

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

The Education Review Office has begun their review of the effectiveness of our school. We hosted our ERO officer last week, to set out the parameters of the visit and to go through classes and see them in action. It was very good to show the ERO around, and tell them about the good things that occur here, especially how well we know our pupils and are seeing progress by every child.

At the end of this week you will also receive more information about your child through a report that is being sent home. Every school in NZ is asked to 'write in plain english about a child's progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics'. In reading over the reports, I am happy to report that our teachers know your children very well. They have honestly and openly stated how well your child is doing in the three areas, but also in other areas of learning and social development. I believe you will have a good impression of how well your child is doing and where they are going in the next six months.

The reports themselves are very succinct and straight-forward, and everyone needs to remember that the more important information comes in the form of student exercise books, and Seesaw. These give you a very clear (probably the MOST clear) picture of your child's daily learning and progress.

PLUS, we have the option for all parents, in Week 2 next term, to come in and formally meet your child's teacher, to discuss progress and next steps. These Three-Way Conferences are available for anyone who wishes to follow-up on a report. We will be sharing with you how to book a 3WC in next week's newsletter.

In the meantime, on Friday, enjoy your child's mid-year report and the myriad of other information you get too.

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

New Parents Morning Tea

The PTA are very good at connecting people together. Joining the PTA is a way of being involved at the grassroots and create great friendships too. Many thanks to those who came in today to meet and greet. We had a great morning tea and time together. Look out for the next opportunity, next term.

Matariki Celebration - Mānawatia a Matariki! - This Thursday

A reminder that to celebrate Matariki, we have planned some special events for Thursday:

- We're having an assembly at 10am. We'll be reflecting on Matariki, singing waiata, planting a tree 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. The plate of food can be taken to the tables outside R6 before school.
- 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.

Exercise Books

The students in the senior team will bring their exercise books home on Friday. Please ensure these books are returned to school next Monday.

Disco

The students (and staff of course) are excited about the disco on Friday! A message for our new families in case you were wondering... parents don't stay at the disco. The students will be supervised by staff.

Dental Service

Our dental therapists will be here from next week, so your child will have their teeth checked in the near future.

**Halcombe Primary School
School Board Elections 2022
Parent Election Notice**

Nominations are open for the election of five (5) parent representatives to the Halcombe School Board of Trustees. All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and information today (via the KIT Book). Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form. If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 3rd August 2022. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until Election Day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on 7 September 2022.

Signed

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Returning Officer
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More information: halcombe.school.nz/school-board-elections-22.html



Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

Friends of the PTA 2022

The PTA would like to update their 'Friends of the PTA' list. This is a super important group that supports the PTA by joining working bees, baking, and/or helping at an event. Please fill in and return the slip below if you're keen to be involved:

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FRIENDS OF THE PTA

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

- I can help by baking/cooking
- I can help with working bees
- I can help by supporting an event



COMMUNITY NEWS

Halcombe Lantern Festival Workshop

Kids come along with your parents to make your lantern at one of the four workshops on offer. The workshops will be in the Halcombe Memorial Hall, details below. If you could let us know via email (halcombe.community@gmail.com) how many kids you will be bringing along, so that we can make sure we have enough materials for you all. Older kids, if you have made a lantern before and are happy to come along to help the younger ones make their lanterns, we would love to see you.

Proposed Workshop Days in the school holidays:

Tuesday 12th July – 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm

Tuesday 19th July – 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm

Halcombe Lantern Festival

Halcombe are again hosting our Lantern Festival on Saturday 23rd July 2022. We will meet in the Halcombe Memorial Hall at 5.30pm where we will marry you up with your hand-made lantern, attach a carrying pole and light the candle. We will then all walk to the walkway, proceed down the walkway to the Monteith Street car park, then back along the walkway to Levin street car park for a sausage sizzle, hot soup, hot drinks, marshmallows etc. An evening of lighting up the night sky. (Kids - wear your light-up sneakers, glow in the dark t-shirts, glow sticks and remember to bring your torches too). **Please note** - do not park down Levin street or the Levin Street carpark as this is being used for food and drinks.