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Kia Ora Parents,

In my opinion, *“A man should choose a friend who is better than himself. There are plenty of acquaintances in the world; but very few real friends.”* Chinese Proverb.

We have enrolled 37 new pupils so far this year and 20 of this group are in year levels other than New Entrants. Our Halswell children are excellent at looking after new arrivals and making sure that they feel welcome. Finding New friends isn't really too difficult, however, finding true friends who will remain loyal and trustworthy, is something that can be very hard for children arriving into a different school. Friends bring us a lot of enjoyment, happiness and good times. Friends help when we are feeling low or feeling down. They can help to bring us out of a bad mood and inspire and give us hope. A life without friends would be very dull, boring and unfulfilling. New friends can bring excitement, great conversation, fresh opinions and fresh outlooks on life. The enthusiasm of a new friend can be uplifting and enlighten us. New friends can help introduce us to new things and other people. If your son or daughter has a new class friend please take time to ensure their family know you are there. Often little things like an invite over to play can signal to new parents an acceptance. This is a strength of the Halswell community. Long may it last.

SCHOOL-LINKS

This newsletter has been sent out on School-links and on hard copy. If you haven't received a School-links email please assume that your correct email is not on their system. Either call Viv on 322-7038 or email her at admin@halswell.school.nz



Manners

Congratulations to Toby, Ashley, Emma and Lana who have all been caught using excellent manners. Their names have been drawn out from our daily New World / Anchor draw. Each has won a free Primo drink from New World.

MEET THE TEACHER POSTPONED.

Sorry but I have been forced to postpone our Meet the Teacher Evenings by a week. They will now be held Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st. I have been forced to make this decision as I am still not convinced that School-links is completely operational and I don't believe a day is sufficient time to allocate appointments that will meet everyone's requirements.

ACCOUNTS.

By the end of this week, all pupils should have received their school accounts via email! Some of you may have already received these as the junior school was sent out first. If you do not receive your account by the beginning of next week or you have any queries, please contact Vicky Brown on 322 7038 or email vicky.brown@halswell.school.nz.

The annual School Donation is included on these accounts. If this amount is paid by the 1 April 2012, a \$10 discount will be applied to your account.

Sending the accounts via email is our new preferred option but if you require a hard copy, please let us know.

INDIVIDUAL TRIATHLON

This event will now be held on 14th February at the Halswell Aquatic Centre and Domain. Please encourage your children to give the triathlon a go. 9 and 10 year olds (age at 1st January) only need to swim 2 lengths, cycle 4km and run 2.2kms around the Domain; 11 and over swim 3 lengths, cycle 8kms and run 2.2kms. This is a great first time event amongst the safety of their friends.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Jellie Park 21st Feb 9:45am start to 11:45.

This event is designed to cater for competent swimmers. Ages as at 1st January, 9 years and over.

ITINERANT MUSIC LESSONS

Our itinerant music programme is up and running for the year, with piano, flute, violin and guitar having started this week.

Clarinet, saxophone and drum lessons will begin next Monday and trumpet and trombone on Thursday.

MUSIC GROUPS

Senior Choir auditions have been held this week. The first rehearsal will be next Tuesday February 14th at 8.30 a.m. Jazz Band will begin next Monday at 8.30 a.m, Orchestra Wednesday 8.15 and Year 3 - 6 Choir Thursday 8.30.

Regards
Bruce Topham
(Principal)



Technology. Today our Year 7 and 8's started their Hillmorton High based technology programme for the year. In addition to the traditional specialist subjects of food, fabric, woodwork and metal work our children will experience two of either Art, Science and Phys. Ed. We are grateful to the Hillmorton staff for providing these learning opportunities for our students.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Halswell Rugby League Club Juniors Registration Day 2012

When : Sunday, 19th February 2012
Time : 10am – 12noon
Where : Halswell Rugby
Halswell Domain

All new players welcome. Ages 4 to 16 years.
Please bring a copy of Birth Certificate.

All subs paid on the day receive a free Halswell Hornets Club T-Shirt.
(While stocks last.)

Subs :
4 – 7yrs \$45 per child
8yrs – 16yrs \$55 per child

Cash only, sorry no eftpos available.

For further enquiries email halswelljuniors@gmail.com or phone Rachael TeHau,
Juniors Secretary 021 081 00772

MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteer drivers required to deliver meals in the Halswell area. Delivery takes approximately one hour and there is a small contribution towards running costs. If you can help one day a month or fortnightly please contact Bidy Garters, phone 322 8051.

Halswell Rugby League Netball Club Registration & Trial Dates

Come along and sign up for the 2012 netball season!

From year 4 primary through to 'The Old Girls' social, including a premier side, Halswell Rugby League Netball is a great, fun and competitive club to be a part of.

REGISTRATION

Sunday 12th Feb 4.00pm -5.30pm

Monday 13th Feb 6.00pm - 7.00pm
@
Halswell Rugby League Clubrooms
Halswell Domain

For those that can't make these dates, we do have forms we can email to you. Please email hrlnetballclub@gmail.com to request one of these

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Senior Trials

A and B	Sunday 19th Feb 10.00am -12.00noon Monday 20th Feb 6.00pm - 8.00pm
C and below	Sunday 26th Feb 10.00am - 12.00noon Monday 27th Feb 6.00pm - 8.00pm

All senior trials will be held at the Lincoln Events Centre, Meijer Drive, Lincoln

All players are encouraged to trial for A and B, those that do not make the initial squad will then be called back for the C and below trials.

Primary Trials

Year 6 + New Players*	Sunday 4th March 9.00am – 10.00am
Year 7 – 8	Sunday 4th March 10.00am – 12.00noon Monday 5th March 6.00pm (if required)

*Year 7 or 8 that have not played before

All Primary Trials will be held at the Lincoln Netball Courts, North Belt, Lincoln.

Any questions please call Emma Griggs 027 249 1973

ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

A full range of Adult and Community Education classes is on offer through Risingholme Community Centre. Classes are held at Risingholme Community Centre, Shirley Boys' High, Riccarton High School and Christchurch Girls'

High. Full details for Term 1 programme on www.risingholme.org.nz or email info@risingholme.org.nz.

FOR SALE

Halswell School jacket, size 8. Very good condition. \$10.00.

Halswell School sport top, size 10. Very good condition \$10.00.

CANTERBURY ACADEMY OF DANCE

Quality dance education in Ballet and Jazz. It is the Canterbury Academy of Dance vision to train and display the finest, strongest, fittest dancers, who exude and radiate their love of dance and life in everything they do.

Phone 967 8575, 022 0619592. Email office@cadance.co.nz.

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 24th of February. Quiz starts at 7.30 p.m. Cashmere Club, 50 Colombo Street. \$10 per person. Maximum 6 per team. Quiz Master: Grant MaGrath from "The Breeze". Prizes for winners and losers and a silent auction.

Refreshments at the bar. Limited number of tables so be in quick! Register your team with Louise, email: louise_ewen@clear.net.nz or Sarah email:

dougalsarah@xtra.co.nz. Fundraiser for Christchurch south Parents Centre www.parentscentre.org.nz

JAZZ AND HIP HOP CLASSES for children aged 5 years and over – come along and have a go. Confidence, co-ordination, creativity and fun. Please call Leanne on 358 3258/021309093 or email: instep@woosh.co.nz for more information.

HALSWELL COMMUNITY CRAFT GROUP has begun again. The group meets on Wednesdays from 9.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. approximately. Halswell Scout Den, in the Domain behind the tennis courts. BYO crafts or join in with others. Cost \$2.00. All welcome.

ZUMBA 4 ADULTS AND KIDS

ADULTS: Monday 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.

Friday 9.30 a.m. (except first Friday of the month). First class \$5.00, \$10 casual or \$65 (10 classes).

CHILDREN: Monday. Term time.

Little Starz (4 – 7 years) 3.30 p.m. Term prices varyapproximately \$50 a term for one session a week.

ALSO: Zumba birthday parties. Halswell Baptist Church, 6 Balcairn Street. Contact: Michelle 021 1086755.

