

# Halcombe School



Term Three - Week 9

20 September 2022

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

Kia Ora Tatou,

Well, it has been a big week, hasn't it? Flags at half-mast, parades, remembrances, speeches. We have witnessed and lived through some very historical events, and things we can retell our grandchildren in the future. There is something to be said for pomp and ceremony on the scale we have witnessed. It impresses and leaves feelings for a lifetime.

If you know me, you will find out that I support the system of government we have. I like it that we have a King, I like it that we don't have a president where we rely on petty politics, changes every four years, scandal & gossip, and a huge amount of wasted money each election cycle. To me the alternatives don't make sense, especially when the one we have continues to serve us well.

Which brings me to local politics - you must have seen the billboards popping up! Local government, and the election of councillors and mayor has a bigger impact on our everyday lives than national politics does, but experts tell us that fewer people vote in local-body elections - that's a pretty terrible state of affairs. It is important that we use our democratic rights and vote, as these elections have more effects on our daily lives..

My point to all of this is of course our students - when you see and experience BIG events like the passing of a Queen and accession of a King, when you read the election material that is sent daily through your letterbox and consider who you will be voting for - coach your children and tell them about what's going on. Involve them in the conversation about who these people are, why they deserve your vote, how they might affect your lives, what a District Council does, and how you are thinking of voting. That way your children will become better informed, and become more involved thinkers. We need a society that has a high degree of interest and connect. These two big things going on right now allow parents to really mentor their children so our future might be better-off.

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

### Pet Day

A reminder that the last day for entries is **this Friday 23 September**, forms can be collected from the office. If you have any questions, please get in contact with Paula.

### Friday 23 September - THE CRAZIEST OF CRAZY DAYS!

We have planned all kinds of craziness for Friday, and are looking forward to an awesome day at Halcombe School.

**Burgers** - tomorrow is the final day to order a burger for lunch on Friday. This can be done outside R8 from 8.30am. \$3, cash only. As well as the chicken pattie, there will be lettuce, cheese, beetroot and tomato sauce. Students can choose what they want to have in their burger.

**Arrival At School** - We have heard some interesting stories about how the students are planning to arrive at school on Friday. If you are arriving at school in your normal car, please drop your children off in the carpark. BUT, if you are planning something cool, we'd like you to drop your children off outside the front of the school (Monteith Street), so everyone can see. We're planning on setting up some chairs along the footpath so the kids get a great view of what's happening.

**Dress Up** - we can't wait to see what crazy outfits everyone wears on Friday. It has been ages since our last dress up day! We'll be starting the day with a parade, so everyone can show off what they're wearing.

**Buddy Class** - each class will be taught by their buddy class teacher for the first part of the day. There is plenty of excitement about this, from both the students and teachers!

**Assembly** - the teachers will be presenting assembly - an event not to be missed.

### Hall Car Park Reminder

A reminder that we ALL MUST use the footpath around the outside of the Hall car park, even when we don't have kids with us. It is important to model this to our pupils at all times, regardless of the inconvenience. Please make sure when you are taking your child **to your car that you use the footpath**. We have had instances of children wanting to go across the carpark at the end of the day, which is incredibly dangerous. Thank you.

### Trampoline Reminder

We have a strict one-person-at-a-time rule on our trampolines. This applies to before and after school too. Parents, can you please keep an eye on this if your children are playing for a few minutes after 3pm. Thank you.

### Thank You

Thank you to the following people who have helped us out with a couple of jobs recently - much appreciated!

- Hayley Oldfield - re-sewed the seams of our high jump mat.
- Bree and Dave Oldfield - cut the legs down to size of one of our mini tramps.

### Good Luck and Best Wishes

- Good luck to the students in the senior team, who will be competing in the interhouse quiz tomorrow.
- Our school choir is performing at the 'Six to Sixty Annual Charity Concert' on Saturday. We have 45 kids in the choir, and they have been rehearsing for a few months. Best wishes to this group - we know you'll represent our school with pride and sing beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Gilchrist for coaching the choir. It has been a few years since we had a school choir, so we are very pleased to see the return of this opportunity.

### Year 1-6 Hockey

We certainly had some bad luck with the weather on Monday nights! Despite a couple of cancellations however, all our students really enjoyed playing hockey. Thank you to the coaches and other helpers who look after the teams each week. All hockey tops need to be returned to school now.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### DANCE FIT Classes

Come along to our taster class for 'Dance Fit' at the Halcombe Hall on Thursday 22 September. We will be running a kids class followed by an adults class. No experience required and all are welcome. Kids: 5-6pm. Adults: 6.15-7.15pm. Any queries:

[bexlintott@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:bexlintott@hotmail.co.nz)



**MANAWATU SCHOOL  
HOLIDAY SKATEBOARD  
PROGRAMMES**

**PROGRAMME DETAILS**

Mon Oct 3rd, 12pm - 2pm at the Manfield Events Centre, Feilding.  
Tue Oct 4th, 10am - 12pm at The Central Energy Trust Arena (Bell Hall/Arena 5), Palmerston Nth.  
Mon Oct 10th, 10am - 12pm at Bush MultiSport Arena, Pahiatua.  
Fri Oct 14th, 10am - 12pm at The Central Energy Trust Arena (Bell Hall/Arena 5, Palmerston Nth).

Entry Cost: \$20 per person per session  
All skateboards, safety equipment and instruction provided

Register and pay at: [www.onboardskate.org.nz](http://www.onboardskate.org.nz)

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