

Halcombe School



Term Four - Week 5

15 November 2022

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

I was blown away by the response to the Working Bee on Saturday. I realise some of you wanted to be there, and had prior commitments - we'll catch you next time! - but those that were there managed to do an incredible amount of tasks. Digging, chopping, spraying, moving, cleaning, it was a real spring clean! We had just over 40 parents and kids helping and doing their bit. Thank you, from the whole team here, for coming out and spending time to make sure our school is a great place for kids to be. The great thing about doing this volunteer work is the connections you make with other families in the area through this common bond with the school. Halcombe continues to be a lovely place to work and live partly due to this neighbourliness that we have. To see people turn up with gear, machinery, energy and cheerfulness and do a job together helps people get to know each other and feel a part of the community.

If you missed out on coming along to help, then try to make the next one. If you don't yet feel fully part of the team here, we encourage you to get involved where you can, or look at joining the PTA. You'll find that the Halcombe community is friendly and open to you and your family, especially if you get involved too.

The perfect school? Well, no school is perfect, but Halcombe comes close to it!

Alastair & the 'H' Team.



Calendar Events

A reminder to keep your eye on the school Google calendar (you can see it on our school website). There are many events taking place between now and the end of the year. The calendar is updated weekly.

2023 Enrolments

The ballot for out-of-zone families has been completed, and families notified of the results. The Board of Trustees has decided we will not be accepting any out of zone enrolments for 2023. The roll is looking healthy at between 188-205, which means we keep the amount of teachers we have now. The community has made it clear that, although we could grow and have many out-of-zone pupils here, we wish to keep the school the size it is now. Being the size we are means we have time for individuals, but are big enough to offer lots of opportunities too.

School Photos

Photolife has emailed all student unique Key Code to families to go online to view and purchase 2022 School Photos. If you did not receive this code please contact the office. *****FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 27th NOVEMBER *****

Manawatū Agricultural Club - Group Finals

We had a group of students compete in the Manawatū Agricultural Club group finals on Saturday. Well done to Ruby who won the cup for the best Heavy Breed calf. No one from Halcombe School has ever won this cup, so well done Ruby! Other Top 3 placings were:

Lamb Care and Attention:

Y1-2 - Campbell 3rd

Y5-6 - Taylor 3rd

Lamb Calling:

Y3-4 - Hunter 2nd

Y5-6 - Taylor 3rd



Manawatū Striders Road Race

We had a team of runners competing at the Manawatū Striders Road Race last Tuesday. Students are placed into teams and compete in a points race. All our crew did really well, in very tough, hot conditions. Our Y5-6 girls team won their race - awesome effort Maggie (who was the individual winner too), Georgia and Lucy! Other Top 20 placings were:

- Y5-6 Girls - Maggie 1st, Georgia 4th, Lucy 15th
- Y5-6 Boys - Sean 8th, Harry 12th, Jamie 18th
- Y7-8 Girls - Paige 16th, Sophie 18th
- Y7-8 Boys - Eddie 17th

Prizegiving Details

Our end of year prizegivings are an important tradition at Halcombe School. Due to COVID restrictions in December 2021, our last 'normal' prizegiving events were in 2020. We are very pleased to be able to return to normal this year. We are aware that some whānau might not know what this looks like:

- Junior Prizegiving - Rooms 1-4 - Monday 12 December, 1.30pm in the hall. All welcome.
- Senior Prizegiving - Rooms 5-8 - Tuesday 13 December, 7pm in the hall. All welcome.... but fitting people in can be a challenge and the hall is usually choca block! We ask that whānau of our Year 5-7 students are mindful of how many extras (outside of immediate family) are invited. Priority needs to be given to our Year 8 students.

Pinecones For Sale

The Pinecone Gang (the lads who picked up all the pine cones after the hedge had been trimmed), have pine cones for sale. \$5 - including the bucket. Please call into the office if you'd like to buy some. The boys will be in charge of how we spend the \$50 we're going to make from the selling of these pine cones!

