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Term 2 Week 1

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Greetings

It is great to finally arrive at Halcombe School and be welcomed into the community here! I have been very excited in the lead-up to arriving and now the time has arrived it has been everything I expected it to be. Thank you to all those who come in to introduce themselves. Please feel free to do so if you are in the area and have the time.

I want to make special mention of Sue here: Sue Simpson led, developed and enhanced everything in this school, and she maintains a strong connection to us. Halcombe School is in such a strong position because of her leadership, and the support of all those around her. I feel very lucky to be following her and grateful to her for her help in the transition.

What terrific pupils we have! I have had so many 'hi's', waves, questions and smiles from all over the school that have made my first day really cheerful. This doesn't happen by chance of course - families and whānau that instill strong values, experiences and oral language really help to make resilient and confident children. I look forward to meeting everyone as the term goes on.

I must say that I am very impressed with the classroom environments, the focus and preparation that has gone into each classroom over the holidays. Halcombe School is truly fortunate to have the high calibre of teachers and systems in place. Not every school has these things going for them, so we should really celebrate this. I would expect as parents you would know and understand this best of all. Teachers make a difference, and in partnership with parents, they make a difference each day with the level of professionalism, knowledge, integrity and hard work they bring.

In my thinking about applying for this position, I was looking for a place that would have good educational thinking, systems, and strong community connection. I feel so fortunate to have been given this chance to lead here.

Kia kaha koutou,

Alastair & The 'H' Team.

Winter Sport

Over the next few weeks, we have lots of teams entered into different competitions. We would like to wish all our teams' good luck for the winter sport's season. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who have offered to coach or manage our teams. This is also a fantastic opportunity to remind our families of our Sideline Code of Conduct (attached).

Assemblies

Weekly assemblies will begin this week on Friday, starting at 2.30pm, with Room 8 hosting the first assembly. We ask parents and friends to be seated by 2.30 to avoid disruption to the children's presentations. We appreciate you taking your toddlers outside when they've had enough! Thank you.

Physical Education

Te Reo Kori will be our PE focus for the first 5 weeks of this term. This will involve learning in poi, te rakau, Māori games, dance and waiata.

Technology

A reminder that our Tech programme for our Year 7 and 8 students starts this week on Friday and fees must be paid by then. Students will be given details in class about what they'll be doing: hard materials (woodwork) with Mr Stoneley, food technology with Mrs Barnes, soft materials (sewing) with Mrs Higgie, papier mache with Mrs Linklater and CO² cars with Miss Simpson. See KIT Books for details.

Netball Practices

Our netball practices start this week. Teams 1, 2, 3 and 4 have their practices on Wednesday after school, and A and B on Thursdays after school. Students can stay at school and have their afternoon tea before practise begins at 3.30pm. Please let Paula know if there are any changes to the bus lists.

Halcombe School Sideline Code of Conduct



POSITIVE LANGUAGE ONLY

We don't mind if you yell out to encourage us, but please don't say negative things about our team or the opposition.

RESPECT THE REF

You should never criticise the referee - they are doing the best they can. Please don't yell at them from the sideline.

THANK THE COACH

Without coaches, we could not have teams or participate in sport. We think a 'thank you' every now and then sure would be appreciated.

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUN

It's important to remember we're not representing our country or trying to win an Olympic medal. We're playing sport because it's fun and we love it.

Welcome!

It was great to welcome two new people to our school on Monday morning: Heidi Hanson and Alastair Schaw joined the Halcombe Team on the same day! It's great to have you here.

No hats required

Sunhats are not required this term.

Cosmodrome - Rooms 1-4

In line with our learning units about Space, we have organised for the Cosmodrome (a blow-up dome, with stars and planet projections), to come to school for Rooms 1-4. The school is subsidising this, but we need \$2 for each pupil to help - please pay this to Paula as soon as you can.



Friday Assemblies

As you can see in the calendar below, our children take an active part in the preparation and delivery of the weekly assemblies. These are not mini-productions, but a chance for pupils to hone their public speaking, organisation and social skills in a meaningful way. We would love to see you come to these assemblies as you are able. It is a chance for you to see the whole school, as well as your child, and feel a part of the things that go on. We look forward to seeing you there.

TERM 2 CALENDAR		
May	3 rd	Year 7 & 8 netball competition starts
	7 th	Room 8 hosts Assembly
	14 th	Room 7 hosts Assembly Year 5 & 6 flippaball competition starts Year 7 & 9 hockey starts
	15 th	Feilding Saturday morning netball starts
	20 th	BOT Meeting 7pm
	21 st	Room 6 hosts Assembly
	28 th	Room 5 hosts Assembly
	31 st	Junior Tough Kids
June	3 rd	Student Council Event
	4 th	Room 4 hosts Assembly
	7 th	Queens Birthday Holiday
	8 th	ASB St John in Schools rooms 1,3,7 & 8
	9 th	ASB St John in Schools rooms 4 & 6 Senior Team Winter Sports rotation starts
	11 th	Room 3 hosts Assembly Year 1-2 netball starts
	18 th	Room 2 hosts Assembly
	22 nd	BOT Meeting 7pm
	25 th	Room 1 hosts Assembly Reports home
July	2 nd	Room 8 hosts Assembly Disco
	9 th	Room 7 hosts Assembly