

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

I wish I was a student at Halcombe School! It may be that I have just ticked over yet another birthday, but in my travels through the classroom, I have been impressed by the kinds of learning here, the coverage of the whole curriculum, and the kinds of wonderful experiences we provide for our kids.

Last week I was privileged to go to three schools outside our area. Seeing what works in other places really helps confirm the great things we do here, but also opens my eyes to possibilities - what other things can we provide for our pupils to add-value to them? There are many things we do here that we need to hold onto - academic rigour, strong Reading, Writing and Mathematics programmes that prepare our kids for the future, very strong EOTC components that help our students to transfer their knowledge into action, and making sure that all areas of the curriculum are not just 'covered' but really delved into and taught.

There are things we can do better, and bring in, to add-value too. Keeping our eyes open to new ideas, and ways to improve what we do, must be sought. Halcombe School isn't sitting on its laurels, so neither should you be. If you think there is something that would be great to have, or something we could do better - my door is always open. Please come in and see me sometime. I'm always up for a good chat.

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

New Parents Morning Tea - Tuesday 28 June

As a way of getting to know people better, and facilitating connections between people in our community, the PTA would like to extend a warm invitation to all new parents - Tuesday 28 June at 9am in the staff room. Come for a chat, a cuppa, and meet some of the great people we have here. We want you to feel included and part of the team, so come along! This is an opportunity to meet some other parents, as well as to hear about what the PTA is all about. Babies and young children are welcome too. We look forward to seeing some of you next week.

Matariki Celebration - Mānawatia a Matariki! - Thursday 30 June

Our kids have been enjoying learning more about Matariki, and are looking forward to (hopefully) spotting the constellation of stars in the morning sky soon. We trust you will enjoy the long weekend ahead, and hope you get to spend time doing something you love! To celebrate Matariki, we have planned some special events for next Thursday 30 June:

- We're having an assembly at 10am. We'll be reflecting on Matariki, singing waiata and enjoying each other's company. Whānau are welcome to attend too.
- We will have a shared morning tea at 10.15am. **We are asking families to bring a small plate of food to share** (one plate per family, put your name on the plate/container if you want it back). Thanks in advance.
- After lunch, the students in Rooms 5, 6 and 7 will be helping our local community by picking up rubbish around the village. The students in the junior team will be picking up rubbish around our school.
- The students in Room 8 will be painting a fence near the Halcombe Community Walkway.

Chocolate Fundraiser

A reminder that the chocolate fundraiser for the students in Rooms 5-8 finishes THIS Thursday. All money must be returned by this date, and any unsold chocolate must be returned in perfect condition. If you'd like to discuss any aspect of this fundraiser, please contact Paula in the office.

No Assembly

There is no assembly this week, due to the Matariki holiday on Friday. Our next assembly will be next Friday 1 July, where Room 2 will be our hosts.

Year 1-6 Hockey

Lots of students took home forms for hockey last week. A reminder that these are due (with payment) tomorrow. As of Monday afternoon, we had 26 students signed up to play, but only four offers to manage teams. We need more help! If you're going to be there anyway, why not volunteer?

Board of Trustees Elections - September 2022

The Board elections are coming up in September and we ask that you give some thought to stepping forward to join the Board. We will **call for nominations before the end of this term**, and further information will be sent out to all whānau next week. Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school Board member.

What are school Boards?

All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a school Board which is the Crown entity responsible for the governance of the school.

The Board:

- Ensures every student can reach their highest possible standard in student achievement.
- Is the employer of all staff in the school.
- Sets the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, whānau, staff, students and the wider school community.
- Is responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration.

Board membership:

There are three types of representative members who are elected onto the Board. These 'representative' Board members are elected by the parent community, and staff members. A standard school board's membership includes:

- Parent elected (or selected) representatives (usually five).
- The Principal of the school.
- One staff-elected representative.

What do Board members do?

Members on a school Board of Trustees work together to make sure every student reaches their highest possible standard in educational achievement. Our Board meets together twice a term, and there may be other meetings you need to be part of, depending on what's happening with property, finance, health and safety or personnel. As part of these key responsibilities, here are some of the things Boards do:

- Work with the Principal and consult with staff, students and the community.
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school.
- Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving (this Annual Plan is on our Website).
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent.
- Support the school's Principal and support the development of all staff.
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

Timeline for Elections:

Call for Nominations by Friday 1 July 2022

Nominations Close Wednesday 3 August 2022

Voting Papers Issued by Wednesday 10 August 2022

Election Day Wednesday 7 September 2022 (poll closes at 4.00pm)

Board Takes Office Wednesday 14 September 2022

We have our next Halcombe School Board meeting tomorrow night - 7pm at school. If you're interested in learning more about how the Board works, you are welcome to come along.

No Netball

A reminder that there is no Saturday morning netball this weekend. Netball practice is ON tomorrow.

Disco

Yes, that's right - another world famous Halcombe School Disco is coming up next Friday! Yahoo! Please see the advert below for more information. We are on the lookout for some disco lights - some snazzy, sparkly, blingy lights that you just plug in and away you go. If you have some we can borrow, please let us know.

Great Writing

We have found some more awesome writing to share this week - a personal recount from Campbell:

The Hike On Kapiti Island

Climbing up to the summit of Kapiti Island, it was incredibly steep. Even though it was only 3.5 kms it felt like ten and I'm not exaggerating! The elevation was 524 metres, which is insane! Every once in a while I'd stop and take a glance through the cracks of the trees at the amazing view, to see how high up we were. I had barely seen any of the plants and trees before, and they were amazing! Some of them were black and fuzzy, and some of them were brown and hard. It was so cool and shaded in the bush, which was perfect since we were all getting sweaty. Once we stopped and had a water break, we all took our bags off and we saw that we had huge wet patches on our backs!

Once we got to the top we could see the South Island, and now I know that the Cook Strait isn't even that big. We could see for miles and there wasn't a single cloud in the sky or a breath of wind. You couldn't go too far at the top or you'd fall off the side of the cliff. The water was so flat you could see the currents with the lines separating them. I walked up to the top of the lookout tower and I could see way further and even more of the South Island. When I was up there a gigantic New Zealand Falcon flew above us. It was awesome.

On the way down the hill, it was hard not to run. I kept tripping over massive roots and sharp stones. We went around about two times faster on the way back. It was so quick! We gassed it. Near the end of the hike we had a peek at the takahe. It was so big and around about up to my hip. After that we walked another 200 metres to finish our amazing hike.

HALCOMBE SCHOOL

DISCO

FRIDAY 1 JULY

JUNIOR DISCO: 5.30-6.45PM
R1, 2, 3, & 4

SENIOR DISCO: 7-8.30PM
R5, 6, 7 & 8

HALCOMBE SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: \$5 - ON SALE SOON!
Buy your ticket from outside R8
before school one day next week -
cash only, no online sales.

**Included in the ticket price: drink
(fizzy or water), and a bag of lollies.**

After School Art Classes

Terms 2-4 | Feilding Art Centre | Enrol Now!



Budding Artists with Eris

Ages 5 to 9

Tuesdays 3.30-5pm | \$3 per class

Beginners' art classes delivered with the support of Manawatu District Creative Communities Scheme. Materials provided.

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Ages 10 to 14

Thursdays 3.30-5pm | \$20 per class

Let your kids explore their creativity in a series of project-based lessons focussing on print-making and mixed media. Materials provided.



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Manawatu Youth Theatre's
Production of

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A musical based on the play by
Sir J.M. Barrie

Lyrics by **Carolyn Leigh**
Music by **Morris (Moose) Charlap**
Additional Lyrics by **Betty Comden** and **Adolf Green**
Additional Music by **Jule Styne**

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