosity of many people, we're hoping for a successful event. 25 farmers have split 202 lambs between them, and they'll look after them until early September when they'll be sold. A huge thank you to Stu Addenbrooke, Richard Waugh, Rhys Staples, Scott Linklater, Cam Waugh, James Humphrey, Chris Monk, Ian Blunden, Simon Wishnowsky, Scott Banner, Jeff Lane, Andrew Managh, Brent Thompson, Hamish Hawker, Neil Travers, John Botham, Zane Swart, Mike Abbis, Robbie Giesen, George Bartlett, Wayne Winiata, Richard Simpson, Bruce Polson, Dave Short, and David Mills. 20 of these farmers have or have had kids at Halcombe School, and three have grandkids. We are so lucky to receive this incredible support from our fantastic community.

BoT Meeting: Wednesday 30th, 7pm.

The Board of Trustees governs the school and sets direction. We have two meetings each term that go over items like finances, development, property and staffing. We are having our next meeting this Wednesday in the staffroom.

Mid-Year Report Follow-up: Week Ten

If you would like to book in a time to meet your child's teacher regarding their progress or achievement please fill in the slip below and send it **back to the office by Thursday 31st**. Any meetings we can't accommodate next week may go over into the first week of the new term. We will notify you of your time via the KIT Books or a phone call.

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DISCO

FRIDAY 2 JULY

JUNIOR DISCO: 5.30-6.45PM
R1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

SENIOR DISCO: 7-8.30PM
R6, 7 & 8

HALCOMBE SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: \$3 - ON SALE NOW!

Buy your ticket from outside R8
before school one day this week -
cash only, no online sales.

FOR SALE AT THE DISCO:
LOLLIES: \$1 DRINKS: \$1 GLO-STICKS: .50C

Your name: _____

Children's Names and Room numbers:

Room _____

Room _____

Room _____

Please circle your preference of day and timing:

Before school

After school

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday