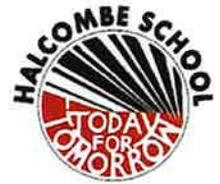


Halcombe School



Term Two - Week 2

10 May 2022

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

What and who do you work with each day? How do the people and the equipment around you behave? Here at school we work with kids, and every day we work with some amazing, talented and motivated students.

Sometimes, however, kids can do dopey things. They might be mean, they may decide not to be friends today, and they may say some silly things. Recently I was contacted by a parent concerned that a child had been mean to their own child. This can be distressing, as no-one wants their child to be picked on or left out or bullied. What really impressed me was the parent's response to this. They were reasonable, they understood that kids are kids and that kids don't think like adults. They discussed the problem and let the teacher and their child sort it out. And it was sorted out very easily.

Nearly all child-to-child problems can be sorted easily and quickly if we know what is happening early, and when there is a reasonable approach. So, thank you to our parents who help their child understand, who communicate clearly, and who get in touch with us as needed. Remember the old adage: 'Believe half of what you hear about school, and we will believe half of what we hear about home'!

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

Rapid Antigen Tests

We all know that COVID is still around and will be for some time, with new variants cropping up and sweeping through. We have been sent a supply of RATests and we will be sending these out to all families with this newsletter. Please store these at home for when you may need them. We trust this allows you to have an easy, free source of identifying COVID in your family if the need arises. If you don't want these, please feel free to return to school and we can store them here. We also have a supply of masks. If your family would like some, please let us know and we can send some home via kid-mail.

Skateboarding

Last Thursday, we had our first of four skateboarding lessons. It was awesome! Many of the students were a little tentative at first, but it certainly didn't take them long to get going. We can only imagine what they'll be able to do after four sessions! A reminder for students in Year Three up: covered shoes need to be worn on Thursdays.

Yummy Stickers

The Yummy sticker promotion is set to go again for 2022, time to get crunching and collecting stickers. Sticker charts can be collected from the office. We exchange these stickers for cool sports gear.

Home Learning in COVID Isolation

Now that we are all moving into this new phase of living with COVID, we are not sending home packs to individuals. As cases are sporadic and each family responds to their isolation differently, we found the packs we were putting together didn't fit with people's reality. There are smarter ways of having home learning:

To keep good learning habits going, we are advising families to access home learning activities via the official 'Learning From Home' website. These activities will be adapted to meet your child's level and needs in each case. We are also advising families to do things that the family is able to do and fits in with your lifestyle and activities.

Community News

Exercise Classes

Based on yoga principles this low key exercise class is held in the Halcombe Community Hall on Tuesdays from 6.30 - 7.15pm. No experience necessary. A fun way to keep supple! \$25 for a 10 week term or \$5 a night casual. Enquiries to Barbara Davies 06 328 8025.