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Term 2 Week 10

6th July 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

What a great week last week was - padder tennis finals, Disco, Jump Jam, and rounding off some great learning too. I can't believe it is almost time for the holiday break. My first term at Halcombe has brought many opportunities for reflection and planning for the future.

What we have here is very special - parents who truly support their children, teachers who work hard to provide learning and relationships, who are respected for their professionalism, and we have pupils who are some of the most engaged, decent, polite and high-achieving pupils I have come across. I was telling my wife, Elizabeth, last week how fortunate I feel to be here at this time, working with the team we have. Every day here is a pretty good day. A farmer once told me that every day feels like a holiday if you enjoy what you're doing. That might be a stretch, but I get it! When we feel challenged, when we know we're doing good work and when we work with great people we feel fulfilled. I am feeling pretty fulfilled at present.

What we all need to realise here is that Halcombe School is not normal - when I say this is a pretty special set-up, it really is. And it's important that we keep a hold of the things that make this place special - the trust between parents and teachers and pupils, the effort from everyone to keep supporting the learning and opportunities for our kids, and being fully involved and enjoying what each of us brings. And the sense of fun that comes with all this.

Have a great holiday and get ready for another full-on term ahead!

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Jump Jam Performance

Our team came third! The audience was full and fantastic, and our team did a wonderful performance! We are so proud of the pupils who put in a lot of hours practicing and then putting all their energy and effort into their show. Many thanks to Mrs Hughes and Miss Prior for all their direction and admin too. What a great opportunity for our students.

Car Parking

Many thanks for your co-operation - the car parking on Friday afternoon was much better. We appreciate your help.

Disco

This was really well attended and was wonderfully organised by the Student Council. It was great seeing all the pupils enjoy themselves in a social event and have fun with each other. What a great way to celebrate at the end of term. Many thanks to Di Simpson for her organisation and time too.

Assembly

This week, Room 7 will host assembly, which starts at 2.30pm on Friday. As well as celebrating the term and this week's efforts we will also be thanking Bex Lintott for her time and energy in teaching Room 6. Come along and join us.

New teaching Team for Room 6

No doubt know by now you have heard that we have secured a Dynamic Duo for Room 6 to enable a very good and settled teaching and learning programme ahead. We are very pleased to be able to announce that Sue Simpson and Barbara Bowling will take up the reins from Bex Lintott from the beginning of term three.

Relationships and Sexuality Education

The RSE programme has been running this term has covered a wide variety of topics and involved some in-depth discussions for teachers, students and for parents. I am pleased to hear about the way parents have taken the opportunity to discuss openly with their child what has been learned. Thanks to the parents who have come in to discuss with us the curriculum too - it has been appreciated.

Some comments back from pupils and teachers has been:

"Our RSE focus has been about relationships, cooperation, being kind and unkind, respecting others, and that we are in charge of our bodies."

What do you do if you don't like something someone is doing?, say "Go away I don't like it".

"I enjoyed that we could have a laugh with our classmates about awkward things"

"We learnt how to keep ourselves safe" "I enjoyed the truth or myth scenarios" "We enjoyed having the opportunity to ask questions" "I enjoyed listening to other people opinions" "I enjoyed learning about Social media and internet safety" "We got to learn about our bodies" "I enjoyed working in groups"

Some topics can be difficult to discuss in RSE initially, but the strength of the programme will be seen in the way that families and parents can guide their child, and in the relationships we see here at school too. Overall these topics are valuable and needed.

Book Fair

We will be holding a **Book Fair** next term, starting in Week 3 on 9th August. This is when we have LOTS of great books for students to purchase at really good prices. More information to follow.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lantern Workshop

The Halcombe Community Development Group will be holding lantern making workshops during the school holidays. The workshops will be held at the Halcombe Memorial Hall on the following dates:

Tuesday 13th July 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm

Tuesday 20th July 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm

You only need to attend one workshop and the lantern you make will be at the Lantern Festival. All materials provided. Suitable for all ages. Parental supervision is required.

Lantern Festival

The Halcombe Community Development Group Lantern Festival will take place on Saturday 24th July at 5.30 with the Lantern Parade starting at 6pm. Meet at the Monteith street car park at the end of the Halcombe walkway, where children that attended the lantern workshop will be reunited with their lanterns. We will then light our lanterns and walk around the walkway and domain finishing up in Levin street car park for a sausage sizzle and hot drinks. There will be braziers for warmth and the fire brigade will be there to make sure we're all safe. It is a magical night of lantern lights lighting up the night sky, finishing around 8pm. See Halcombe Community Facebook page for any updates.

10TH - 24TH JULY 2021 6 PM - 9 PM

FANTASY IN LIGHTS

Adults \$10
 Children (13 and under) \$2
 Children (14 - 18) \$5
 Family \$22 (2 adults, 4 children any age) - additional children \$2 extra

Held at The Coach House Museum, 127 South Street, Feilding.
 Bring smart devices for our digital hunt

MANAWATU CRICKET PRESENTS...

TĀNE (BOYS) WINTER CRICKET HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

What do you get when you combine catching with cooking, bowling with bombing, batting with boxing, and technique with Ten Pin..... Winter Cricket School Young Mens Week

<p>DAYER Primary Boys (Year 4-6) TUESDAY 20th JULY 9am - 3pm cost: \$30 incl T-Shirt & Prize</p>	<p>DAYER Intermediate Boys Two days of cricket fun! TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY 13th / 14th JULY 9am - 3pm cost: \$90 incl T-Shirt & Prize</p>	<p>DAYER Secondary Boys Two days of cricket fun! THURSDAY / FRIDAY 15th / 16th JULY 9am - 3pm cost: \$90 incl T-Shirt & Prize</p>
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MCA Indoor Centre, Lido Aquatic Centre, NZCT Cricket Centre, Fitz Park.

Coaches include:
 Black Cap Jake Oram, CD Stags & Dilan Raj

MANAWATU CRICKET PRESENTS...

WAHINE (GIRLS) WINTER CRICKET HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

What do you get when you combine catching with cooking, bowling with bombing, batting with boxing, and technique with Tik Tok..... Winter Cricket School: Girls Week

<p>DAYER Primary Girls (Year 4-6) WEDNESDAY 21st JULY 9am - 3pm cost: \$30 incl T-Shirt & Prize</p>	<p>DAYER Intermediate Girls Two days of cricket fun! THURSDAY / FRIDAY 15th / 16th JULY 9am - 3pm cost: \$90 incl T-Shirt & Prize</p>	<p>DAYER Secondary Girls Two days of cricket fun! THURSDAY / FRIDAY 15th / 16th JULY 9am - 3pm cost: \$90 incl T-Shirt & Prize</p>
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