

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

Sometimes it takes a news article to make me see something that has been occurring for sometime, but I had been oblivious to it, (my wife Elizabeth would call this being a man). I was reading a Stuff article on Saturday about IT devices and children using it. The article was talking about some research being done in NZ about how much and for what purposes children are using devices in personal life. It seems there is very little educational stuff being done, and a huge amount of entertainment time on devices. The researchers were stating the obvious - too much time on devices has a detrimental effect on young brain development, but also on their social development. Not only are families more distant from each other (even when in the same room, or at the same table!), but the way life is portrayed online forms some really bad expectations of how people interact. This has implications for us all - humans are social creatures. We are designed to be interacting, co-operating, learning together and collaborating. When this reduces, or we learn less desirable ways of interacting there is an effect - and it's not always good to see our kids copying their online role-models.

Parenting has always been hard, and parents are time-poor. Taking the time to invest in our kids, interacting with them is really important and it connects families together.

Talking with very young babies all the way through, singing with them, reading to them each day also has huge benefits. It helps a child's oral Language, which has flow-on effects for writing and reading too. And it also means we don't grow a generation of kiwi kids running around with American accents!

I'm really grateful that I see the Halcombe School community display their nurturing parental behaviours so well. Kids doing things with their parents, and interacting with each other well. It bodes well for our future - and remember that our children are the ones who choose our rest home. We'd better get it right!

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Pet Day Results

What a great day we had last Wednesday! The hall looked amazing, the lambs and calves were very well turned out and prepared. The pets and dogs were looking very proud of themselves, and we had a wonderfully large turnout of families. Thanks everyone for your efforts and support of your children! Congratulations to everyone. See below for full results.

Manawatu Oroua Boys & Girls Agricultural Club Champion Day

All students who entered a lamb or calf, or goat, are eligible to go and compete at the Group Finals. These are being held at Rongotea grounds on Saturday Nov 12th. Online registrations are now open for Championship day, the link is <http://forms.gle/1y17P4AQ8m9BPKsz5> . All judging will start at 10am, please arrive from 9am. There are no limits and no Covid restrictions.

GOOD LUCK:

- Good luck to all our tamariki for our cross country tomorrow. See below for details.
- Good luck to all our touch players for your first games on Thursday. 120 kids. 16 teams. Awesome!
- Good luck to Elsie and Campbell who will be representing our school in the Interschool Speech Competition tonight.

Student Commendation:

Emma, one of our senior students, wrote her speech about teeth. Our dental therapist, Kelly, was so impressed by the content and knowledge that she presented it to all dental staff in Whanganui District. The speech received very positive feedback from the dental staff in Wanganui; everyone was impressed with the time and research that she put into it. It's great to have our pupil's achievements recognised by the public at large.

School Camps

Over the next four weeks, our senior classes will be heading away for their much anticipated camps. At our school we have a strong tradition of fantastic EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) experiences, and we know that these trips are one of the highlights of the year for both students and staff. We're sure this years' camps will provide memorable experiences and crazy adventures too!

Thank you to the many people who have supported our staff to get these camps organised - everyone from those who have offered to make apple crumble to Board members who have signed off on the safety aspects of camps, to those who have allowed us to borrow their chilli bins! As usual, it's a team effort.

- Room 5 - Week 3 - Rangī Woods (Pohangina) - two nights
- Room 6 - Week 4 - Foxton (Horowhenua) - three nights
- Room 7 - Week 5 - Castlepoint (Wairarapa) - four nights
- Room 8 - Week 6 - Nydia Bay (Marlborough Sounds) - five nights

Manawatū Tennis Champs

Last week, we had a team of eight students competing at the Manawatū Tennis Champs; Jamie, Charlie, Elsie, Ben, Carter, Harry, Blake, Liam and Sean. Congratulations to Jamie who won the final, making him the Year 6 Manawatū champ!



COMMUNITY NEWS:

Kimbolton Sculpture Festival 2023

Many of you will be familiar with the Kimbolton Sculpture Festival which started in 2018. After some disruption in the last year or so due to Covid it will be back in 2023! It is a fantastic day and has been enjoyed by thousands each year it has run. It not only brings people together, it also allows many to develop and show their creative side. If you have been to, or driven through Kimbolton you will have seen some of the sculptures from previous years displayed in the village. The wonderful thing is that it is not only for adults! There is a Youth Section catering for young people from pre-school right through to high school and as a bonus for some there are monetary prizes for winners and those who are runner ups in each section – Year 1-2, Year 3-5 and Year 6-8. Young people may enter as a group or as an individual. This year there is a new section - Lego masterpiece awards which is open to all primary school students with prizes of \$200 for the first place getter and \$100 for the runner up. Entries close on the 24th March 2023. Anyone interested in entering the awards should fill out the registration form on the website as soon as possible even if they do not end up entering a sculpture. They will be contacted closer to the festival to confirm their entry. If you would like more information about the Kimbolton Sculpture Festival check out <https://www.ruralart.nz/>

RESULTS 2022

Lambs:

Judges & Stewards: Cam Waugh, Chris Hansen, Cam McKelvie, Mark Duncan, Matt Hansen, Ben Wright, & Alex Stewart

Senior Lambs - Leading:

1st Maggie & Lucy 2nd Hannah & Princess 3rd Georgia & Winnie 4th Maisie & Sunny

Senior Lambs – Calling:

1st Sophie & Squeak 2nd Arden & Candy Floss 3rd Jonty & Chops 4th Paige & Lilly

Senior Lambs - Care & Attention:

1st Sophie & Squeak 2nd Campbell & Rack 3rd Alannah & Lilly 4th Taylor & Chip

Henderson Family Trophy: Care & Attention (Senior): Sophie & Chip

Intermediate Lambs –Leading:

1st Joshua & Bubbles 2nd Harriet & Milo 3rd Hunter & Patch 4th Phoebe & Peaches

Intermediate Lambs – Calling:

1st Hunter & Patch 2nd Joshua & Bubbles 3rd Gus & Larry 4th Phoebe & Lavender

Intermediate Lambs –Care & Attention:

1st Joshua & Bubbles 2nd Ella & Milo 3rd Hunter & Patch 4th Zoe & Little Miss Sunshine

Halcombe School Trophy: Care & Attention (Intermediate): Joshua & Bubbles

Junior Lambs - Leading:

1st Ryker & Remy 2nd Miller & Isabella 3rd Lydia & Sunshine 4th Emielia & Larry

Junior Lambs – Calling:

1st Moss & Pandy 2nd Madelyn & Snowy 3rd Lydia & Sunshine 4th Georgie & Bunt

Junior Lambs –Care & Attention

1st Miller & Isabella 2nd Ryker & Remy 3rd Harry & Paddy 4th Campbell & Lambington

Henderson Family Trophy: Care & Attention (Junior): Miller & Isabella

Lane Family Cup – Supreme Calling: Sophie & Squeak

Craine Cup – Champion Lamb: Miller & Isabella

Reserve: Hunter & Patch

Calves:

Judge & Steward: Brad Powell, Kirsty Johnston & Jessica Powell

Junior Calves – Leading:

1st Perez & Beauty 2nd Charlotte & Opal 3rd Mason & Angel 4th Liam & Sunny

Junior Calves – Care & Attention:

1st Perez & Beauty 2nd Liam & Sunny 3rd Leo & Ruby 4th Charlotte & Opal

Beattie Cup – Champion Junior Calf: Perez & Beauty

Reserve: Liam & Sunny

Senior Calves – Leading:

1st Charlie & Maple 2nd James & Jessie 3rd Max & Patch 4th Isabelle & Lola

Senior Calves: - Care & Attention:

1st Ruby & Bella 2nd Charlie & Maple 3rd Isabelle Lola 4th James & Jessie

Webb Cup – Champion Senior Calf: Charlie & Maple

Reserve: Ruby & Bella

Wynn Cup – Calf Leading Champion: Perez & Beauty

Best of Breed Beef Type: 1st Charlie & Maple 2nd Mason & Angel 3rd Charlotte & Opal 4th Harry & Bully

Best of Breed Dairy Type: 1st Perez & Beauty 2nd Leo & Ruby 3rd Ruby & Bella 4th Liam & Sunny

Senior Dogs:

Judge: Diane Telford (Totally Vets)

Senior Dog - Care & Attention:

1st Chloe & Zoe 2nd Lucas & Ruby 3rd Katie & Garry 4th Jorja & Meg

Otter Cup – Champion Dog: Chloe & Zoe

Goat Kids:

Judge: Barbara Davies & Kate Shannon

1st Oscar & Snowpuff

Williams and Kettle Trophy for Champion Kid Goat: Oscar & Snowpuff

Pets:

Judges: Barbara Davies & Kate Shannon

Junior Pets:

Very Highly Commended: Annabelle & Jemima (chicken), Braxton & Robit (cat), Levi & Russell (rooster), Malcome & Sleepy (cat), Marley & Roseberry (cat)

Senior Pets:

Very Highly Commended: Alex & Aroha (kitten), Charlotte B & Rosie (cat), Esther & Emily (fish), Heidi & Pom Pom (cat), Max & Blue (cat)

Pet Diary's

Very Highly Commended: Isabelle, Jonty, Maggie L, Maggie T, Mila, Paige, Phoebe G

Indoor Exhibits

Rm	Item	1st	2nd	3rd	VHC	VHC	VHC
1	Arrangement in a Gumboot	Matilda	Oscar	Natalia	Cooper	Rico	Elora
	Drawling & Collage	Hayley	Gideon	Zoe	Mia	Ruben	Blake
2	Emu Birds	Madelyn	Tamara	Harry	Malcome	Macsen	Taylor
	Clay Leaves	Luke	Harmony	Campbell	Soren	Heidi	Jahmina
3	Lava Lamp	Charlotte	Emily	Amara	Sian	Jono	Lincoln
	Animal Quilt	Ella	Emily	Sian	Leo	Rylan	Charlotte
4	Nature People	Awatope	Sienna	Perez	India	Joshua	Diezel
	Painted Farm Animals	Zoe W	Gus	Te Toko	Harriet	Mackenzie	Marley
5	Water Colour Pets	Heidi	Oliver	Charlotte	Emily	Tom	Ruby
	Light Creatures	Mia	Harry	Shakirarose	Felix	Astasia	Hannah
6	Lavender Flowers	Lachlan	Osten	Brock	Alex	Blake	Taylor
	Miniature Farms	Lucy	Molly	Finn	Maisie	Chelsea	Katie
7	Painted Cows	Layla	Emma	Carter	Phillip	Liam	Jorja
	Clay Cakes	Zara	Paige	Thomas	Emma	Cooper	Isabelle
8	Pet Selfies	Alannah	Juan	Charlie	Toby	Stevie	Cooper
	Animal Masks	Max C	Ellah	Maggie	Ella	Alannah	Daniel



Championship Day

Saturday 12th November

Te Kawau Memorial Grounds, Wear St, Rongotea

The inter-school Ag Day competition where children compete for points towards the Craig Cup and B&A Cup. Your school is already gaining points through your school Ag Day.

Participations and any placing at Championship Day contribute to the cup points.

Every child who enters a calf, lamb or goat at their school is eligible to come to this day.

No Cost Register Online Lamb and Calf Judging start 10am

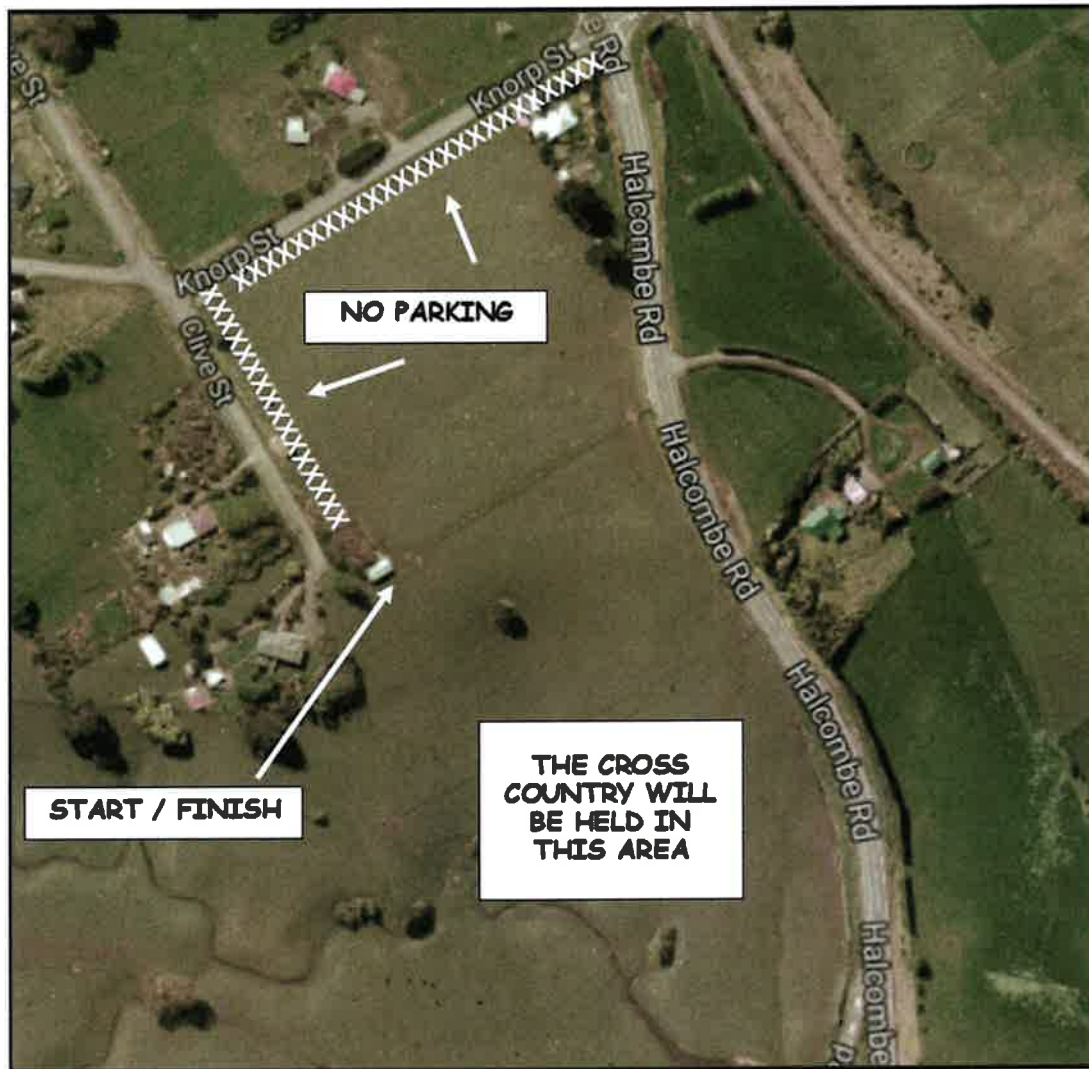
4 Judging Rings: Year 0-2 Year 3-4 Year 5-6 Year 7-8

Ice Cream Truck Sausage Sizzle Hot Drinks

Contact secretary@lambandcalf.co.nz for more information







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