

# Halcombe School



Term Two - Week 4

24th May 2022

## *Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers*

Kia Ora Tatou,

I want to give a shout-out to the volunteer coaches and supporters for our teams - we must have one of the best groups of people who commit to taking practices, offering transport and supporting from the sidelines. Our community rocks! Our school has one of the highest percentages of pupils involved in teams throughout the year, and this is due to their enthusiasm, the school PE programme, and the encouragement and support of parents.

It takes a great deal of organisation and effort to commit to investing time in a team. Coaches come to weekly practices and they come prepared - they don't just turn up to practices without knowing what they are doing. We all are really grateful to our coaches and appreciate the time they put into all our kids.

Please remember, at the end of games, to go up and thank them for their effort and encouragement. If it takes a village to raise a child, then coaches are surely one of the most active village members.

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

### Great News for Mrs Hughes!

It is with great fanfare and celebration that we congratulate Rebecca and Sam Hughes, who are expecting their first baby in September! This is wonderful news for this family and we wish them all the best for their preparations to welcome their new child. Room 3 children were very excited to hear the news late last week too. The Board will be setting up an appointment committee to ensure learning continues after Mrs Hughes takes maternity leave. In the meantime, please feel free to pass on your congratulations to Rebecca in person.

### PTA Meeting

THIS Wednesday, 25th May, 7pm - tomorrow night! The PTA is part of our strong connection to our parents and is a way of the school working together with parents on common goals. At this meeting, we will be discussing: the Casino Night organisation, an upcoming working bee, and the funding of various classroom resources and activities. If you are new to the school, you are automatically a member of the PTA, so come along and meet a wide range of people. We hope to see you on Wednesday, at 7pm.

### Casino Royale Fun Night: FRIDAY 10 JUNE

Last year's postponed Casino Night is now on Friday 10 June! Come along to a great night out with the neighbours and community. This event is a 'thank you' to everyone, and celebrates the hard work, perseverance and support over the last year. Keep the date free, and look out for more information soon.

### Assembly Plan - Updated

Room 6 was disappointed not to be able to host assembly last week, due to a power cut and yucky weather conditions. All is not lost however, they will be hosting assembly this week! It's shaping up to be an awesome assembly, so come along and enjoy the entertainment. Assembly starts at 2.30pm. A reminder that if you turn up after this, please wait until the National Anthem/speaker/item has finished before entering the hall. Thank you for your support.

### Pie Warmer Lunches

Pie warmer lunches are back. For our new families, we have pie warmers that children use to heat up their lunches.

- Lunches need to be wrapped securely in tinfoil, or put in **small** tin foil trays (for anything that might leak).
- Lunches need to be clearly named with a vivid marker and with a room number.
- If you're making lunches for the freezer, name them before putting them in - vivid doesn't work on cold tinfoil!
- Children put their lunches in the pie warmers when they arrive at school.



- Popular lunches are lasagne, toasted sandwiches, pizza, mac n cheese, sausage rolls, spag bol, left overs from tea etc - anything that will heat up really!

### Wet Weather and Spare Clothes

Has your child borrowed clothes from school recently? Please return these promptly. All our younger students should all have a complete change of clothes in their bags.

### Property Matters

Those keen-eyed people amongst us will have noticed some property developments that have s-l-o-w-l-y taken shape.

- The Room 1 deck provides some extra outside space with easy access for the students in Room 1. We have an Archgola and sliding door to install soon to complete this project.
- The front garden edging has been waiting on supply, but it has finally arrived and is ready to be installed. After this we'll be able to plan the replanting of this garden, with help from our new Enviro Club and parents at our next working bee.
- The Board of Trustees have just approved a future Five-Year Property Plan that sees us budget just over \$400,000 of Ministry money to keep up the good facilities we have and develop more options for our students and staff.

### Board of Trustees Elections: September

This September sees the elections for all New Zealand school Boards. We are governed by five parent representatives, one staff rep and one principal. The Board of Trustees looks at the big picture of our school, not the day-to-day management and detail. It is an important role and one that requires good people to stand for election. Please start thinking of people you know, from amongst our parents or in our community who are:

- Are committed to continuing the positive story of development at Halcombe School;
- Can look at the big picture of the future of the school;
- Are enthusiastic about the school and supportive of the community, kids and staff.

More information will be coming out in updates, BUT please start thinking of people to nominate to stand for election and have a chat with them. Any community member may be nominated by a parent of the school.

### Fantastic Writing!

We have spotted some AWESOME writing in books this week:

*To the Editor of Sport New Zealand:*

*You must put my dad on the front cover! In my personal opinion, my dad is the best rugby player in human history. He once tackled a very tall guy and he was literally the size of a rocket ship. My dad is better than everyone in the whole entire universe at fishing, and he casts faster than a lightning bolt that is zooming past. My dad is so good at swimming, and he is wonderful and brilliant at butterfly. He is faster than a dolphin zooming across the sea. I am begging for a response.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Odom (age 8)*

*I was shivering as I approached a deserted street, then something caught my eye. It was no ordinary house, it was an abandoned house! I walked towards it. Then I froze. I spotted a shadowy figure walking into the house. Then I could hear footsteps leading up a corridor. A door slammed shut. Then a faint candlelight glowed through a window....*

*Zoe (age 8) - Zoe is half way through this piece of writing and we can't wait to see what happens next!*

### Tough Kids

Good luck to the 121 students from Y3-8 who will be participating in the Junior Tough Kids event next Tuesday. All those involved were given a notice yesterday, so please see KIT Books for more detail.

### FSMR Hoodies

We have many students involved in Saturday Morning Rugby.... and they all have a black and yellow hoodie. If your child has one, can you please make sure it is named? Thank you.