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Term 4 Week 1

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

Kia Ora Tatou

What a full and exciting term we have ahead of us! Class Camps, Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) experiences, Pet Day, Cross Country, Senior and Junior Prizegiving, as well as some pretty great learning activities and sharing times. It looks to be all go here at Halcombe School (as long as we can keep the Covid away by being sensible).

One of our Triple A Values is 'Adventure' - this term we have lots of that. These experiences and learning activities are about each child seeing for themselves how far they can push themselves, what their limits are, and how much they can personally achieve. They are not about competing so much against the rest, as to compete against themselves and how well they have done previously. So, if it is a goal to achieve more highly, push themselves physically, or to become more confident socially, we have it all here.

Thanks to the teachers who plan these events, and the parents who support us and their children by encouraging and helping. Together we will do a great job and have some fun too! Kia kaha everyone.

Have a great week.  
Alastair & the 'H' Team.

### **Reporting To Parents**

As well as online reporting (via Seesaw), Halcombe parents know a lot and get really good information about their children's progress and achievement. At the end of term all senior classes sent their exercise books home for parents to see and make comments. These books provide some of the best information about your child's real learning and progress. We appreciate the time you took to sit with your child and talk to them about their work, their goals and their progress.

End-of-year Reports are coming out in the second to last week of term. These are a summary of progress in the basic skills as well as overall development.

### **Hats**

This term all students now need to have their sunhats at school. These need to be a full-brimmed 'bucket' hat. Please ensure they are named.

### **Teacher Announcement for 2022**

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we have appointed Charlotte Weeks as a teacher here at Halcombe School, starting next year. This fills a position currently fulfilled by Sue. Charlotte comes highly recommended and we were taken with her bright personality, and skill in Literacy & Numeracy, as well as music and sports abilities.

### **Pie Warmers**

Our pie warmers have been put away for the year. They'll be back next winter. Thanks to Paula and crew for their warm lunches over the past two terms.

### **Assemblies**

We do not have Friday assemblies in Term 4. Thank you to all those who were able to come along to our assemblies during Terms 2 and 3. We hope you were entertained!

### Huntermville Cross Country

Unfortunately this event has been cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

### Touch Rugby

The Feilding Junior Touch Module has been cancelled. **But... all is not lost:** Touch players have a note in their KIT Books today. Thanks to teachers for making this happen for our kids!

### Calendar

Term 4 is very busy, and we have lots of events on our calendar. Please keep up to date with what's happening by checking out the calendar that can be accessed from our school website: <http://www.halcombe.school.nz/>

#### Pet Day

Last minute things to know about Pet Day on Thursday:

**We are only having this Pet Day and having parents in under Level 2 conditions:**

- Every adult **MUST** wear a mask
- Every visitor **MUST** scan in using the COVID-Tracer app (at all gates, including the back one).
- Every adult **MUST** observe social distancing - keeping a distance of 2metres from people you do not know.
- Practise hand sanitising at regular times.

We will be reminding people of this, so please do not take offence. These rules allow us to operate this and not cancel.

Children with pets arrive at school **no later than 8.45am and must be ready for judging at 9am**. They must stay with their pets out on the field. Judging will begin at 9.00am and should be finished by 10.30am.

**All pets must be under control at all times.**

- Lamb & Calf rings will be next to the hedge.
- Kid goats beside the dog ring.
- Dogs – ring closest to Room 1. This competition is **ONLY** for Years 5-8 children. There is no Junior Dog Competition, and dogs cannot be entered in the General Pet Section. **Dogs must stay on a leash at all times, and stay with the child.**
- All other pets will be in the area between the Library and the Adventure Playground, except horses/ponies which should be in the centre of the field.

#### Lambs at Pet Day

Due to the large number of lambs entered this year the age groups have changed slightly:

Junior: Years 0-2

Intermediate: Years 3-5

Senior: Years 6-8

#### Indoor Exhibits

Each class will present 2 exhibits **which are made at school**. You are invited to the **HALL** to see the **indoor exhibits**.

#### Pet Day Sausage Sizzle

The PTA will operate a sausage sizzle, and be observing contactless hand-over for adults. If students would like a sausage, please come along with \$2 on the day.

Let's hope it turns out fine - with all the focus on COVID, we forget that rain has quite an influence on this day too.

This event will be on no matter the weather, so bring a jacket and umbrella if necessary.

### Senior Team Exercise Books

Thank you so much to all the parents who took the time to have a good look through their child's exercise books over the holidays. Our students take great pride in their books, and they provide a fantastic record of learning. We were thrilled with the level of detail given in many of the comments, and appreciate the positive messages most of the comments included. 10/10 parents!

#### MATHS - PARENT COMMENT:

Awesome work [redacted]! You're quite the mathematician like Dad. Tu meke

#### INQUIRY - PARENT COMMENT:

[redacted] this is my favourite book. Your illustrations are so amazing. I loved your Olympic uniform it is so cool. Well done! ♥

#### LITERACY SKILLS - PARENT COMMENT:

It's been great to see all the novels you're getting through this year. Love how you happily read now.

#### MATHS - PARENT COMMENT:

Great work [redacted] Looks like you have a really good understanding of Statistics. Keep working on your problem solving.

#### INQUIRY - PARENT COMMENT:

Great work! Even Dad learnt a thing or two. //, ,

#### DRAFT - PARENT COMMENT:

Great description of the home Miss Real Estate Agent! You could sell ice to an Eskimo. We were really proud of your speech [redacted] - we know public speaking can be a challenge. Ka whi.

#### ROCK BOOK - PARENT COMMENT:

My favourite book to read is so aware to cool the goals you set then read how you work to achieve them. Very cool how you then take the time to reflect back on what you have learned.

#### INQUIRY - PARENT COMMENT:

Awesome work. Super neat and tidy and some very interesting information and facts.

#### LITERACY SKILLS - PARENT COMMENT:

Very thoughtful & relevant reflection - I am always so impressed with the level of understanding you take from your reading.

#### INQUIRY - PARENT COMMENT:

The Māori weather info was really interesting! Nice to see your Blue Rumped Petrels work too!

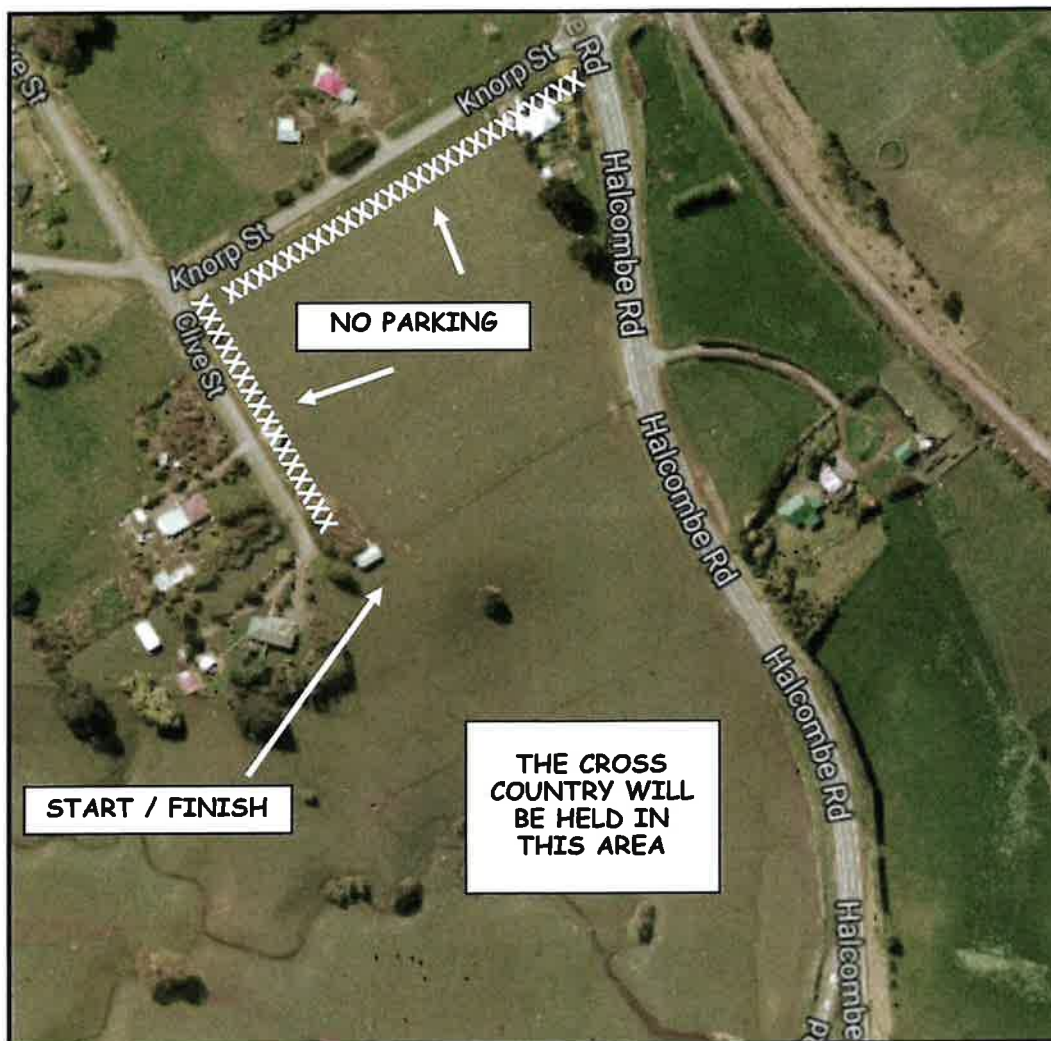
#### INQUIRY - PARENT COMMENT:

You have learnt so many things during your inquiry projects this year. Fabulous work so far.

#### DRAFT - PARENT COMMENT:

Great Speech! It was interesting to read why he inspires you.





### Cross Country - Wednesday 27 October 2021

1. The Cross Country will be run in the paddocks indicated.
2. Students will walk to the course, leaving school at 12.15pm. They will need to bring warm clothes, footwear, a sunhat and a named waterbottle. Shorts (not long pants) must be worn.
3. Students will have a practice run this Friday 22 October, so please ensure they have the right gear on this day too.
4. Parking will be available at school and on the northern end of Clive Street. **Please do not park on Knorp Street, or on the southern end of Clive Street.**
5. There is a great viewing area for parents near the start/finish line. There will be no seating available. You are welcome to bring your own.
6. The course will probably be muddy, slippery and there will be some prickles!
7. The students may run in shoes or bare feet - whatever they are most comfortable with. Their shoes will get very muddy.
8. Parents will not be able to enter the area where the students are seated.
9. **All students will return to school after the Cross Country.** Parents are welcome to take their children home from there. Just make sure you have told Paula about any changes to bus arrangements.
10. The Top 5 finishers in the Y4-8 races will be selected for the interschool cross country event being held at Hunterville next Friday 29 October. These students will need to collect a notice from Mrs Higgie before they go home after our cross country.
11. Any cancellation will be made by 11.30am. Please check our website or Facebook page for details.

#### **Order of races, which start shortly after 12.30pm is as follows:**

- Years 6 & 7: running approx. 2.7km
- Year 8: running approx. 2.7km
- Years 0 & 1: running approx. 900m
- Years 2 & 3: running approx. 1.8km
- Years 4 & 5: running approx. 1.8km

#### **LEVEL 2 RULES**

- Scan in when you enter the paddock.
- Wear a face mask.
- Socially distance yourselves from others.