

Halcombe School



Term Four - Week 4

8 November 2022

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

While children are at school we ensure that they are as safe as possible. Recently we have done a review of our processes on how we treat first-aid and general unwellness. We are really fortunate that we have dedicated first aid expertise in our staff, and have a staff that cares deeply for the well-being of all pupils. If a child has low-level illness (eg feels sick during the day, has a bee sting, wets themselves, gets a small cut or prickle, etc), we will treat and if they are ok we return them to class. We do not normally trouble our parents in these instances.

If something more concerning happens we will ring you and ask that you come and collect your child, and when you pick them up we will give you a breakdown of what we know so that you can monitor, and take them to a doctor if necessary.

We don't ring parents lightly, nor are we medical experts. Although we see lots of sickness and injuries, we aren't doctors who can diagnose. We would ask that parents keep a close eye on their children and decide if further medical checks are needed.

We are really grateful to families for the high-level of trust and good communication we have. Always remember that your concerns are important to us, as we want all our pupils to feel comfortable and be well.

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Working Bee

We are having a working bee THIS Saturday 12 November, starting at 2pm. We have a number of jobs that need doing and **we need your help**:

The hedge is getting a haircut and the offcuts will need mulching,

There is garden work to do, a shade-sail to clean, a sign to move, a tree to cut down and some bark to spread on the playground. We hope to see you there, with your sleeves rolled up, ready to get stuck in! If you can, bring a wheelbarrow and tools to help. Thanks in advance.

Toi Ora - Wellbeing Art Exhibition

A group of our senior students have been involved in creating art pieces, of their own choice, over the last several weeks during their lunch break. Their pieces will be displayed at the upcoming Toi Ora - Wellbeing Art Exhibition at the Feilding and District Art Society as part of 'The Schools' Exhibition'. The exhibition opens at 5pm on Friday November 18th and will run through until 8th December. The students in the Feilding District have explored the theme of wellbeing which is the focus of their pieces.

Interschool Cross Country

Our running team was in fine form at the interschool cross country in Hunterville on Friday. We achieved some EXCELLENT results, including some awesome Top 10 finishes:

- Y4-5 Girls - Lucy 4th
- Y4-5 Boys - Josh 2nd
- Y6-7 Girls - Maggie 1st, Georgia 2nd, Paige 6th, Layla 9th
- Y6-7 Boys - Sean 4th, Carter 6th, Max 7th
- Y8 Girls - Stevie 4th, Elsie 5th
- Y8 Boys - Eddie 9th



Young Achievers

Congratulations to our Young Achievers for 2022: Ben, Elsie, Poppy and Jade. They attended a special ceremony last night, where they were presented with their awards and a manuka tree. These students have been recognised for the following:

Ben - Kaitiaki - Ben is passionate about all aspects of farming, and has an extensive knowledge of farm life. He has excellent practical skills, and regularly helps out on the family farm. Ben is a real animal lover, and this year has helped to raise calves in a 50/50 partnership with his dad. His next challenge is to help train the new farm puppy!

Elsie - Inspiration Leadership - Elsie is a leader and role model of excellent character. Her ability to lead and inspire others is something that comes naturally to Elsie. She gets involved in all aspects of school life, and always leads by example. Elsie is mature, has an excellent attitude and her fun-loving, friendly personality means she relates well to people of all ages.

Poppy - 110% Effort - Poppy is completely focused on achieving excellent results in all areas. She maintains very high standards, and continually looks for ways to improve. Poppy's bookwork is immaculate and she takes great pride in what she does. She often comes up with thoughtful responses during class and group discussions, and thinks deeply before sharing her ideas. Poppy is a fantastic role model.

Jade - 110% Effort - Jade is highly motivated to achieve the best she can. She is proactive in seeking feedback on ways she can improve, and works hard every day. Jade has many interests, and shows enthusiasm for everything she does. Jade has an excellent attitude to all aspects of school life, and takes advantage of all the opportunities that come along.



FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER

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YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR
BLACK FERNS:**

RUGBY WORLD CUP FINALISTS!