

Halcombe School



Term Four - Week 6

22 November 2022

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

Today I want to thank our teachers and support staff for everything that goes on behind the scenes. Most people would be unaware of the organisation, the meetings, the planning, the emails, and production that goes on to ensure Halcombe School runs smoothly. We have an amazing team here on staff to be sure.

An example of how good this staff are to us is also what is happening nationally - new employment negotiations. These occur every three years for staff, and cover their wages and conditions in all NZ schools. The teacher union has called for paid union meetings this week, to discuss what the government has offered. The teachers all want to go to these meetings, and it is important they do, so rather than close the school and inconvenience people, they have all agreed to cover classes this Friday, so parents aren't inconvenienced. I am sure you all appreciate our staff, and it's good to know that they work behind the scenes to ensure school operates well each and every day. Thanks Team!

So, Parents, Staff, Students and our community all are working hard to ensure that HALcombe School is a great place to learn, play and work.

Have a great week!

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

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 *****

Disco

It's disco dancing time! There will be a disco at school next Friday 2 December. Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale from outside Room 8 from Monday. Junior Disco (R1-4): 5.30-6.45pm. Senior Disco (R5-8): 7-8.30pm). Check out next week's newsletter for more details.

End-of-Year 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.

Pinecone Fundraiser Outcome

The crew of students who gathered and sold all the pinecones have decided to purchase some new sports gear with the proceeds! Well done boys and we look forward to seeing the new gear arrive soon!

End of Year Trips - Thanks

As you will be aware, on top of the annual Camps for senior school, there are also the day-trips coming up: Biking in Palmy, Civil Service at Sixtus, and Junio Forces in Levin. We greatly appreciate the time and effort that parents put into our school in supporting these experiences. kia kaha, tatou!

End of Term Reminder:

Just remember that the end of the year is December 14th, and school finishes at 12.30pm. Buses will run at that time to return pupils home.