

Halcombe School



Term Four - Week 7

29 November 2022

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou,

The end of the year is looming. As soon as December rolls around the Christmas music starts up, and we feel the rush to the finish line. At school it's certainly full-on too: budgets, class lists, stationery, reports, trips, fun days and events - it just gets busy. I know it is the same for our families too, so we will try to keep the stress level down for you as much as possible.

One thing we try to do at the end of the year is make sure everything goes well for the last few days for our wonderful Year Eight pupils. Spare a thought for them - they are leaders in our school, big fish in a small pond, and they all know it is coming to an end. They have found out which school they are going to, and after the excitement of that news, they then think of the implications - they are swimming off to a very large pond next year. Many emotions are experienced.

Here at Halcombe we make sure they have a great last few weeks here, are given roles that others look up to them for, and that they enjoy being in each other's presence for this last wee bit.

Our Year Eights are a great bunch. They enjoy each other and their learning, and they have great relationships with students across the levels. As the rush to the end of the year starts, let's spare a thought and some kind words for this group. We want to send them off with a hiss and a roar at the end of the year. Maybe with a little tear in our eyes as we do...

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Margot Mackie: Change of Position

Margot Mackie has been one of our two Deputy Principals for two years at Halcombe, and we have been grateful to her for the input and leadership she has given us over this time. We have been fortunate to have her expertise and practice. Margot has been training to be a Reading Recovery teacher this year, and next year will solely do Reading Recovery. This means we are looking for a new Deputy Principal, to teach in Room 1 and lead the Junior Team. We already have some plans in place for a full-time teacher to be ready to teach from day one in Room 1.

Classes for 2023

As normal, families will be emailed details of 2023 class placements in the week leading up to the beginning of the school year.

The classes are likely to be:

Room 1: New Entrant/Year 1

Room 2: Year 1 & 2

Room 3: Year 2 & 3

Room 4: Year 3 & 4

Room 5: Year 5

Room 6: Year 5 & 6

Room 7: Year 6 & 7

Room 8: Year 8

If you have any comments you wish to make about your child's placement in a class please come in and see Alastair if you haven't done so already.

Yummy Stickers

Thanks to all those who collected yummy stickers this year. Our pile of stickers meant we were able to spend \$375 on PE gear. The students pictured with the gear are some of our best collectors! Thanks to Mrs Stace for organising this great little fundraiser.



Christmas Cards

We are starting to see students handing out Christmas cards to their friends. We would prefer this not to happen at school, as it leaves some children out and creates an environment of exclusion. That's not who we are as a school. Thank you for your support.

Touch Rugby

We have two games remaining, and we are looking forward to all of our teams being able to play this week. Good luck to everyone!

Summer Pool Keys

Summer holidays are around the corner and pool keys are now available for hire. The pool will be opened on 14 January 2023, and all families, including community members, are welcome to hire a key for \$40 each. This allows you and your family to come and use the pool, following all the rules, and enjoy the summer sunshine (it's supposed to be a hot one, isn't it?) Please come into the office, read the agreement and make payment. Proceed from the key hireage go towards running the pool. **If keys are not purchased before the end of the year, they will not then be available again until the start of the school year on 30 January 2023.**

Fun Day Friday

Next Friday 9 December, we will be having a FUN DAY FRIDAY to help celebrate the end of year. Children will take part in a whole lot of crazy activities and will need their togs and a named water pistol if they have one. They should also wear their house colours if possible. (Kauri = red, Matai = yellow, Totara = green and Rimu = blue). This is a day for kids, however, if you want to call in, you are welcome. The action will start at 9am and go through until about 12.30pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Stanway/Halcombe Water Scheme AGM:

A reminder to those on this scheme, that the AGM for the Stanway-Halcombe Rural Water Scheme is being held on Tuesday 29th November 2022, in the Halcombe memorial Hall, 75 Willoughby St. Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start.

Summer Reading Programme

Nau mai, haere mai! Sign up is now available for Feilding Library's Kids Backyard Explorers - Summer Reading Challenge for 5 - 13 years old. It will be running from the 5th December 2022 - 18th January 2023. Sign Up Here bit.ly/3yryhym FREE TO JOIN AND TAKE PART. Our summer reading theme is all about becoming an explorer of your own backyard, learning about the plants, animals, and insects that call Aotearoa their home. There will be activities such as build a bug hotel, create a backyard map, and (of course) read as much as you can! There are prizes to be won by completing activity badges, reading badges, and review badges. We will also be holding a Celebration Disco at the end of the challenge, open to all those who complete the Backyard Expedition Checklist!

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DISCO

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

JUNIOR DISCO: 5.30-6.45PM
R1, 2, 3, & 4

SENIOR DISCO: 7-8.30PM
RS, 6, 7 & 8

HALCOMBE SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: \$5 - ON SALE NOW!
Buy your ticket from outside R8
before school one day this week -
cash only, no online sales.

Included in the ticket price: drink
(fizzy or water), and a bag of lollies.