

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

Halcombe School has a reputation for strong sports and EOTC - it was one of the attributes of our school that attracted me in the first place. BUT it is so much more than those two things.

The very high expectations for our pupils to do well academically, the well-organised classes and excellent teaching that goes on are also what we are known for. But, wait there's more...

In the weekend our cultural activities were highlighted too. Just like our Kapahaka participation at the festival at Matariki time, our school choir performed beautifully at a festival in Palmerston North on Saturday - as part of a massed choir, and as a choir by themselves. Our students did us proud and they were so proud of themselves too.

We are fortunate in Halcombe school that the partnership between home and school is so strong. Whether it be parent initiatives, or teacher ones, we get behind our kids and offer them fantastic opportunities to experience life, and build on interest and skill. One of the many aims a primary school has is to make sure all students are able to have a wide, broad education. At high school they can then decide how to specialise. I am grateful that Halcombe School is such a complete package.

Have a great week & enjoy the holiday coming,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Pet Day Organisation - Thursday 20 October - Week 1 - Term 4

- Pet entries are now closed.
- On the day, children with pets arrive at school no later than 8.45am and must be ready for judging at 9am. They must stay with their pets out on the field. Judging will begin at 9.00am and should be finished by 10.30am.
- All pets must be under control at all times.
- Lamb and calf rings will be next to the hedge.
- Dogs will be in the ring closest to Room 1. They must stay on a leash at all times, and stay with the child.
- The kid goat ring will be next to the dogs.
- All other pets will be in the area between the library and the playground, except horses/ponies which should be in the centre of the field.
- We ask that parents leave their children with their pets.
- Each class will present two indoor exhibits which are made at school. You will be able to view the exhibits in the hall after 9.30am.
- There will be a sausage sizzle at Pet Day - more details to come.
- The annual Halcombe School Gumboot Throwing Champs will be held on the field during Pet Day too.

Ants!

I have never written about ants in a school newsletter before! But we all know there is a problem with ants in the school, and over the years we have had several attempts to reduce the problem. Pupils and parents have had to cope with ants in lunchboxes, and spoiled food. We are working hard on this and are as sick of it as you may be! Alleviation of the problem is on-going and this year there will be four sessions of treatment. Crossed fingers, this will have the desired effect on these amazing creatures.

Parent Information Book

Today we have sent home an updated copy of the Halcombe School Parent Information Book. You will have read this when your child enrolled at our school (that was a long time ago for some!) There have been lots of changes and updates since then. Please take the time to read through the information - it's important.

Dance Celebration and Winter Sports Prizegiving

Over the last few weeks, our students have been hard at work, perfecting their dance skills. Friday afternoon is an opportunity for each class to share their learning and smooth moves! Following this, we have our winter sport's prizegiving, where we will be presenting our major awards for 2022. This event starts at 1.45pm, and seating is limited.

Cross Country

All classes will be training each day next term, in the lead up to our cross country on Wednesday 26 October. Students will need suitable running clothes and shoes. More information about the cross country will come home at the beginning of Term 4. We strongly encourage everyone to start their training in the holidays!

Hats

Term 4 means hats are worn when the students are outside. Please ensure your child/ren brings a named bucket hat to school to start the term. A reminder that if the hat has a drawstring, it needs to be cut off.

Pie Warmers

The last day to use the pie warmers is Friday. They will then be put away until it starts to get cold again in 2023. Thank you so much to Mrs Stace for sorting out all the kai each day - what a job!

Senior Social

The students in Rooms 7 and 8 have their dance extravaganza on Thursday night. Have a great time kids! Please check KIT Books for more details.

Ki O Rahi

Tomorrow we are hosting a Ki O Rahi tournament at school. Students from Manchester Street, South Mākirikiri and Lytton Street will be coming along to play in this inaugural competition. Please check KIT Books for more details. Go Halcombe!

Senior Technology

Our Year 7-8 students are almost at the end of their Technology programme for 2022. Over the past two terms, they have had 20 mornings of creativity, construction, critical thinking, team work and problem solving. There have been five activities; knitting, robotics, printmaking, woodwork and cooking. The students have made some fantastic things, some of which will be on display at Pet Day. It has been awesome to see the improvement in skills and confidence, as they learned to operate heavy machinery, paint rollers, microwaves and knitting needles! Thank you to our teachers, Gary, Fritha, Maria, Vanessa and Di for providing such rich, fun experiences for our students.

Term 4 Organisation

As always, we have lots of exciting events planned for Term 4. Make sure you're up to date with what's happening via our calendar. This can be accessed from our school website: <http://www.halcombe.school.nz/>.

Congratulations:

- Sean made the Gymnastics NZ Development Squad! This is a big opportunity for him and we celebrate with him too. This now means that he will attend training clinics around the country with the top NZ coaches. Watch out for his name at the next Commonwealth Games.
- Congratulations to Ashton for his selection in the Manawatū Football reps. Good luck for your tournament this weekend Ashton!

Senior Team Exercise Books

On Friday, all the students in the senior team will be bringing home their exercise books. This will give whānau the perfect opportunity to check out what their child/ren have been working on this term. We appreciate the time parents will spend making a comment in each book. See KIT Books for more information about this.

Choir Performance

Our school choir performed in a concert in Palmerston North on Saturday, and they were AWESOME! The choir includes students from right across our school - 5 year olds to 13 year olds, and they all sang loud and proud. A special congratulations to all the students who sang solos - a wonderful achievement. Thank you to Mrs Gilchrist for leading this group, and supporting them to sing with confidence.



Board of Trustees Update

The first Board of Trustees meeting took place last Wednesday. Simon Wishnowsky was elected to the Chair, with other members taking up these roles:

Health & Safety: Luke Shannon
Personnel: Somin Wishnowski
Staff: Di Simpson

Property: Rachel Lane & Scott Linklater
Treasurer: Kristy Staples
Everything Else: Alastair Schaw.

The Board were impressed with the outcome from the Quiz night, with just over \$10,000 raised - a superb effort by all. We did a tour of all classrooms and discussed students and how the whole pathway at Halcombe School contributes to positive outcomes for students.

We had a great start to the next term of Governance. We have some big projects ahead and are looking forward to engaging with our community on them as they come up.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

National School Road Cycling Championships - 2 October

Halcombe School are hosting cyclists from across the country to race at the National School Road Cycling Championships on Sunday 2 October. The event village will be at the school and the finish-line will be outside of Halcombe Memorial Hall. The cyclists will start outside Halcombe School, turn right at roundabout on Stanway Rd, left on Makino Rd, left onto Tokorangi Rd and finish outside the Halcombe Memorial Hall on Willoughby St. Racers will complete 1 – 3 laps depending on their age group. Racing will start at 9am and be finished at approx. 3pm. Roads are open, but we ask for vehicles to take care around the cyclists. Thanks for your support of our event.



Manawatu Rugby Holiday Programme

Does your child love rugby?
Do they want to learn like a Turbo or Opalone?
And a chance to make new friends with rugby?

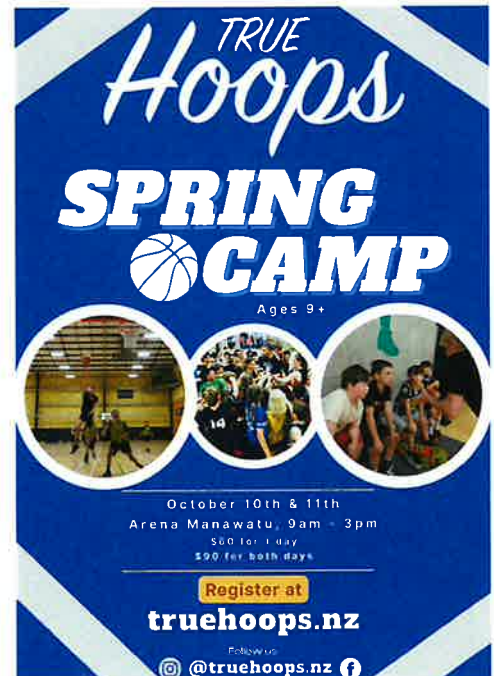
Programme Outline:
Dates: 10th - 12th October
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Age: 10 - 15 years old
Venue: Rugby Performance Centre, 10 Willoughby Street

Schedule
Tuesday 11th: Strength & condition, and skill testing
Wednesday 12th: Skill development through TGFU & position specific coaching
Thursday 13th: Skill revision and rugby games

Please scan the QR code or visit the Manawatu Rugby Facebook page to register your child.

Price: \$60 per child per day or \$180 for all three days.

For more information email: halcombeschoolrugby@xtra.co.nz



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