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Term 4 Week 6

23rd November 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

It was a very quiet time here last week, with two classes away on camp. One more this week - Room8 - and the camps are all done. What fantastic times, good memories created and challenges met. Well done everyone!

Speaking of challenge: COVID. There are quite a few COVID- related items in this newsletter. They highlight the changing way we face this threat, to protect our pupils and our whole community.

As you know, we have been trying very hard to make this as normal a year for everyone as possible, but there comes a limit even to my amazing powers. Prize-givings will be different, and as special as we can make them - especially for our Year Eight pupils who have been such a big part of this school over the years.

I very much appreciate the fact that most of our families have chosen to be vaccinated, and that our staff are also all done. This makes the operation and running of the school so much easier and I am so grateful to you. We may have some who do not wish to be vaccinated and this is their choice. As a community school we recognise the importance of families being involved in their child's school life and we want all families to be a part of the events of this great little school. All this is balanced by everyone's responsibility to protect our neighbours, our community and our pupils.

I know we all want our neighbours and friends to be a part of us too. What's the saying: 'No one left behind'? We will always seek to have full inclusion of our families where we can, but I think we all recognise that this may get harder to do. Food for thought.

Have a great week.
Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Student Immunisation Register

All schools have been asked to add to their Immunisation Register the current status of COVID immunisation for students aged 12 and up. This is held securely here at school and requires a parent to tell us whether their child is immunised or not for this virus. This is the same as for all other immunisations. Parents of pupils aged 12+ this year have already been contacted. Please get this information into Paula as soon as you can. It is appreciated when your child has this vaccine that you let us know. This will keep records up to date in case of an outbreak.

Social Media use

We have become aware of pupils as young as age 8 belonging to social media platforms such as Instagram, Messenger and Facebook. We have been informed that chatter is going on between children and that they are being mean, and downright nasty to each other. This is incredible and is concerning. Although completely outside of the school's jurisdiction, this meanness has repercussions for our school when outside nastiness enters our gates. Some children are feeling excluded, anxious and picked on. As a parent I know how hard it is to keep track of what our kids are doing, but I also know it is important to continually monitor and **know** what my kids are up to. How about this weekend we all check what our kids are up to and check conversations and history. We do not want this nonsense to become a habit.

Swimming Pool News

We are opening the pool during school time only, as the weather is starting to turn and we want to ensure the pool is ready for our community in the second half of the holidays and summer term. If you would like your child to swim during lunchtimes or afternoons during the hot weather, please send them along with their togs and towel (named please). Keys for families to use the pool in the new year will be available later this term. We will put a note in two weeks' time about families renting the keys.

NB: we are not opening the pool to the community yet. This is just about options for our kids.

Netball Hoops

As you can see from the picture here, we have two surplus netball hoop stands (with detached hoops!) for junior players. We are intending to recycle the metal, BUT maybe there is someone out there who can weld the hoop back on who would like them for their children at home? If this is you, please see Paula or Alastair to arrange pick-up. Free to a good home.



Touch

A reminder that there are no games this week. The next afternoon of touch will be Thursday 2 December.

School Photos

Last week each student brought home their Online Photo Access Key slip to enable you to order personal and class photos. Please contact the office urgently if you do not have a slip as the free delivery period ends Sunday 28th November 2021.

Thomas George Macarthy Trust

We have received from the Thomas George Macarthy Trust a donation of \$2000.00 for our school library. We will use this money over the next year to purchase new books for our library.

Prizegiving - Decisions Made!

Some really tough decisions have had to be made regarding our Junior Christmas Party and Senior Prizegiving events. Traditionally, these events are one of the highlights of the year, with many parents and whānau attending. Due to the rules around gatherings, things will look quite different this year.

Prizegiving - Rooms 1-7

- Monday 13 December, 1pm at school.
- No parents sorry, but we are working on a live-streaming option for you to watch at a distance.

Prizegiving - Room 8

- Tuesday 14 December, 7pm at school. Two adults per student are allowed to attend. See a note in KIT Books for more detail.

Disco

We are very excited about the disco being held next Friday 3 December. It will work a little differently this time. There will be no food or drink for sale at the disco. The ticket price (\$5) will include lollies and a drink, and the students will have this halfway through the dancing! Tickets will be on sale outside Room 8 before school next week.

HALCOMBE SCHOOL

DISCO

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER

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

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

HALCOMBE SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: \$5 -

ON SALE NEXT WEEK

This includes lollies and a fizzy drink.

There is nothing to buy at
the disco this time.

Pick Up/Drop Off:

*parents, please wear masks and socially
distance yourselves outside the hall while
you're waiting for your kids*

Community News

Halcombe Community Christmas Carols by Candlelight and Nativity Play

Halcombe Memorial Hall, Saturday 11th December 2021 at 6pm. Free sausage sizzle and bring a plate to share. Tea, coffee and candles provided!

Halcombe Playcentre Christmas raffle

Tickets are \$2 each, with the raffle drawn on the 9th December. Some amazing prizes with products and vouchers from local businesses. To purchase email halcombe@playcentre.org.nz or contact Emma: 021 599 122. Funds from this raffle will go towards building a carpentry and loose parts shed for the children.

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

Next Chapter Parenting offering Individual, or group, PARENTING SESSIONS via Zoom. Eight one hourly sessions, weekly at a time convenient to you, available evenings. Topics covered include Communication, Empathy, Setting Limits, Quality Time, Consequences, Choices, Redirection, Problem Behaviour, Praise vs Acknowledgement, Time In vs Time Out, The Pause, Erickson's Stages of Growth, Personality Types and how it affects your children. WINZ funding assistance where eligible. Website: www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz Contact: brigid@nextchapterparenting.co.nz

On Line for Nine

Year 9... let's go! Starting at high school can be daunting, especially if you won't know many people and you're not used to daily life in a big school! Come along to Online for Nine on Thursday 27 January 2022, to meet up with old mates, make new friends, and learn a bunch of stuff in a relaxed environment to get prepared for high school – whichever one you're going to. Numbers are limited so register soon to secure your spot. You can register online here:

<https://nsmanawatu.infoodle.com/f/OnlineForNineRegistrations> or pick up a form from your school's office.

Online for Nine is FREE to attend, with lunch provided. It's organised by Manawatu Rural Support Service with support from Neighbourhood Support Manawatu, and training provided by Lifehouse Youth Services.



A Christmas Fundraiser for local ladies.
All proceeds go towards the Dress For Success Project.

Dress For Success is a global not-for-profit organisation that empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

December 4th 2021

Please bring a plate and your choice of beverage

SUPPORTING LOCAL .. JOIN US ..

AT THE HALCOMBE TAVERN 5PM-6PM
& THE HALCOMBE MEMORIAL HALL 6PM-10PM

DESSERT PROVIDED BY RUSTY RADIATOR

Tickets \$10

includes a glass
of bubbles &
dessert



Text/Call for tickets 027 295 6599

**PRE-ENTER ONLINE BY 11TH
FEBRUARY 2022
PAY ONLY \$20**

**WIN SPORTS GEAR
OF YOUR CHOICE
FOR YOUR SCHOOL!**

Manawatu Triathlon Club wants to reward schools with the best student participation numbers in the upcoming "Crank It Specialized I Trid the Tri Series 2022" for kids 4-12 yrs. Prizes of sports vouchers will be presented to the winning schools. *Note the winning schools will be determined by taking into account roll size & numbers of students taking part. There will be prizes for different categories of schools



I Trid the Tri Series 2022



KIDS TRIATHLON

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COURSE DISTANCES

4-6 years 300m run / 600m cycle / 1 length swim in teaching pool
7 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 25m swim
8-9 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 50m swim
10-12 years 1.5k run / 3k cycle / 100m swim

EVENT LOCATION

Skoglund Park and Freyberg Community Pool
Palmerston North

HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete the entry & consent form waiver by the 11th February
Enter online at triclub.co.nz

2. Register on race day from 4:30pm (First race 5:20pm)

We must receive full payment and signed Parent's/Legal Guardian's consent form waiver to complete your registration.

ENTRY FEES Before 11th Feb

- Individual child (all 5 events) \$20 OR
- Family of 3 or more (all 5 events) \$60
- Club members Free (only if you pre-register by 11th Feb)

ENTRY FEES After 11th Feb

- Individual child \$25 OR
- Family of 3 or more \$75

<http://triclub.co.nz/crank-it-specialized-i-trid-tri-series>

<https://www.facebook.com/Palmy-I-Trid-the-Tri-Series-165002316882569/>

GET A QUESTION?

To find out more please call Andy or Lenka (3552643 or 0210349989)
or Deb (027 439 0651)