

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

## **TEACHER'S ONLY DAY - THIS FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL**

Kia Ora Tatou,

A few weeks ago there was a notice in this newsletter about 'Not Letting In the Nasties'. It is a national programme of online protections to help parents support their kids while they are online.

We all know that being online in this world opens children's minds up to all sorts of influences - good and bad. I want to highlight the need for parents to be active supervisors of what our children are doing online.

All social media platforms have age limits: Facebook, 13; Tik-Tok, 16 for instance. These are there for very good reasons and should be adhered to. Parents, we need to make sure our kids are not using these platforms until they are ready, and we need to respect the age limit. One thing you can agree with your child is that they 'friend' you on each platform they use. This way you can see what others are communicating to your child and vice-versa

Children's minds are not yet mature enough to judge what is appropriate - that's why there are limits. If you have older children, be very mindful of the influence they have on younger siblings.

When things go wrong on social media, it can come back to school too, although we have no influence on what kids are doing in their spare time. If we need to deal with any fallout from online posts we will be reminding parents of age limits and judgements, plus informing police cyber supervisors as needed.

In a digital age, it is complicated being a parent. But putting in family routines and monitoring what our kids are doing right at the start makes sense. Not Letting In The Nasties asks everyone to do their bit.

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

### **Quiz Update**

Thank you so much to those who have been able to donate a bottle and/or a grocery item. We are so lucky to have such a supportive community. We're still a wee way short of what we need though, so if you haven't made a donation yet, perhaps you might be able to get something sorted this week. We are hoping to have a few more special items added to the raffles too - books, games, goodies for a pamper pack, items for the blokes, or a voucher for a night out. Are there any business owners who can help? Do you know someone who might be in a position to make a donation? Thanks in advance. It's not too late to enter a team either, and we have about 10 spots still available. Contact Paula if you'd like to register your team.

### **Enviro Club**

Do you have any old or spare small plant pots that you no longer need? If so, please drop them off to Isabelle in Room 7 so the Enviro Club can plant vegetable seeds.

### **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.

### **Sports Uniforms**

If a Halcombe School sports uniform or jacket has turned up at your house following an event, please return it to school as soon as possible (excluding our hockey and netball players of course).

### **Recent Results**

- Hunterville Interschool Sport - despite the very wet conditions, our teams represented Halcombe School with pride on Thursday. We won the netball games, but were beaten in football and rugby. We are hoping to make this exchange with Hunterville an annual event, and are looking forward to traveling to their place in 2023! Good luck to all our teams who are travelling to South Makirikiri School on Thursday to compete in the third of four exchanges we have. Fingers crossed for better weather this week!
- Chin Up Champs - Zoe, Hadleigh, Caden, Ruby, Lee, Blake, Sean and Stevie represented their classes at the Halcombe School Chin Up Champs on Friday. It's very hard to even do ONE chin up, and these students were so good! Congratulations to Sean, the winner with 31 chin ups.
- Parents vs Kids Netball - our senior netball teams took on a very professional and athletic group of parents in netball last

week. This end-of-season match is tradition, and both teams turned up ready to do battle! Congratulations to the parents, who won 15-6.

- Year 7-8 Netball - a massive congratulations to our A Team, who won their grade in the Manawatū Intermediate Competition last night. The team played an absolute blinder of a game, beating Te Kowau 34-9. Our B Team finished 9th in their grade, beating North Street School 18-9. Thank you to our coaches, Christine, Hannah and Di for coaching these teams throughout the season.

### KIT Book Notices

We urge parents to take note of the information provided in KIT Books, especially around events that require a lot of organisation. Paula takes a lot of phone calls requesting information that has already been sent out. Perhaps an idea would be to take a photo of the notice you need. A reminder that all cancellation information is posted to our Facebook page too, so there is no need to ring Paula to check if an event is on. Thank you for your support.

### Great Poetry from Room 6!

MAISIE:

Have you ever ridden a horse when it suddenly starts cantering?  
 And you are freaking out, and the wind is flowing through your hair?  
 And you are holding on so tight to the reins that your hands go white?  
 And you are trying so hard to stop it?  
 And your heart is beating so fast, and you have tears in your eyes?

OSTEN:

Have you ever ridden a twisty turny roller coaster?  
 And you go upside down and you feel like you might lose your mind?  
 And you want to hop off mid way through the track, because people are screaming like chimpanzees?  
 And you start to become sick from too many loopy loops and you're going to spew over everybody?

MOLLY

Have you ever dived underwater, and swam to the other end of a deep, 11 metre long pool?  
 And it felt like your lungs were going to explode?  
 And it's like you're about to faint?  
 And you feel such relief when you touch the wall and can breathe again?

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Orphan Lambs

Kairanga Handcrafts have orphan lambs available for purchase at \$50 each. The cost will include the lamb and 1kg of milk powder to get them started and a bottle. Email [kairangahandcrafts@gmail.com](mailto:kairangahandcrafts@gmail.com) or give us a ring on 0279201302.



## Feilding Tennis Club. Junior Coaching Programme. Term 4, 2022.

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| <p>Wednesday or Friday.<br/>                 Starting date: Wednesday 19th October and Friday 21st October.<br/>                 Programme runs for 8 weeks.<br/>                 Cost per term: \$80 per child (1 session per week).<br/>                 To register, please email Jono Hurley the following information:<br/>                 Child's name, Age, DOB and current year at school.<br/>                 Parent contact number/email and required day and time.<br/>                 Email: <a href="mailto:tigertennisnz@gmail.com">tigertennisnz@gmail.com</a> Phone: 0275 300 365</p> |
| <p><b>Year 1-4 3:30pm-4:30pm. Red Ball and Orange Ball.</b><br/>                 We will be working on hand-eye coordination, which is a key fundamental and critical to any player's success.<br/>                 Secondly looking at how they grip the racket correctly. We will teach them a basic swing pattern for a forehand, backhand, volley and net play.<br/>                 Most importantly this will be held in lots of fun games.</p>  |
| <p><b>Year 5-8 4:30pm-5:30pm. Green Dot</b><br/>                 We will be working on the different types of shots that are played in a game of tennis, we will look closely at using correct grip as we step into more challenging aspects of tennis like how to move to a ball, and position yourself correctly with your feet and body. They are going to start rallying with each other. They will learn the rules, scoring systems, court positions and strategies for competition tennis.</p>   |

**Community FUN DAYS**  
**FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS**

COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY DAYS!

Our Manawatū Rugby Union Team will take the kids through some rugby skills and training sessions, while our awesome partners at FMG will put on a BBQ for everyone to refuel after!

**3PM MON 29 AUG**  
**TE KAWAU CLUB RONGOTEA**

**3PM MON 5 SEPT**  
**JOHNSON PARK FIELDING**

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!  
 MEET NPC AND FPC PLAYERS!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
**FMG** Ateice & Insurance  
**Farmlands** co-operative

## **HALCOMBE SCHOOL PET DAY 2022 - THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER**

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SCHOOL CALENDAR - WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE DAY TO ARRIVE!

Entries for ALL pet competitions are **being taken now**. Entries close on **Friday 23 September**.

### **Calf & Pet Competition:**

- Senior Students: Years 5 - 8
- Junior Students: Years 0 – 4

### **Lamb Competition:**

- Senior Students: Years 5 – 8
- Intermediate Students: Years 3 – 4
- Junior Students: Years 0 – 2

### **Dog Competition:**

- Seniors Students Only: Years 5 – 8

### **Goat Kids:**

- All year levels

## **CALF COMPETITION**

Calving Dates: Born between 1st July and 15th September. Calf Diaries are optional and are to be brought to school on Monday 17th October (the first day of school for term four), so they can be judged and displayed.

**Your calf must have a NAIT tag in their ear or it cannot participate. MPI issues fines up to \$400 to the owner and person with the animal if an animal is off its property without a NAIT tag.**

**Our NAIT EVENT NUMBER is: 12858941**

The Calf competitions is in three classes:

- (a) Dairy Type or Beef Type
- (b) Care and Attention
- (c) Leading

## **LAMB COMPETITION**

Lambing Dates: Born between 1st July and 15th September. Lamb Diaries are optional and are to be brought to school on Monday 17th October (the first day of school for term four), so they can be judged and displayed.

There will be two classes:

- (a) Care and Attention
- (b) Leading & Calling

## **GOAT KID COMPETITION:**

This season's young only, not the billy goat from the road!

Judging for: care and attention, excellent knowledge of goat kid; involvement with goat kid on a regular basis.

## **DOG COMPETITION (SENIOR STUDENTS ONLY):**

Judging for: care and attention; excellent knowledge of dog; involvement with dog on a regular basis; good control of dog; obedience; leading skills. Dogs must remain on their lead and be supervised at all times.

**PET COMPETITION:** This should be the child's pet - not grandad's, your brother's or the neighbours! All kinds of animals are welcome. Judging for: care and attention, excellent knowledge of pet; involvement with pet on a regular basis Please provide suitable cages and/or leads for pets. Horses and ponies are to be led, not ridden. Pets must be supervised at all times (*NO dogs, please*).

**HALCOMBE SCHOOL PET DAY ENTRY FORM 2022 - for lambs, calves, goat kids, dogs or other pets**

|                          | <b>Student's<br/>Year<br/>Level</b> | <b>Student's Name</b> | <b>Pet's Name</b>                       |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| JUNIOR LAMB              | 0 – 2                               |                       |   |
| INTERMEDIATE LAMB        | 3 – 4                               |                       |   |
| SENIOR LAMB              | 5 - 8                               |                       |   |
| JUNIOR CALF              | 0 – 4                               |                       | Beef OR Dairy<br><br>NAIT Number: _____ |
| SENIOR CALF              | 5 – 8                               |                       | Beef Or Dairy<br><br>NAIT Number: _____ |
| GOAT KIDS                | 0 – 8                               |                       |   |
| SENIOR DOGS              | 5 – 8                               |                       |   |
| JUNIOR PETS<br>(NO dogs) | 0 – 4                               |                       | Pet's Name:<br>Type of animal:          |
| SENIOR PETS<br>(NO dogs) | 5 – 8                               |                       | Pet's Name:<br>Type of animal:          |

Please enclose \$3 per entry.

Parent/Caregivers Signature: \_\_\_\_\_