

Halcombe School



Term One - Week 7

15 March 2022

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

They say that a 'week is a long time in politics'. We could also say that 'a day is a long time in a pandemic!' Each day is bringing its own changes and challenges. Plans put in place from the end of last year have had to change, activities and organisation are being re-thought, students and their families isolate at home with COVID. Each day brings some subtle and not-so-subtle changes.

People are great at coping in adversity - doing the right thing when needed, and supporting each other. At this time your neighbours will need you and your school needs you too. We need our parents to know three things:

- We have COVID in the school community - please look out for symptoms. Stay away get tested if you have them;
- We need you to understand that things will change as this wave of Omicron goes through the community and our staff (this could include classes being combined, or classes being home in some cases, IF staff absences rise);
- We will keep trying to keep activities and learning on track. You can still volunteer to help us in running these activities where you can. You are welcome here.

Last week we held three swimming sports events - what a great week to cap off the summer! Many thanks to the parents who came (and followed the COVID rules), to celebrate and support our students and their swimming. We really appreciated having you here, cheering on your child, but also cheering on the rest of our kids.

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

GOOD LUCK!

We have a number of teams competing in various events around our district over the next week. We would like to wish them all the best!

- Manawatū Interschool Triathlon - tomorrow - 19 kids
- Agri Kids - Saturday 19 March - 21 kids
- Feilding Interschool Swimming - Monday 21 March - 10 kids

COVID Thanks

We want to thank all our parents for doing the right things during this COVID-wave that is progressing through. Parents are noticing symptoms and getting tested. They are letting us know they are isolating. As of Monday we had 37 kids away (not all with COVID - some are just tired). As a community, we need to remain connected and supportive of each other. There is no blame or shame about who carries it, catches it, or passes it on. It is here and it is likely that we will get it at some stage. We are well prepared to cope with it. Keep practicing the health measures: mask wearing, vaccination, social distancing, washing of hands and sanitising. Kia kaha Halcombe!

Year 6-8 Swimming Sports

What a fantastic afternoon our senior students had at the Makino Pool last Wednesday. We had 48 events, with every student competing in at least three events. Everyone gave their very best, and should be proud of their achievements. Well done to Rimu, who cleaned up in the house relay too! A special congratulations to our 2022 champions:

- Blunden Cup: Junior Girls Champ - 1st Georgia, 2nd Maggie L, 3rd equal Esther N & Lucy C
- Blunden Cup: Junior Boys Champ - 1st Finn, 2nd Tom H, 3rd Harry D
- Wishnowsky Cup: Senior Girls Champ - 1st Maggie T, 2nd Sophie, 3rd Eleanor
- Wishnowsky Cup: Senior Boys Champ - 1st Cash, 2nd Eddie, 3rd Toby
- Monk Cup: Most Improved Swimmer - Alex

- Barnett Cup: Fastest 50m Freestyle - Sophie

Swimming Pool

As you know, our pool is now closed for the season. If you hired a pool key, please return this to school.

Netball

It's time for us to start organising our netball teams. This is open to students from Y1-8. Those who were keen took a notice home yesterday, but if someone has been missed, please send your child to see Miss Simpson to collect a notice. Forms are due back on Friday. To our whānau who are isolating - if you'd like your child to play, please email dsimpson@halcombe.school.nz.

Life Education Visit

The Junior Team are having Harold the Giraffe and his friend Tim join us this week:

HI FROM TIM AND HAROLD @ LIFE ED MANAWATU!

We are so excited to be coming back to Halcombe School and seeing all our friends again! Being amongst all you warmth, energy and positivity is always one of the highlights of our year - we can't wait! We feel very privileged to be sharing in the Junior teams' learning around good nutrition, including where food comes from, how food gives us energy, different food groups & what they offer, the digestive system, and why we need to eat food throughout the day - please come and tell us of any learning being shared at home!

Life Ed is a charitable trust that aims to inspire learners and their families to make positive choices about their wellbeing, and receives no government funding. If you would like to support our worthy cause, we will have the following items for sale until Monday: Harold flag pens @\$1, Soft toy Harold keyrings @\$7, Harold drink bottles @\$10, and large Harold soft toys @\$22. These can be purchased from me or at the office anytime (cash only please) - take care everyone and have a spectacular rest of the day!

Love from Tim and Harold!



JUNIOR GIRLS MODULE 2022

WHEN: Monday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March.

WHERE: Central Energy Trust Arena, Palmerston North.

TIME: 4pm - 5pm.

Click the link above to register.

