

Halcombe School

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Term 2 Week 2

4th May 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia ora koutou,

My first week was such a pleasure. I am very grateful to the team of staff who have answered my (mostly) basic questions that have allowed me to get to understand Halcombe School and the way we work. I am also happy to have met many of you who have dropped in especially to introduce yourselves and tell me about this place and your family. I appreciate that for some I have introduced myself several times. Apologies for this - I'll get there in the end.

My main aim at the moment is to understand the things we really value here and the things that need to be reviewed and tweaked. I have done HEAPS of reading so far with a lot more to come.

A special thanks has to go to my right-hand lady, Paula Stace, who has the unenviable task of training me and answering my 'why?' questions over and over. She has deep knowledge of this place and its people, and I am yet to hear her say anything grumpy about anyone. Patience beyond belief. Let's see what she's like in Week Seven.

I was really impressed with the amount of parents at the assembly last week. I heard there are normally even more family members in attendance too. I find these weekly assemblies are always a great way to be connected to the school and your child's school-life. You are welcome to come and be a part of the school at these anytime.

Have a great week,
Alastair & the H Team.

Congratulations to Hannah & Glen

A special congratulations this week goes to Hannah Prior and her fiancé Glen who recently got engaged! A very exciting time ahead for them both. I know you will all join us in congratulating her and Glen in their future plans. The kids in Room 4 are pretty excited too - there's many potential flower girls and page boys now...



Cosmodrome - Rooms 1-5

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 1-5.

The school is subsidising this, but we need \$2 for each pupil to help - please pay this to Paula as soon as you can.

Nature Abounds at Halcombe

We are very fortunate to have the grounds and gardens we do - as well as being so attractive, they provide all sorts of opportunities for the pupils to explore and find out about nature.

Kourtney was lucky enough to have a butterfly land on her this morning and observe and share the wonders in our environment. Great learning is always just around the corner!



Assembly

This week Room 7 will host assembly, which starts at 2.30pm on Friday.

Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their new LOOP website. Your books are delivered to the classroom as usual. You can still send in cash. See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close Friday 4th June. In this addition there is a family reading challenge, see details on the back of the catalogue.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Puppies for Sale

4 English Cocker Spaniel X Fox Terrier puppies for sale. For information and viewing please phone Nicola 06 328 8828.

Saturday Morning Football

Do you have a budding footballer looking for a team? Feilding football club's grade 9 Wasps (aged 9 or turning 9 this year) would love another player or two for our Saturday 7-aside competition. Please contact Natasha Reid 021 284 6251.

WAITUNA WEST PLAYCENTRE

80's CLUB NIGHT

Saturday 29th May 2021
Doors open 7:30pm
Sound Selector
DFRESH

Waituna West
Community Hall 58
Waituna Tapuae Rd

Complimentary Supper
Prizes for Best Dressed
Cash Bar | R18 Restricted

\$50 per ticket
For ticket sales contact Nel (06) 3286705
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