

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

A FRIENDLY REMINDER - NO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY 26 AUGUST - TEACHER ONLY DAY

Kia Ora Tatou,

At last week's Board of Trustees meeting I presented the latest Achievement Report. The Board gets several reports during the year, all related to how well the students are achieving, how they are progressing, and how we can better support all pupils to keep doing well. I am very pleased to say that our pupils do achieve very well here! I say this a lot, because it is true. And the statistics back me up:

- In mathematics we have 95% of our pupils achieving At or Above mid-year expectation;
- In reading there are 89% of all pupils achieving At or Above;
- And in writing currently there are 73% of all pupils achieving At or Above.

For this time of year these are very good results. For pupils who stay at Halcombe School for all their learning, the stats are even better: Maths - 96% At or Above, Reading: 95% At or Above, Writing: 84% At or Above. This highlights the strength of the whole learning programme here. Any principal would be very, very happy with results like this, and I take my hat off to the teachers working hard each day, and the parents and kids supporting them.

The above just goes to show what a great educational facility we are for all pupils from Year 1 right through to the end of Year 8. Spread the word people!

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Quiz Update

Thank you so much to all those who have been able to donate items for our upcoming quiz night. Keep them coming!

- bottles for the Bottle Auction
- items for a grocery raffle
- something else that we could raffle off

Don't forget to organise your team for the quiz too. We have 16 teams entered so far. Awesome!

BOT Election

Vote now! Select five (5) trustees for our new Board. We have exceptional candidates that deserve your support. Read their statements here:

<http://www.halcombe.school.nz/school-board-elections-22.html>

Voting papers and instructions have been sent to all parents/caregivers. Complete your vote and send it back to the school Office ASAP! Voting closes on 7 September at 4pm.

Teacher Only Day: just a reminder that school is closed on Friday 26th August

Crazy Day - Friday 23 September

We are cooking up the craziest day you could possibly imagine! You'll be hearing more about this nearer the time, but we did want to give you advanced warning on one aspect of Crazy Day. We'll be encouraging people to come to school in anything but a car! That's right, you read that correctly. Find a helicopter, or a tractor, or a hot rod. Come to school on a horse, or in a wheelbarrow or on a scooter. Start planning now!

Nail Polish

A reminder that nail polish is a no-go at Halcombe School. If people want to wear nail polish during the holidays, it needs to be all gone by the time they return to school. Nail polish remover is cheap to buy at the supermarket. Thank you for your support.

Recent Results

- Newbury Sports Exchange - what a day we had last Thursday! This was the first of four winter sports exchanges our senior students will be involved in. There were around 140 students involved across the two schools, and they all had a chance to show off their moves on the field or court. There were eight games altogether, with Newbury winning four of them, and Halcombe winning four! A particular highlight was the Y7-8 basketball game. Even though our students don't participate in a weekly competition, this team absolutely blitzed Newbury, and were playing like pros! Our students represented our school with pride, and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to all our coaches, referees and those who came along to support our teams in freezing conditions! Good luck to all those involved in the next exchange with Hunterville School on Thursday.
- Mathex - we are incredibly proud of our three Mathex teams, who all achieved a Top 10 finish at the competition on Friday. In this competition, teams must race to solve complex mathematical questions. Our thanks to Sue Simpson who has been training these teams for the last few weeks.
 - Year 6 - 8th (Brenna, Spencer, Harry, Sean)
 - Year 7 - 5th (Charlie, Campbell, Isaac, Cooper)
 - Year 8 - 7th (Ella, Poppy, Eddie, Finn)
- Whanganui MTB - well done to Sophie and Jorja who competed in the Whanganui Mountain Biking Champs on Friday. The course was very challenging, with lots of steep ups and downs. Our girls managed VERY well though, with Sophie placing first and Jorja third.
- New Zealand Duathlon Champs - Last weekend, Sophie travelled to Auckland to compete in the New Zealand Duathlon Champs. This involved a 9km cycle and a 3km run. Sophie managed to come third in this event, which is an outstanding achievement.

Newbury Action Shots

Thanks to Megan for taking these awesome action shots of the rugby players in action during the Newbury exchange last week. Our Year 5/6 team lost 19-15 and our Year 7/8 team won 78-7.



Halcombe School Quiz Night

Friday 9th September 2022
School Hall

Doors open 6.15pm - Quiz starts at 7.00pm.

A FUN NIGHT TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME

\$15 per person

- *Get your family, friends and workmates together for a fun night out!*
- *Enter a team (4 – 6 players).*
- *Enter your team now! Entry form below, or just ring us on 328 8845 or email*

office@halcombe.school.nz

- *Excellent prizes, raffles and a bottle auction.*
- *Cash bar.*
- *Great supper and nibbles provided.*
- *Limited to 35 teams - first in first served!*



Come along, join the fun and support our school!

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Name: _____

- Yes! We are entering a team of _____ people.
- Team Name: _____
- Payment enclosed for my team (\$15 per person): \$ _____
- We will pay online - Account Number: 01 0625 0106729 00