

# Halcombe School



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Term 4 Week 4

9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

Kia Ora Tatou,

Camps start this week! I love camps and the way they connect students to our amazing country, its history, nature and to each other. I am sure that children and adults going on these adventures will remember them for the rest of their lives. Real learning is made when there are strong connections between classroom learning and the real world.

Camps provide this connection so well, and is one of the best ways to make learning relevant and alive. I am very pleased to see that our teachers have prepared the way for these camps by doing a lot of pre-learning about where they are going and the activities they are doing. I can't wait to visit and see my first Halcombe camps in action.

Thanks to the parents for giving up their time, skill and energy (there will most likely be little sleep, sorry!), to spend with all our kids and help them experience and challenge themselves.

Thanks to all families who support these camps - food, equipment, and for paying the associated costs. Rest assured your efforts will not be wasted.

Kia kaha everyone and have a terrific time away from us!

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

### **Sun Safety**

As well as the compulsory wearing of hats at this time of the year, sunblock is provided to all classes. Younger students are given regular reminders to protect themselves from the sun. Students in Room 5-8 are responsible for their own sun safety.

### **Parent Forum Meeting**

Last week's newsletter made mention of possible implications for adults who are not immunised and how this would impact our school. We know this may have raised more questions for parents. In order to clear up any confusion and answer questions I am inviting parents to a forum to discuss these implications and answer your questions. If anyone would like to come and talk to Alastair come to the Hall, in H3 at 3.15pm next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Note: this is not a debate on the immunisation mandate, just talking about how we see adults coming into school might work. There are many unknowns still at this stage.

### **Camps**

It is great that we still have champs going ahead, and we are grateful to our volunteer parents and the teachers leading these events. We are one of the few schools operating this, and doing so safely. Thanks to everyone for making these happen!

## Class Placements 2022

As always at this time of the year, we offer you a chance to let us know your thoughts about your children's class for next year. If you have any special requests about your child's placement for 2022, please send an email to [aschaw@halcombe.school.nz](mailto:aschaw@halcombe.school.nz). Please don't send emails to Paula. If there are friendship clashes, family matters or learning issues you would like us to take into consideration, please let me know by **16<sup>th</sup> November**. Requests after this date are unlikely to be met. While we cannot guarantee the class your child will be in if there is a split year group, we are here to listen.

## Community News



**makino**  
aquatic centre

# YES TO SPLASH DAY!

## NATIONAL PLAY WEEK

15-21 November

**\$3**  
entry  
spectators free

Sunday  
**21**  
November

Outside at the MAC  
**10am-1pm**  
Bring a picnic

YMCA play trailer with heaps of fun, games and give aways  
Inflatable fun in the pool!

SPORT everyone active. the makino way



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