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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

2022 had the sweet promise that perhaps life, and school, would get back to normal. Well, I may have been too optimistic given the resurgence of COVID. We can see in areas around us the steady spread of COVID in communities. I am now becoming an expert on the difference between 'close', and 'casual' contacts. It's a fine line between them! But the difference is important for when an outbreak happens in our school and community - close contacts will have to isolate for a time, where casuals can remain at school and self-monitor.

Self-monitoring is another interesting word - it requires trust that everyone does their bit to stop any transmission and isolates when needed. Self-monitoring is something our community has done very well before COVID came along. If kids are sick, we keep them at home. That, and using health guidelines (washing, sanitising, masking, social distancing, coughing into elbows, and social distancing from people we don't know), help stop ANY sickness in its tracks and is something we should continue to do.

For our school-wide events coming up, you will appreciate that we are working VERY hard to ensure that our community is able to come to support our pupils. At Red Level, we will be requiring Vaccine Passes to be shown as you come, as well as following the other protocols. Make sure you help us by following these rules, as we continue to run events for our kids, instead of cancelling them.

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

Three-Way Conferences Coming up

In Week SIX (March 7th, 8th and 9th), we have our annual Three-Way Conferences, where every parent and child comes and discusses the year ahead with teachers. **School will finish at 12.30pm on March 7th, and buses will run at this time. If you're unable to pick up your child early, please contact us.** This is an important chance for information to be shared and goals set, and we expect every family to come and be a part of it.

This year we will use an online booking system for you to do easily. You need to go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Click 'Make A Booking', and enter the **event code: ycra8**

You can then enter your details and select the teachers and time. An email will be sent to you to remind you of the details. If you have any trouble, you can ring or come in and we can make the booking for you. Spaces are filling up fast, so we urge you to make your booking as soon as possible.

Contact Information and Digital Citizenship Agreements

These forms will be sent home today. We need both forms back by this Friday 25th February at the latest please. Thank you for your support.

Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their new LOOP website. Your books are delivered to the classroom as usual. You can still send in cash. See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close Friday 4th March.

Pallet Coffee Table for Open Auction

Our wonderful caretaker, Alan Martin builds useful items out of pallets. He is crafty and clever in what he creates. In the foyer is one of Alan's creations - a coffee table with inlaid wood. Great size and height for any room, Alan has donated this to school for an open auction to occur. If you are after a quality table at a good price please place your bid on the sheet above the table in the foyer. Auction starts today, and ends next Friday.



PTA Thanks!

Our PTA is a group of parents and staff that work hard to raise funds for much-needed equipment and experiences for all our pupils. We are all served so well by this group of people who hold meetings each month, fundraise, and then distribute funds directly to the school. Halcombe School is so fortunate to have a group so dedicated and always looking to do better. Every parent is welcome to come to the monthly meeting, but MORE importantly when asked to help, please step up and do your bit. You'll feel great to be a part of it. This last two months already, the PTA have paid for: Year 8 Dinner, buses for the beach trip, sandpit toys, and new storage case, gym mats, a rebounder and a beam, a new Jump Jam kit, musical instruments, triathlon ice-blocks and classroom furniture. Everyone benefits from this group!

The next meeting is next Wednesday 7th March, at 7pm. Come along and be a part of the team.

Swimming Sports Information

Our swimming sports events are going to look a little different this year, due to being at Red. We will have three separate events:

- Year 6-8 Swimming Sports - Wednesday 9th March - Makino Pool: 12.15-2.30pm
- Year 4-5 Swimming Sports - Friday 11th March - Halcombe School: 10-12pm
- Year 1-3 Swimming Showcase - Friday 11th March - Halcombe School: 1.30-3pm

Full information about each of these events can be found in KIT Books today. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Halcombe School Triathlon

We are all go for the Halcombe School Triathlon being held next Wednesday 2nd March. We have designed this event to be all about fun, and giving it a go. It is suitable for all ages, and we really encourage everyone to get involved. This will be a fantastic spectator sport too, so we hope to see lots of parents there, cheering on the kids! You might remember that our triathlon was a no-spectator event last year, as we were at Level 2. We will be running the 2022 triathlon as an 'Event' under the Red settings. This means we'll be controlling entry and exit points, and checking vaccine passes. Spectators will be completely separated from the students, and will be asked to scan in, wear a mask, sanitise and socially distance themselves.

Please see the attached advertisement for more information, or come and see Di if you have any questions. If your child would like to participate, please return the form at the bottom of the newsletter by the end of this week. If your child doesn't have a bike and would like to participate, let us know and we might be able to help.

COVID Process Updates:

We have been and are always preparing for what COVID may bring us. As we get cases here we will be following a clear process. As you need to look on our webpage for this process - it's pretty easy to follow.

Free Filing Cabinet

We have a filing cabinet that needs to be re-homed. It's sitting in Room 8 if you'd like to have a look.

Community News

Halcombe Triathlon Training - Thursdays 3rd March and 10th March, starting at 3:30pm

Some keen parents from our community have got together to organise two triathlon training sessions for the kids of Halcombe School. This is a great initiative when town triathlons are cancelled. Here is a great local opportunity for your child to be involved in a fun and healthy activity right here in Halcombe. To be sent the registration form link and Health & Safety document, please email halcombetriathlon@gmail.com

The students in Room 6 had an awesome time trying to break the school record for how many kids you can balance on the tyres! Great perseverance kids - and a new record of seven kids!



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HALCOMBE SCHOOL TRIATHLON (return form to the office by this Friday 25th February) ONE FORM PER FAMILY

Name: _____ Year: _____

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Name: _____ Year: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Halcombe School Triathlon

2 March 2022

10.30-12.30pm

run - bike - swim

students must bring:



togs & towel
running shoes
bike & helmet



(make sure the tyres are pumped up)

THIS EVENT IS ABOUT GIVING IT A GO AND HAVING FUN!

PARENTS WELCOME

WE WILL BE FOLLOWING THE RULES FOR AN 'EVENT' AT RED. THIS MEANS CONTROLLED ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS, CHECKING VACCINE PASSES, SCANNING IN, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SANITISING.

This is an optional event for you to enter. If you don't have a bike, let us know, and we might be able to help!

Thanks to the PTA, everyone will receive an iceblock as they finish the event!

GROUP	RUN DISTANCE	BIKE DISTANCE	SWIM DISTANCE
YEAR 1 & 2	2 laps of field	3 laps of field	50m (4 lengths)
YEAR 3 & 4	3 laps of field	4 laps of field	50m (4 lengths)
YEAR 5 & 6	4 laps of field	5 laps of field	100m (8 lengths)
Year 7 & 8	5 laps of field	6 laps of field	100m (8 lengths)

If students cannot swim the distance, they can walk, run or use a flutterboard. Any stroke is acceptable.