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Term One - Week 5

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou.

Halcombe School now has some families who have had a case of COVID in their household. This was inevitable and now is the time to remind us all of the rules we operate under to keep us all safe.

Firstly, I am so pleased to say that all our affected families are doing the right thing - they are self-isolating at home. When there is a confirmed case of COVID in your house (as there most likely will be), any school-aged pupils must stay home and also self-isolate with the adults. We will provide distance learning to students who need to self-isolate (enough for five days of learning routine, related to classroom activities). The health and well-being of our children, staff and community is a top priority.

If you have a case in your house this is *what you need to do*:

You and your whānau should watch for symptoms. If any develop, get tested immediately. Then, stay at home until you receive the result. Let the school know you are affected (email or phone us). If your whānau hasn't been vaccinated, please do so as soon as possible. You can book on-line at bookmyvaccine.nz or by calling 0800 28 29 26. It's free.

What we're doing:

School continues to operate as usual. We have appropriate public health measures and cleaning procedures in place, providing multiple levels of protection for our students.

Symptoms of COVID-19:

- a new or worsening cough
- sneezing and runny nose
- a fever
- temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- sore throat
- shortness of breath

This is all part of the continuing development of COVID in our country, and we all know what we should be doing. Let's support each other and help our neighbours and community. If you have any concerns or questions please ask us directly. We are here to help.

Have a healthy week!

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Three-Way Conferences Next Week

Thank you for booking your conference - between Monday and Wednesday next week, our teachers will meet with every single family! Please be on time for your conference, as we have a strict schedule to maintain. In order to promote good health practices and ensure our staff are feeling confident of COVID-19 measures we ask that all parents (including those with mask exemptions) use a mask during the duration of the 3WC. If that cannot happen we can run a 3WC by Zoom. Thanks for understanding, we look forward to seeing you soon.

A reminder that school closes at 12.30pm on Monday 7th March, and buses will run at this time.

Contact Information and Digital Citizenship Agreements

Both these forms should have been returned to school by now.

Triathlon - TOMORROW!

Only one sleep till the Halcombe School triathlon! We're thrilled that so many kids are keen to have a go - 161 kids! That's a big tick in the 'adventure' box of our Triple A values! The first event will be the Year 7-8 students, starting at 10.30am. Here is some important information:

- Bikes and helmets go straight to the field before school. There will be senior students there directing you. Please double check the tyres are pumped up, and the seat is set at the correct height.
- No helmet = no go.
- Students will wear their togs to do the run and bike, with a t-shirt and shorts (for the girls) over the top. Footwear is recommended.
- Please name all gear, including helmets and water bottles, as we know everything will be all over the place at the end!
- Spectators are welcome, however we would like to remind you that the triathlon is being run as an 'Event' under the Red settings. This means we'll be controlling entry and exit points, and checking vaccine passes. The entry point will be through the gates either side of the playground. Spectators will be completely separated from the students (the parent area has no shade), and will be asked to wear a mask, sanitise and socially distance themselves. If you're feeling unwell, please stay home.
- **Gates will open for spectators at 10.15am.**
- If you arrive between races, you'll need to wait until a race has finished before you are able to come in.
- If your child needs help at any time, this will be provided by staff, designated course marshals or senior students.
- Bikes will be left on the field and can be taken home at the conclusion of ALL races, or after school.
- Spectators can view the swimming from outside the pool fence.
- We'd like to remind everyone that this event is all about giving it a go and having fun, though we know that many of the students will naturally make a competition out of it.
- Each student will receive an ice block on completion of the triathlon. Thanks to our PTA for shouting this special treat.
- Please don't park on the neighbour's lawn.

Board of Trustees Meeting Update

- Shane Casey was re-elected as chairman for 2022.
- Bus run changes were discussed in detail and agreed that the new routes are far from ideal for our school community. The Board will continue to lobby the MOE and MP's, as well as investigate what assistance or options we can offer those affected.
- A very detailed summary of the Board Survey was discussed at length, there was wonderful constructive positive feedback in the survey replies and it will take some months to review all the information in full. The Board will use this information to further develop the schools Strategic Goals, our community interaction, opportunities at large and how to further enhance our school environment for the benefit of all our students and families.
- Property Review - a 5 to 10 Year Plan is under review. We get the opportunity to map out where our property funding should be directed. There are some 'must do' projects and some 'nice to have' projects which further enhance our school environment. The Board will evaluate the potential projects and possibly visit other schools over the coming months to help decide what will benefit our school the most.
- Solar Power - the school received a credit for power generated over the holidays.
- The Board thanked Alastair and the staff for the outstanding start to the 2022 school year. The school continues to operate exceptionally well in difficult times and will find ways to operate events and activities for the kids rather than cancel events.

Board of Trustee Elections:

- BoT Elections are being held in September this year.
- Joining the Board of Trustees of any school requires a commitment to sound governance and accountability to the students, parents and teachers of the school. If you are elected, you are ultimately responsible for the overall running of the school infrastructure, finances and wellbeing of the entire school, and you also have the opportunity to positively influence the school and wider community for the better.
- The chairperson meets regularly with the principal and key members of staff. You will read a lot over your time on the Board: there are a number of reports that will come to you and at times hard decisions will need to be made. Fortunately you are not alone and surrounding you are dedicated members of the Board including the school principal that you can call in for advice and allow them to share their thoughts and feelings around the many matters that come to the Board.
- This is a very rewarding role for someone with governance skills or a person wishing to grow into this area.

Swimming Sports

By now you will have read the information in KIT Books about our three swimming sports events. A reminder that if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

- 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

Year 6-8 Swimming Sports

Here is the confirmed list of who will be attending the Y6-8 swimming sports next Wednesday 9th March - everyone that registered their name will be able to attend (please stay home if you're unwell):

Jenny Barnacott, Rach Howell, Daniela or Omar Gonzalez, Mickey Chase, Matty Moss, Aaron Meurk, Deb Meurk, Nikki Shannon, Sandra Botham, Julie McKay, Gail Baillie, Bree Oldfield, Fallan Zander, Warrick Zander, Phillippa Collier, Rach Lane, Janelle Kenyon, Rob Kenyon, Bex Lintott, Hugh Lintott, Johnny Kui, Alisha Kui, Sasha McNabb, Nathan Barrack, Megan Emmett, Gareth Trubshaw, Catriona Trubshaw, Amy Cudby, Jason Cudby, Richard Jeffers, Helen Cudby, Fiona Burke, Mark Burke, Rowena Jones, Rob Jones, Julie Ryan, Tim Ryan, Lucy Lintott, Wendy Johnstone, Neil Johnstone, Helen Bradford, Regan Harvey, Callum Harvey, Kylee Thomas, Emma Brown, Michelle Thompson, Anne Humphrey, Dan Humphrey, Laura Swenson, Kerri Manson, Gareth Eckersley, Christine Sinclair, Hollie Howland, Stacey Simpson, Sarah Norman, Vikki Rolls, Pat Williams, Rach McLaughlin, Marty Howse, Anna Monk, Gary Simpson, Michelle Simpson, Craig Jamieson, Shirley Henderson, Sacha Paranihi, Pat Leauai, Freda Paranihi, Danny Paranihi, Lucinda Dodunski, Nicky Lankshear, Wilson Karatea, Haami Karatea, Cecilie Waugh, Simon Wishnowsky and Megan Wishnowsky.

Rochelle Addenbrooke, Rochelle Chase, Bryant Chase and Louise Thompson will be part of the student/staff bubble on the other side of the pool.

PTA Meeting

The next meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday 2nd March, at 7pm in the staffroom. Come along and be a part of the team. If you're new to school, this place is for you too - come and meet some great people who help to provide important support for our kids.

Teachers Only Day

The Board has approved a TOD for Friday 1st April. School will be closed on this day.

Interhouse Competition

Throughout the year, our four houses compete in a series of competitions. Joining in these competitions is a highlight for many students, as they represent their house with pride. Flippaball is the first competition of the year, with the Year 7-8 students fighting it out for the Number 1 spot last week. This week, it's all on for our Year 5-6 kids too!



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

Junior Badminton (7+ Years)

Starts Tuesday 8th March 2022. 6.00pm - 7.30pm at the Feilding Civic Centre Stadium. \$5.00 per night. Club rackets available. For more info contact - David Wasley 021 249 1150 (Civic Centre only requires MyVaccine Pass for over 12 years).

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

Offering
The PARENT SURVIVAL KIT

PARENTING COURSE

- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result



TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE TIME IN	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

**IDEAL FOR GROUPS
INDIVIDUALS OR
A BUNCH OF FRIENDS**

Via **zoom**

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GLOBE THEATRE

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