

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

Kia Ora Tatou,

Welcome back! We trust everyone had a great holiday and time with family and friends. It is great to have the school filled with the sounds of children again, making the plans we have in place all the more exciting.

Term four has LOTS happening: Pet Day, Cross Country, Camps, Trips, new learning and 42 days of pretty intense learning, as teachers focus in on the time we have to progress pupils to where they need to be by the end of the year.

We cannot wait for Pet Day! One of the most exciting days of the year, celebrating our rural roots, and enjoying seeing and awarding the students for the way they look after and rear their pets, lambs and calves. We trust you enjoy this as much as we do. Special thanks goes to the judges and parents for volunteering their time and effort in helping our pupils!

And after that, we're straight into Cross Country...

A very special welcome to our newest teacher, Maria Barnes. Many of you will know Maria has been a Teacher Aide here for some time, and also been teaching senior school Food Technology. We are excited that Maria's new teacher registration allows her to join MArgot and Jan in Room 1 this term. This ensures that the growing numbers of pupils in our New Entrant room continue to get the individual attention and teaching they need.

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

### **Pet Day Organisation - Thursday**

- 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.
- We ask that parents leave their children with their pets.
- Each class will present two indoor exhibits which have been 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 - \$2. Whānau can buy one from 9.30am, but the students will have theirs after morning tea. No pre-ordering, just bring your money on the day.
- The annual Halcombe School Gumboot Throwing Champs will be held on the field during Pet Day too.
- Please ensure you have parked legally, and not on the neighbour's front lawn.

### **A Busy Term Ahead:**

Term 4 is always really busy. Please keep up to date with what's happening through our calendar that can be found on our website:

<http://www.halcombe.school.nz/>

### **Winter Sports Awards**

Congratulations to those who received awards at our Winter Sport's Prizegiving at the end of last term:

- Halcombe Chess Cup - Max S
- Roygard Cup - best football player - Ashton
- Dodunski Cup - most improved hockey player - Cooper B
- Halcombe Cup - best hockey player - Maddi-Grace
- O'Callahan Trophy - best basketball player - Thomas
- Halcombe Rugby Cup - most improved rugby player - Charlie
- Simpson Trophy - best rugby player - Elsie
- Morresey Cup - most improved netball player - Max
- Henderson Cup - contribution to netball - Ella
- Moriarty Cup - best Y5-6 netball player - Katie
- Craine Cup - best Y7-8 netball player - Maggie

### **Cross Country**

Training has begun for our cross country, which is being held next Wednesday 26 October. See below for details.

**Reminders:**

- We don't have assemblies in Term 4. Thank you to all those who were able to come along to our assemblies during Terms 2 and 3. We hope you were entertained!
- **Students need their hats at school every day now.** Please ensure these are named. Remember, if the hat has a draw string, this needs to be cut off.

**Good Luck!**

Best wishes to the 16 Year 1-2 students who will be kicking off their netball season this afternoon.

**Baby Hughes**

Congratulations to Becs and Sam for the safe arrival of baby Madison. Baby and mum are doing well, and we wish them all the best.

**Scholastic Book Offer**

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their new LOOP website. Your books are delivered to the classroom as usual. You can still send in cash. See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

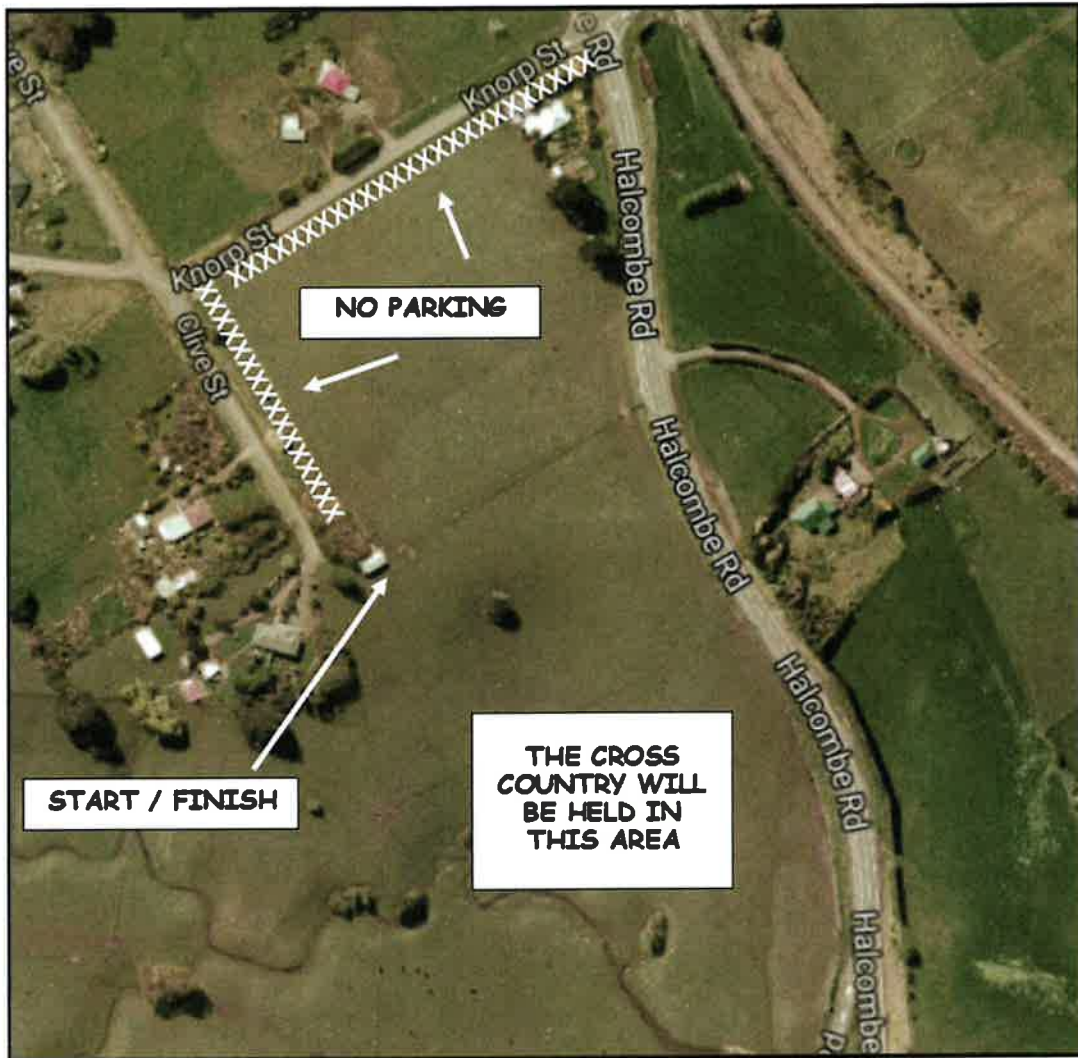
**Morning Bus**

Feilding High School has a teacher only day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. On this day the morning bus that travels Mangaone Road, Makino Road and Stanway Road will not run in the morning. The bus will run in the afternoon.

**Rural Day Gumboot Relay**

Our teams represented our school superbly well in the Gumboot Relay at the Feilding Rural Day last Friday. They looked very fancy in their crazy costumes, and had lots of fun hooning through the obstacle course. Congratulations to the Halcombe Hawkes, Sean, Harry and Maggie - winners of the Y5-6 race!





### Cross Country - Wednesday 26 October 2022

1. The Cross Country will be run in the paddocks indicated.
2. Students will walk to the course, leaving school at 12.15pm. They will need to bring warm clothes, footwear, a sunhat and a named waterbottle. Shorts (not long pants) must be worn.
3. Students will have a practice run this Friday 21 October, so please ensure they have the right gear on this day too.
4. Parking will be available at school and on the northern end of Clive Street. **Please do not park on Knorp Street, or on the southern end of Clive Street.**
5. There is a great viewing area for parents near the start/finish line. There will be no seating available. You are welcome to bring your own.
6. The course will probably be muddy, slippery and there will be some prickles!
7. The students may run in shoes or bare feet - whatever they are most comfortable with. Their shoes will get muddy.
8. Parents will not be able to enter the area where the students are seated.
9. **All students will return to school after the Cross Country.** Parents are welcome to take their children home from there. Just make sure you have told Paula about any changes to bus arrangements.
10. The Top 5 finishers in the Y4-8 races will be selected for the interschool cross country event being held at Hunterville next Friday 4 November (R5 students will be unavailable for selection due to being at camp).
11. Any cancellation will be made by 11.30am. Please check our website or Facebook page for details.

***Order of races, which start shortly after 12.30pm is as follows:***

- Years 6 & 7: running approx. 2.7km
- Year 8: running approx. 2.7km
- Years 0 & 1: running approx. 900m
- Years 2 & 3: running approx. 1.8km
- Years 4 & 5: running approx. 1.8km