

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

What a very busy few weeks we have in front of us: camps, trips and more camps! Camps are one of the highlights of my teaching. Celebrating a class being together, having pupils shine in new ways and do things they never knew they could do. Being in the Great Outdoors and having a rich, shared experience in strange and new places. Relying on yourself, rather than mum and dad organising us - there's a lot of growing up done on camp.

Although residential camps are held for senior school pupils, the junior school is also planning some EOTC day trips, based on learning in classes. What a wonderful team we have!

I am especially proud and pleased at the staff's commitment to planning and operating these camps. For a teacher this is a huge amount of responsibility, and stress that comes with leading a camp. Planning starts way back to the beginning of the year, with bookings, then we think carefully about 'bang for buck' - what are the kids going to get out of this that helps them socially, personally and academically? And then there's the actual running of camp - leading parents, children, operators, being the first up and last asleep, making sure everything is going according to plan and ensuring we all make it back in one piece and are sad it is over. Camps are a rich place for connecting to previous and new learning in ways that day trips can never replace. I take my hat off to our teachers and thank them, as I am sure you do too, for this extra work that is all about your children.

I am glad I am here in a school that values camps, with parents who support them fully. Some schools are turning their backs on camps, which I feel limits their pupils. Let's hope we never go down that road, but continue to offer our pupils a full and dynamic education that develops their minds, bodies and spirit!

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students who ran in the cross country last week. We're proud of everyone who gave 100% and didn't let those steep hills get the better of them! Awesome work! Best wishes to those who have been selected to represent our school at the interschool cross country in Hunterville on Friday.

Top Five Finishers:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Year 0-1 girls	Heidi	Indi	Matilda	Lucy	Lorna
Year 0-1 boys	Luke	Lachie	Harry	Edmond	Richie
Year 2-3 girls	Becky	Sian	Hermione	Janneke	Charlotte
Year 2-3 boys	Rylan	Finn	Louis	Mason H	Lincoln
Year 4-5 girls	Lucy C	Astasia	Anika	Zoe W	Phoebe Lint
Year 4-5 boys	Joshua	Hunter	Tom	Lee	Osten
Year 6-7 girls	Maggie L	Georgia	Maggie T	Layla	Paige
Year 6-7 boys	Sean	Campbell	Carter	Max C	Blake
Year 8 girls	Stevie	Eleanor	Alannah	Jade	Madisyn
Year 8 boys	Eddie	Ben H	Daniel	Lucas	Finn

Touch Rugby

Our Year 5-6 teams do not have touch this Thursday 3rd or next Thursday 10th, because of classes being away on camp. Everyone else has this week's draw in their KIT Books. A reminder that you need to be there 10 minutes before the start of the game, shoes must be worn, and jewellery/taonga/watches must be removed. Thank you.

Board of Trustees News:

On Wednesday 26 October, the Board met at Halcombe School in Room 2. It was great for us to be able to take a step into the children's learning environment, to look around their creations and ideas, and to get a feel for the classroom. Prior to the start of the Board meeting the teachers each delivered a report to the Board focused on their work with identified target children in writing. It was clear from the outset, not only are these pupils getting a leg up in their education but the teachers are dedicated,

knowledgeable and passionate within their roles. Some fantastic progress has been made, and target pupils are for the most part, well on the road to meeting, and in some cases exceeding their set goals.

The Board then moved onto their agenda:

- Alastair presented the Principal's report.
- Our students have represented the school well recently. They have participated in events such as the Feilding Rural Day, Choir, Otago Maths Competition, Pet Day and Cross Country to name a few. It is fantastic to see the opportunities they are presented with and the commitment from everyone to be involved.
- The PTA Quiz and Lamb Fattening totals are in and are a whopping \$29,000 dollars. Thank you to everyone that has been involved in making this happen.
- Board Portfolios were decided:
 - Chairperson - Simon Wishnowsky
 - Treasurer - Kristen Staples
 - Health and Safety - Luke Shannon
 - Property - Rachel Lane and Scott Linklater
 - Personnel - Simon Wishnowsky
- Kristy provided her first set of financials, and will be part of the team working on the 2023 budget.

Luke Shannon, Board of Trustees

PTA: We have a meeting tomorrow night in the Staffroom, at 7pm. Come along!

Also, NOTE: possible WORKING BEE timing for Saturday, 12th November. Various gardening tidy-ups, including tree sand the HEDGE being clipped back. Watch this space for confirmation.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Community Christmas Nativity Play

Christmas is coming and plans are underway for another community Nativity play! If your children are keen to be involved please get in touch with Rachel Lane 027 555 2868 or jelanco@xtra.co.nz. There will also be a meeting at school this week, which the children will be told about in the morning notices, and permission slips will be sent home then.



The poster for the Feilding Festival of Running features a central graphic with a running shoe icon and several circles representing different event categories: 'Run & Walk Events', '5km', '10km', 'Half Marathon', 'Marathon', and 'Schools Challenge'. A yellow arrow points from the 'Schools Challenge' circle to a yellow box on the right. The text in the yellow box reads 'Join the 2.5km School Challenge' and lists the following details:

- Every entrant receives a finish line treat
- First 4 from each school (Y1-Y8) earn points for their school
- Certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place schools
- The winning School will receive a FREE Athletics training session lead by one of our trainers/coaches (to be co-ordinated with your school)

When entering simply note your School under the "club" section

At the bottom of the poster, there are logos for Christies, Valley Run Coaching, AllanMcNeill, Parabo & Associates Ltd, and Rural and Property.



Sunday November 6th

**Victoria Esplanade
Palmerston North**

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