

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers



*He mihi tenei ki a koe me to
whanau mo te Kirihimete me
te tau hou.*

Greetings to you and your
family for Christmas and the
New Year.

Another brilliant year at
Halcombe School has come to an end. Thank all of
our families for their wonderful support throughout
the year. It has been another very busy and successful
year and much has been achieved. We look forward
with confidence to 2020.

We wish everyone in our school community a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Board of Trustees News

- The MDC will be working with the school in the new year to look at safer options for children crossing at the corner.
- The BOT has agreed to add vaping to its Smoke Free Policy, so that vaping is not permitted on the school grounds.
- The BOT received a windfall of \$130k to use on the school property. The BOT has agreed to look at adding an additional teaching space.

Representative Honours

Congratulations to Caleb K who is in the Manawatu U12 cricket team.

Awards from last evening

Congratulations to all students who received awards at the Senior Prizegiving last evening. Our top awards were presented to:

- Sue Wright Memorial Trophy for Academic Excellence in Year 8: Georgia
- AAA Values Award boys: Machar
- AAA Values Award girls: Rebekah and Briar
- Hunter Cup for the Best All Round student: Rhianna

The House Spirit Shield was won by Kauri House and the House Competition Shield was won by Matai.

Disco

Thanks to the senior students who organised the Disco last Friday. Everyone had loads of fun.

Raffle Results

Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas Raffle which was drawn last night:

- 1st: Jackie Payne
- 2nd: Regan Norman
- 3rd: Jill Skjoth

Farewell Heidi

This year we farewell Heidi Atkins (nee Jeynes) from the teaching staff. Heidi has been with us for 7 years and is moving to the Wellington area to finally be with her husband! We thank Heidi for all the contributions she has made to our school. We have all enjoyed the amazing drama shows Heidi has produced and her commitment to the drama club. We wish Heidi and Julian all the very best in their new life together – at last!

Jane Portman

As mentioned earlier, we wish Jane all the very best in her new role as the new Principal at KIWITEA School.

Start of 2020

Please note that there are 2 Teacher Only Days in Term 1 next year.

- Monday January 27th: School starts
- Wednesday 5th February: School picnic to Kai Iwi Beach
- Thursday 6th February: Waitangi Day
- Friday 7th February: Teacher Only Day
- Friday 27th March: Teacher Only Day

The school office will be open on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday morning 23rd January.

School Picnic

We will be needing a lot of parent help on the day of our School Picnic on Wednesday 5th February. Perhaps you could keep this date in mind. There will be more information in the first newsletter next year.

School finishes at 1.00pm tomorrow. Buses will run then.

Over and Out
for 2019


Sue Simpson

