

# Halcombe School



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Term 4 Week 5

16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

Kia Ora Tatou,

This time of year in a school is always pretty frenetic, but it is a planned chaos, of course. Camps, trips, end-of-year planning, 2022 planning, and more besides.

Currently all teachers are reviewing assessments, their teaching and learning notes, and they are writing up the end of year reports.

This year, partly because of the incredible work you did during the last lockdown, and also because of the vast amounts of information you already get, these reports will look slightly different to past ones. The format may have changed, but the information in them will tell you honestly how your child has progressed and achieved, what areas of learning they have shown ability and interest in, and what things they may need to do in the future (with your help and support), to do well, and do better.

I am pleased that we have a group of teachers who know and practice what good teaching is, and are honest in their communication with parents. This is important for your role as parents to help guide your children to have good information.

When reports come out to you on Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> we trust that you dive into them and think about what is being reported, as well as enjoy seeing and celebrating what your child has achieved.

Have a great week.

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

### **Becs Higgle Resignation**

It is with sadness and a touch of gladness that we received the resignation of Rebecca Higgle from Room 7. Sadness, because Becs is a fantastic teacher and colleague. Gladness at the opportunity that has been handed to her to lead a large team of teachers in Manchester St School. Mrs Higgle is a strong relational teacher, who works tirelessly to support her pupils and provide robust and dynamic learning to individuals. She will be greatly missed. Becs takes up her new position in the new year, so right now we enjoy having her here to see out the year with her class. We are currently advertising for an experienced teacher to take over the reins in Room 7 from next year.

### **Touch**

A reminder that there are no games this week, or next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The next afternoon of touch will be Thursday 2 December.

### **Wanted**

Do you have a pair of camo trousers that would fit a 13 year old boy? Do you have a queen or king sized black or red sheet (or similar material) you don't want? Please email Di at [dsimpson@halcombe.school.nz](mailto:dsimpson@halcombe.school.nz) if you can help.

### **Prizegiving**

We have been thinking a lot about prize-giving this year. Due to COVID and the regulations around meeting together the Junior and Senior will not look the same as previous years. We are, however, working hard to provide prize-giving's we can enjoy and provide a fitting ending to our Year Eight pupils. Although some places may be cancelling theirs, we are trying to be open minded and attempting to see if we can run these safely.

The dates for Junior and Senior events is on the calendar, and are tentative. So, keep a lookout at the calendar for changes that might occur. More details will come on how we run these events as soon as possible.

### **Class Placements 2022**

2022 Classes are likely to look like this:

Room 1: Margot Mackie, New Entrant & Year 1

Room 2: Debbie Turner, Year 2

Room 3: Rebecca Hughes, Year 2 & 3

Room 4: Hannah Prior, Year 4

Room 5: Aimee Faulkner, Year 5

Room 6: Charlotte Weeks, Year 5&6

Room 7: TBC, Year 6&7

Room 8: Di Simpson, Year 7&8

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). 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**

#### **Halcombe Nativity Play**

Calling all kids who would like to be part of a community nativity play. There won't be pages of lines to remember, just a few practices over the next few weeks, with the play being performed at the community Carols by candlelight on the 11<sup>th</sup> Dec (details below) . For more info contact Rach Lane on 027 555 2868 or [jelanco@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jelanco@xtra.co.nz). Any adults wanting to help out would also be welcomed!

#### **Halcombe Community Christmas Carols by Candlelight and Nativity Play**

Halcombe Memorial Hall, Saturday 11th December 2021 at 6pm. Free sausage sizzle and bring a plate to share. Tea, coffee and candles provided!

#### **Halcombe Playcentre Christmas raffle**

Tickets are \$2 each, with the raffle drawn on the 9th December. Some amazing prizes with products and vouchers from local businesses. To purchase email [halcombe@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:halcombe@playcentre.org.nz) or contact Emma: 021 599 122. Funds from this raffle will go towards building a carpentry and loose parts shed for the children.