

Halcombe School



Term One - Week 11

12th April 2022

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

I cannot believe it is the last week of term! I am of the age (hard to believe, I know) where I remember teaching in 14-Week terms. They were horrendous - kids and parents got tired and grumpy, and so did the teachers. Ten-Week terms have been going for 27 years now, and they are so much better. People tend to be fresher and more engaged. Still, Week Seven seems to be the 'hump' week, where kids, parents, teachers get a little tired, then they pick up again for the end of term. Human behaviour is interesting.

At the end of term we reflect on what has passed and been celebrated. There is certainly a lot to celebrate here at Halcombe. Yes, COVID has disrupted even us, but on the whole we have managed to make sure that progress has been made by every child, that there has been plenty of opportunity to shine in different ways - in class and out of it. Our kids can head into the holidays with their heads held high about a good term of learning, development and fun.

Have a great week (and a safe holiday),
Alastair & the 'H' Team.

End of Term

- school finishes at 3pm this Thursday 14 April.
- the first day back after the holidays is Monday 2 May.

Athletics Sports

Congratulations to our 2022 athletics champions:

- Eric Judd Cup - Girls 400m - 1st Stevie, 2nd Sophie, 3rd Maggie L
- Ian Fergusson Cup - Boys 400m - 1st Wiremu, 2nd Sean, 3rd Daniel
- Parsons Trophy - Girls Athletics Champ - Sophie
- Humphrey Cup - Boys Athletics Champ - Wiremu
- Junior House Relay - Kauri
- Senior House Relay - Matai

Vaccine Mandate Update

It is no longer mandatory for parent helpers (or other people who might come in close contact with the students) to be vaccinated. This means that parents who have not been vaccinated can now transport and apply to come on trips and camps. We are REALLY looking forward to having everyone back now. It has been hard on everyone and it is great that we are getting back to the old 'normal'. Students in Y4-8 must continue to wear masks in class next term.

Wheels Day and Spider Day - TOMORROW!

We are looking forward to a wheelie awesome day tomorrow. Please see the advertisement for more details. Wheels can be taken to the back netball court before school (or the hall if it's wet).

Lockdown Practice:

Last week we had a lockdown practice in the school. We call this the 'Wild Bull' practice. The purpose is to gather all students together, to keep well out of sight in buildings and lock all doors. This went very well and the students were very calm and quiet. Police in NZ tell us to have a plan for our homes as well - for a fire emergency, but also for a lockdown. Their website has good information for you. You never know when you might need it.

Hats and Masks

Students will bring their hats and masks home on Friday. Masks can be washed over the holidays, and need to return to school on the first day back of Term 2. Students do not need to wear hats next term.

Senior Exercise Books

One important way we communicate to parents on the progress their child has been making, is through the termly sending home of all exercise books. These give parents of Rm5-8 students the chance to see what their child has learnt, been working on and investigating and reporting. Please sit down with your child and ask what they are proud of. Encourage them, celebrate with them and enjoy the opportunity to look over what actually happens in school time. If you have questions about what you see, you can always ask a question in the KIT book. Enjoy.

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.

Money Needed

A reminder of the following:

- stationery - now overdue
- Tough Kids - \$25 per person - for those in Y3-8 who have signed up - now overdue
- hockey fees - \$30 (Y7-8) - due today
- netball fees - \$30 (Y3-6), \$70 (Y7-8) - due Friday
- skateboarding - \$5 - all students in Rooms 3-8 - due 5 May
- Tech - \$50 - all Y7-8 students - due 6 May

Interschool Athletics Celebration

Yesterday we had a large team of students attend the Feilding Interschool Athletics Champs. This was held at Timona Park in good conditions and it was very well organised. Our pupils get opportunities like this often, and it was great to see them cheering each other on, celebrating some great wins and competition with other schools. We are very proud of our team. A highlight was the superb win by our relay team. Well done to Becky, Josh, Maggie, Sean, Stevie and Wiremu - what a race! We had a number of standout performances, and the following students came first in their events:

- Junior Girls: Becky - 800m
- Junior Boys: Josh - 800m (new record) and long jump, Awatope - high jump
- Middle Girls: Maggie - 800m and long jump
- Middle Boys: Sean - 800m and 100m



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 or 027 739 1986.

Halcombe ANZAC Day Service

A message from the Halcombe Community & Development Group regarding ANZAC Services here on April 25th: In light of where our community is at with Covid we decided to not hold a formal service. Instead, our community can choose between three different time slots to meet at the Halcombe Cenotaph for a short remembrance service. There will be a recording of the NZ National anthem, a time to reflect & pray, playing of the Last Post and a song (Sons of Gallipoli). Times are: 10:00am, 11:00am & 12:00pm. If people wish to have some quiet time we suggest they come on the 1/2 hour. This has all been designed around not having large gatherings. We will be encouraging people to place tributes/wreaths with messages. If anyone would like to make a wreath from one of the Anzac Day committee bases contact Richard & Faye Bain 3288627. There will also be a reference to events Ukraine - tbc. As usual there will be something special on the day. Come along to remember, and to connect to our past but also with each other.

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**FEILDING
SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
SKATEBOARD
PROGRAMME**

29 APRIL / MANFIELD EVENTS
CENTRE - INDOORS
59 SOUTH ST FEILDING

10AM - 12PM
\$20 FOR 1 PERSON OR \$35 FOR 2 PEOPLE

All skateboards, safety equipment, portable ramps and instruction provided on the day

Register and pay online at:
www.onboardskate.org.nz

WHEELS DAY & SPIDERS

Wednesday 13 April

**Bring your skateboards, ripsticks, scooters, drift trikes or rollerblades!
No bikes please.
We recommend wearing a helmet.**



**Spiders (icecream and fizzy): \$2
Cash only.
No pre-ordering -
just buy your spider on the day!**

