

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

Last week we were visited by the Education Review Office (ERO). It is their job to visit all schools and check on the quality of the teaching and learning, the health & safety, as well as check the way each school operates daily and complies with law.

I am VERY pleased and proud to say that ERO went away with a very good judgement of Halcombe School. ERO was impressed by:

- The classroom environments and culture, and how well the pupils are achieving here.
- The high level of expertise displayed by teachers of the craft of teaching, the techniques they were using and how well pupils were responding to them.
- The high level of coherence between classes and the high quality of learning here.
- The high level of self-review and how determined we are to do well for our kids.

ERO does not often say the above about schools, but they could see the high quality of our school and how the staff, children and community work together here. This is extremely good news for our school. Our 193 kids are well-served at Halcombe School, so spread the word to all your friends! Congratulations everyone.

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

Welcome Mrs Johnstone

Raylene Johnston has taken over the reins in Room 3. We welcome Raylene and expect the transition to go smoothly. Raylene was telling our students how she enjoys robotics and building water tanks for her 'Fighting Fish' Interesting! Raylene has already put in time and effort to come in while Mrs Hughes was here, so that the pupils in Room 3 could feel very comfortable with the transition - thanks Raylene. If you are picking up children after school feel free to come in and say 'hi'.

Quiz Update

Three more sleeps until the quiz - start studying now!

- Thank you so much to all those who have contributed to our raffles or auction. We sure are lucky to have such a supportive community. We now have enough bottles, grocery items and things to auction. We don't need anything else.
- The PTA is looking for some volunteers to help make sandwiches on Friday morning, from 8.45-9.30am. Please contact Paula if you can help.
- We still have TWO more spots for teams.
- On Friday night, there is parking available on both netball courts (don't drive into the basketball hoops). Please don't park on any yellow lines, or on the neighbour's lawn.
- Bring plenty of cash to buy raffle tickets.
- Cash bar.
- A reminder that as a SCHOOL event any drinking should be done responsibly. Our school grounds are smoke and vape free.

BOT Election

Voting closes TOMORROW Wednesday 7 September at 4pm. Support our candidates and select the best Board of Trustees for our school by voting ASAP. Votes are counted and the results declared next Tuesday 13 September.

2023 Planning

We are starting to do initial plans for classes for 2023 already! We start by making sure we know what our current students are doing next year. We try to balance our roll between 190-205, and this enables us to have the staff we have and the many opportunities this brings. We may have limited places for out-of-zone families. We are an excellent school, and we all know how fortunate we are to be learning and playing here. We need to know if you are likely to be moving away from Halcombe, and if this might affect your child's attendance. Please either email, or phone the office to let us know now.

Recent Results

- South Makirikiri and Colyton Sports Exchanges - our final winter sports exchanges were awesome! Our students enjoyed visiting these schools, and played some excellent rugby, football, netball and hockey. These exchanges will be a highlight of the year for many students. Every single one of our Y5-8 students (102 kids) was involved, putting a big tick in all three areas of our Triple A Values: attitude, achievement and adventure! Thank you to the small army of parents who helped out with coaching, and who were able to come along and support our teams.
- Kids Lit Quiz - well done to our two teams for competing in the annual Manawatū Literacy Quiz, put on at the Feilding Civic

Centre yesterday. The questions were hard, fraught with difficulty, but our teams did us proud. Well done to our Year 5-6 team (Katie, Molly, Georgia, Kaiden and Kourtney), and our Year 7-8 team (Ella, Layla, Isabelle, Ben and Emma). Thank you to Margot for coaching our crew.

- Staff vs Students Netball - the students put up a very brave fight against the staff, and played some fantastic netball. The staff were just too good though, winning the match 18-10. Thanks to Sandra and Christine for umpiring the match.
- Chess Club - congratulations to Max, who has won our school Chess Championships. Max was a formidable player, using some very clever strategies to take down his opponents. Well done Max!
- Many Halcombe kids were awarded prizes and mentions at the recent Feilding Saturday Morning Rugby Awards. Well done! AND they had exemplary behaviour - you make us proud!

Assembly

There is no assembly this week, as we will be preparing the hall for the quiz.

Friday 23 September - THE CRAZIEST OF CRAZY DAYS!

- **Come to school in anything but a car!** That’s right folks, it’s time to get creative. This is your chance to arrive at school in a helicopter, or on a horse, or in a wheelbarrow, or riding a motorbike! We’ll let you know the logistics around this closer to the time.
- **Dress up crazy!** Find some crazy clothes and wear them to school.
- **The teachers are swapping classes!** Just to make things SUPER crazy, the teachers will swap classes for the first part of the day. How exciting!
- **Burgers for lunch!** Why not have burgers for lunch on Crazy Day? You’ll be able to pre-order these closer to the time.
- **An assembly not to be missed!** The teachers will be presenting assembly on Crazy Day, and it is going to be awesome! See you there!

Congratulations!

- Well done to Elsie, for her selection for the Manawatū U15 girls rugby team. What an incredible achievement - not bad for a 12 year old! Best wishes for all your games Elsie.
- Congratulations to Sean, for his invitation to travel to Christchurch to try out for the NZ National Gymnastics Team.

Touch Rugby

There is information in KIT Books today for those children who have indicated they are keen to play touch next term. Last year 136 kids signed up. As you can imagine, this requires a lot of organisation and administration work! If your child wants to play, and hasn’t received the information, send them to see Miss Simpson in R8 tomorrow. The deadline to sign up is next Wednesday 14 September, and we are unable to take late entries. Please ensure the payment has been made by that date too. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with Di.

FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2022 | 10AM-2PM | WWW.FEILDING.CO.NZ

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WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET INVOLVED IN ALL THE COMPETITIONS LEADING UP TO THE EVENT DATE. THERE ARE LOADS OF AMAZING PRIZES UP FOR GRABS.

- RELAY RACES (PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE)
- BEST DRESSED (GET DAD INVOLVED!)
- COLOURING COMPETITION
- COUNT THE SHEEP ABOUT TOWN
- DESIGN & CREATE ART COMPETITION

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ENTRY FORMS, (DUE IN BY 7 OCTOBER!) ASK YOUR SCHOOL OR GO TO: WWW.FEILDING.CO.NZ/RURAL-DAY-2022

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