

# Halcombe School



Term One - Week 10

5th April 2022

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

Kia Ora Tatou,

Last Friday the government announced the launch of a new Literacy & Numeracy Strategy. It is encouraging to know that the Ministry now has one.

Halcombe School is a special school - we have great kids, very supportive families and teachers who know their craft. This is NOT always the case. Some schools are not well led, have teachers who may not know what they are doing, and have communities who do not have the knowledge to support their kids' learning. Some kids are failing in a system that doesn't seem to have a sense of urgency.

This is not just tragic, but it is not acceptable. 'It takes a village to raise a child' is a common expression that can be added to in terms of education: it takes a strong partnership between staff, parents and kids to ensure kids achieve and grow into connected and successful adults.

I am very grateful to our parents who prepare their children for learning before they come to school. Having solid and rich experiences before coming to school ensures children are set-up for success!

In reading this new strategy, I was interested in a couple of things:

- children who had families who read to them, told stories to them, sang songs to them, played alphabet games or word games with them, and read labels and signs out loud, were MORE likely to achieve in reading and writing;
- 4½ year olds who can count to ten are more likely to be successful at maths and find it enjoyable;
- early achievement in maths, even more so than reading, is a strong predictor of later academic achievement and civic participation.

You might have been doing this with your children and have great kids. If you didn't do this with your first born, there is always hope for your second! Start now! If you would like ideas of these things to share with your tamariki, please ask - we are here to help.

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

### **Board of Trustees News**

- At our last meeting, the Board of Trustees invited the Director of Education, Marlene Clarkson and Dylan Stewart (manager of bus transport) to answer our questions and concerns raised from the issues around the new bus contract and pricing. Marlene will come back to the Board with what are hopefully some answers.
- The Board also visited schools that have completed improvements to their environments concerning break out spaces and classroom design. Halcombe School has some funding that needs to be spent in these areas and the Board was inspired with what they saw.
- It was great to see interest in our Board with a parent visiting to see the team in action. The Board encourages others who may be interested in standing for BOT elections (Sept 2022) to start thinking about your nominations.
- It was also great to hear in our Board meeting, that our school is in good heart, with students and teachers doing their best for all concerned. A big thanks to parents that support the school and their children.

**Don't Forget:**

**The students in R3-8 need to pay \$5 for skateboarding.  
See the Week 9 newsletter for details. Thank you.**

### Upcoming Events

Good luck to all those involved in three big events happening next week:

- The Feilding Interschool Athletics Champs is being held on Monday. We have a strong team of 50 athletes that will represent our school.
- We have 60 students involved in rippa rugby tournaments being played next Tuesday and Thursday - good luck to all our teams! Please check KIT Books for details.

If your child is involved, please check KIT Books for details. Thank you to all the parents who will be providing transport and supporting Team Halcombe!

### Year 7-8 Tech - Knitting

We are still looking for donations of wool and knitting needles to support our senior technology programme. Please contact Vanessa in Room 7 if you can help. Thank you.

### Tennis Awesomeness!

Best wishes to Jamie, who is off to Wellington this weekend to represent Manawatū in a prestigious 'No. 1's' tournament. This is for the top players from the six regions of the lower North Island. Good luck Jamie!

### Athletics Sports - Friday 8 April

We have a full morning of events planned for our athletics sports being held on Friday - check out the timetable for what's happening and when. We warmly welcome all parents and whānau to come along and watch. Please wear your masks.

<b>HALCOMBE SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS</b>							
	Room 1 & 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6	Room 7	Room 8
9.10-9.25	shot put	tug of war	discus	fun games	hurdles	long jump	high jump
9.25-9.40	high jump	shot put	tug of war	discus	fun games	hurdles	long jump
9.40-9.55	long jump	high jump	shot put	tug of war	discus	fun games	hurdles
9.55-10.10	hurdles	long jump	high jump	shot put	tug of war	discus	fun games
10.10-10.25	fun games	hurdles	long jump	high jump	shot put	tug of war	discus
10.25-10.40	discus	fun games	hurdles	long jump	high jump	shot put	tug of war
10.40-10.55	tug of war	discus	fun games	hurdles	long jump	high jump	shot put
10.55-11.15	<b>BREAK</b>						
11.15-12.45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• final of the 100m - Athletics Champs</li><li>• sprint races x2 for all students</li><li>• final of the 400m</li><li>• house chants</li><li>• house relays</li><li>• presentation of athletics trophies and 400m cups</li></ul>						

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### sKids Before & Afterschool Care

sKids can support your before/after and holiday care needs - spaces available. New sKids After School Care programme opening at North Street Term 2! Before School care will be at Lytton Street opening from 6.30 am in Term 2 with drop off to the squash club near North Street School provided so students can catch the bus to Halcombe School. sKids North Street School staff will meet the Halcombe bus in the afternoon and walk children across to the North Street School Hall. To enrol/book just follow this link to book at Enrolmy: <https://enrolmy.com/skids-totally-tamariki-ltd> and choose your after/before school care needs and holiday requirements. If you need any assistance please don't hesitate to make contact: [sonia@skids.co.nz](mailto:sonia@skids.co.nz) or 027 739 1986.



**TRUE Hoops**  
**Easter Camp**  
 Ages 9+

**APRIL 19TH & 20TH**  
**ARENA MANAWATU**  
**9AM - 3PM**  
 \$60 PER DAY  
 \$90 FOR 2 DAYS

Register at  
**truehoops.nz**

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**YEAR 7 - 8 PDP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**26TH, 27TH, & 28TH APRIL**  
 (SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

Registrations now **OPEN**  
**\$65 FOR 3 DAYS**  
 (Includes 3 days of coaching sessions, a Mini-tournament & a new netball)

**9:00am - 3:00pm Daily**  
 Game Play, Netball Skills, Team building & Netball Smart Activities will be included in each day!

**LIMITED SPACES!**

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE  
 11TH APRIL 2022

NETBALL MANAWATU PRESENTS...

**FUTURE FERNS YEAR 1 - 6 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**9AM - 3PM DAILY**

COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME NETBALL FUN IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

**TUESDAY 19TH APRIL**  
 NETBALL UMPIRING FOCUS

**WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL**  
 NETBALL SKILLS FOCUS

**THURSDAY 21ST APRIL**  
 TEAM BUILDING FOCUS

GAME PLAY AND NETBALL SMART ACTIVITIES WILL BE INCLUDED IN EACH DAY!

**\$25 - 1 DAY      \$35 - 2 DAYS**  
**\$50 - 3 DAYS**

**LIMITED SPACES!**

**VAUTIER PARK, PALMERSTON NORTH**



# SKIDS is here!

## enrol now!

BOOK ONLINE:  
[enrolmy.com/skids-totally-tamariki-ltd](http://enrolmy.com/skids-totally-tamariki-ltd)

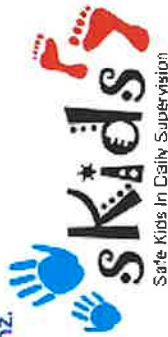
### New SKIDS programme opening Term 2 at North Street School!

At SKIDS it's all about having lots of FUN and your kids will have so much fun at our new SKIDS programme that they won't want to leave. We will have After-School Care available at North Street. For your Before-School Care (drop offs provided) and Holiday Programme needs please book at our Lytton Street site. We will provide afternoon tea. Help your children with their homework, let them play and do fun activities with them so you can rest assured that they are safe, secure and having the time of their life!

SKIDS North Street: North Street School Hall, Feilding.

For more information (or for booking enquiries) call the Office: 063648852 or Sonia: 027 739 1986 or email: [sonia@skids.co.nz](mailto:sonia@skids.co.nz).

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# WHEELS DAY & SPIDERS

## Wednesday 13 April

Bring your skateboards, ripsticks, scooters,  
drift trikes or rollerblades!

No bikes please.  
We recommend wearing a helmet.



Wheels  
Day!  
Yahoo!



Ka mau  
te wehi!  
Awesome!



Spiders (icecream and fizzy): \$2

Cash only.

No pre-ordering -

just buy your spider on the day!

