

# Halcombe School



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Term 3 Week 8

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*Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregiver*

## Community Consultation

The Board of Trustees would like to encourage you to complete the survey being sent home with this newsletter.

The BOT uses this information to consider the views of our parent community and plan for the future.

The survey will only take a few minutes of your time.

**Just pop the completed questionnaire in the box in the foyer, or get your child to drop it in.**

**Responses are anonymous.**

### Pirate Day

We had an amazing Pirate Day last Thursday! There were treasure hunts with real treasure, craft activities, pirate songs and lots of Arrgh Arrgh jokes! Thanks to all our wonderful teachers for making this day such fun for the kids. A special thank you to Kirsten Otter and Lucy Lintott, our amazing teacher aides, who iced 200 pirate biscuits!

### Congratulations Room 8

Wow! Room 8 has just won the New Zealand Year 7-8 Paper Plus Book Review Competition. The judges comments were amazing and showed how highly they thought of the entries received from our senior class. They won an amazing collection of books and stationery, worth more than \$1000. Thanks to Miss Simpson for her input.

### Yummy stickers

A reminder to collect 'Yummy' stickers and bag labels, and return them to school by Friday NEXT WEEK (20<sup>th</sup> September) please! We exchange them for wonderful sports gear. We are hoping this year will be a record, so keep munching through those apples!

### Immunisations

Thank you to those who have been in touch with their updated immunisation records. We will be following up with those who have yet to do so.

### Cellphones at school

Students must not use cellphones at school or on the buses. If a student needs to have a phone at school, they must bring a note from a parent and gain permission from the Principal. Phones must be handed in to the Office for the day. Phones found at school without permission will be confiscated.

### Assembly

This week, Room 7 will host assembly, starting at the usual time of 2.30pm. All welcome.

### Helping Children Stand on their Own Two Feet

Children who learn to stand on their own two feet have parents who empower them to do so. We always want to foster independence in our children in a way that says to them, that they are capable of handling life effectively and successfully. When we have loving and high expectations for our children, they will naturally live up to what is expected of them, and often go far beyond.

### Steps to Empowering Your Children

- 1. Problem solving:** Children who are entrusted with a reasonable amount of responsibility to figure out and solve their problems bounce back with more resilience when they experience a setback. They learn the most from their mistakes, and how to take action when they experience setbacks. Self-sufficient children come from parents who empower their children to work through life's difficulties.
- 2. Positive Parenting:** Our parenting must be inspiring and encouraging. Many try and motivate their children through not believing in them, hoping to create a fighter who will rebel and succeed. Even if some children succeed under this model, they usually do so with low self-worth. Children who feel supported and empowered can think for themselves. They show insight into the long-term consequences of the decisions and they are confident and able to take risk.

3. **Transfer of Power:** In order to empower our children, we have to allow them to have the power to make their own decisions. We need to let go and give them the room to learn, make mistakes and also to succeed and experience the rewards of their choices. Although we transfer power over to them, we can still remain in a supportive, loving and coaching role for them to return to if they need guidance.
4. **Guiding When Things Get Tough:** When our children fall down, this is not a time to criticize and critique. It is time to listen and give feedback. Always encourage them to see the bigger picture and lighten things up with humour and laughter. This way they don't see mistakes as the 'end of the world' or a big drama. Acknowledge their emotions, ask problem-solving questions and share in what can be done next.
5. **Celebrate Good Decisions:** When your children shine and are successful in their decisions, make sure to recognize and celebrate their independence and achievement. Help them to own these successes as their own. Treasure these moments with them, as love is the greatest reward. Nothing feels better to a child than the acknowledgment of their goodness from their parents.

**The End Result:** When we parent to encourage, uplift, support and love unconditionally, we raise children who live with deep feelings of self-satisfaction and pride. Through positive parenting we supply our children with a feeling of well-being they will strive to keep on their own. They learn that happiness is a by-product of achieving and we raise motivated, inspired, creative, self-aware, emotionally intelligent children. We will know the result of our parenting when we can look at the posture of our children and they are standing tall and firm in who they are.

### Help us win

We are asking for your support to help us win \$500 worth of sports uniforms. You can click on our Facebook post or via

<https://ruralhq.co.nz>

Just scroll down and nominate

Halcombe School.

Ya gotta be in to win!

*Kind regards*

*Sue Simpson  
Principal*



***Pirate Biscuits!***

### Community News

#### Feilding Gymnastics

##### **Term 4 recreational gymnastics.**

We are running extra sessions of recreational gymnastics this year in term 4. Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct till Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. Open to all abilities. Cost \$60. Class sizes are limited on a first in first served basis.

- Saturday Sessions: 3-7 yrs: 11am - 12.15pm  
7yrs + : 12.30 – 1.45pm
- Tuesday Sessions: 5-8 yrs: 5pm – 6.15pm  
8yrs+: 6.30 – 7.45pm

For enrolment application please email [feildinggym@gmail.com](mailto:feildinggym@gmail.com) or if interested assisting during session as parent help/coach please message via our facebook page Feilding Gymnastics.

#### Halcombe Playcentre Fundraiser

Halcombe Playcentre is hosting a table at the Palmerston North Parent Centre 'Preggy to Preschool' garage sale in the next school holidays. If you have any donations of books, toys, clothing etc. basically any paraphernalia related to maternity, babies and pre-schoolers, you can drop these at the Halcombe Playcentre.

#### *Our A Netball Team*

