

# Halcombe School

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Term 2 Week 3

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## ***Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers***

Kia ora koutou,

Having completed my first fortnight here I can honestly say I am very much enjoying Halcombe School. One of the things (from the many) that stands out is the involvement of family and whānau in our children's school life. Having buses each day means many don't need to come and pick up at the end of the day, but come Friday, when we hold the Assembly, the car park fills and we have plenty of families enjoying each other and staying around to talk to teachers, and to each other. It is wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents come along to see the weekly assembly in Term 2 & 3. It is especially good to see that you are not just there to see your own child, but are also interested in seeing the other kids, celebrating the certificates being handed out and generally supporting all our pupils. This sense of community links and relationships is where a rural school like ours comes into its own.

There are many things that Covid-19 taught us, and one of them is the reminder that whānau are incredibly important to the academic and social success of pupils, and that you and our staff are partners together in supporting our students through life. Communication is a key part of this, and our staff are always willing to talk to you in person, or read a note in the KITT books. We look forward to working with you, to support all our tamariki.

Have a great week,  
Alastair & the H Team.

### **Afternoon Buses**

In the past, some students have taken the bus to town in a casual capacity. This has helped transport children to where they need to be. Mrs Stace has done a great job making sure everyone gets to where they are going, even at a great cost to her time. UNFORTUNATELY, we cannot accommodate these casual rides anymore, as the Feilding buses are full. Trying to do this for everyone has become increasingly complicated and now we don't have the level of flexibility that we had last term. As our school roll increases, spare seats in the buses are getting as rare as hen's teeth.

We apologise for any inconvenience this causes, but we are sure you understand the issues. We will let you all know if and when this situation changes.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> June. In this addition there is a family reading challenge, see details on the back of the catalogue.

### **Kids Lit Quiz**

On Wednesday last week the Kids Lit Quiz team went to the Civic Centre to compete against 44 teams across the Manawatu. They answered 100 questions on topics like maps, monsters, nights and rabbits.

Year 6 Team: Isaac, Isabelle, Emma, Arden & Emily E

Year 7 Team: Ella, Lily, Sophia, Emily S, Isabella L

Here is the team pictured with the Lit QuizMaster...



### **KITT Books**

These are a unique and special book that is an important way to communicate the happenings and provide updates to you all. As they return each day, junior children pass them in and share comments and return slips with their teacher, while senior pupils show more responsibility in bringing any notice to the attention of their teacher or to Paula. Please make sure you are looking at these each night - a glance is mostly what you need. If you have any questions, or concerns you can let your child's teacher know and this helps with having clear communication in our school.

### **BoT Meeting:**

The Halcombe School Board of Trustees is meeting this Wednesday at 7pm in the staffroom.

**Assembly:** This week Room 6 will host our assembly, which starts at 2.30pm on Friday

**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.

**So much to do here!**

We trust our halcombe Kids a lot with the way they play and the equipment we share out for them to be active and connected life-long learners. As well as plenty of PE equipment, there's lots on offer to be creative too...



**COMMUNITY NEWS**



**BLUE LIGHT**  
**PINK SHIRT DAY**  
**DISCO WITH DJ WEEPS**  
**FRIDAY 21 MAY 2021**  
**\$2 ENTRY**  
**FEILDING HIGH SCHOOL HALL**  
**YEAR 1-4 5:30-6:30    YEAR 5-8 7:30-9:00**  
**SPOT PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED IN PINK**  
**CHILDREN MUST HAVE A PERMISSION SLIP WHICH CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE FEILDING POLICE STATION OR FILLED OUT ON DROP OFF**  
**CHIPS/LOLLIES/DRINKS/SAUSAGE**  
**SIZZLE/BURGERS FOR SALE**  
**FREE FACE PAINTING**