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Term 2 Week 5

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia ora koutou,

I saw a news item last week that highlighted what they thought was an innovative idea: parents and community groups coming into school and telling intermediate aged pupils about their jobs, and career choices. The aim was to widen in the minds of pupils the possibilities that this life holds for them and expand their thinking about what they might like to do in the future. This is a really admirable thing and it's good that it is highlighted in national news.

I am pleased to say that here at Halcombe this has been going on for some time. Just last week we had Rochelle Waugh come in to share what she does in her job (related to practical Mathematics), tell how she got there (her interests at high school and her career journey), and share her enthusiasm. The feedback from our pupils was really good - they enjoy



hearing from adults about their journey, and it provides for our pupils to see how wide the opportunities are in this world.

We appreciate that our parents are so involved in our pupils' lives: coaching, camps, coming in for visits. Never underestimate the importance of spending time with kids, and how a few considered words can have a BIG impact on our students' lives forever.

If you get the opportunity to help, rest assured you will enjoy the experience too.

Have a great week,

Alastair & the H Team.

Reports format and timetable

Mid-Year Reports are being prepared and added to, and will be sent out to all parents at the end of Week 8. They are a summary report which contains a professional judgement of your child's progress, and an update from the information you have already received this year.

At Halcombe School, we try hard to make sure that you receive good information on your child's achievement and progress. Three-Way Conferences, KIT books, Seesaw and the sending home of classroom exercise books already give you a regular and honest impression of what your child is learning. These Mid-year Reports are a summary of your child's achievement against clear expectations in Literacy & Numeracy. They are straight-forward and easy to understand.

The Junior classes will be sending home a classroom book each week, and the senior classes will send home ALL classroom books along with the reports. We hope you can spend time going over these with your child and reflect on them alongside the Mid-Year Report.

Just remember: having regular and real information on your child's learning gives you the best indication of how they are going.

Pie Warmer Lunches

As always, these are a great hit with the kids.

For our new families, we have 2 pie warmers that children use to heat up their lunches.

- Lunches need to be wrapped securely in tinfoil, or put in **small** tinfoil trays (for anything that might leak) from the \$2 shop named clearly with a Vivid marker and with a room number.
- If you're making lunches for the freezer, name them before putting them in. (Vivid doesn't work on cold tinfoil!)
- Children put their lunches in the pie warmers when they arrive at school.
- Popular lunches are lasagne, toasted sandwiches, pizza, mac n cheese, sausage rolls, spag bol, left overs from tea etc. Anything that will heat up really.

Winter Sport - Queen's Birthday Weekend

It has been an awesome start to our winter sport's season, and the kids always return to school following their games, full of stories about who they played and what happened and how big they were - very entertaining! With Queen's Birthday this weekend, there are a few changes to our usual routine. Please make sure Paula is aware of any changes to the bus arrangements.

- no Wednesday practice for our Y7-8 hockey teams
- practice is ON for our Y3-6 netball teams on Wednesday
- no Thursday practice for our Y7-8 netball teams
- Friday Y5-6 flippaball - ON
- Friday Y7-8 hockey - OFF
- Saturday Y3-6 netball - OFF
- Monday Y7-8 netball - OFF

Assembly

This week Room 4 will host an assembly, which starts at 2.30pm on Friday.

Pics of the Week (courtesy of the photography talents of Juan Goodyer):



**PYJAMAS
AND
BURGER DAY**



Thursday 3 June

Wear your pyjamas to school and
enjoy a delicious burger at lunch time!

Burgers: \$3

Order your burger outside Room 8.
Last day for orders is TOMORROW.
Cash only, no online sales please.