

Halcombe School



Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

**A REMINDER - SCHOOL FINISHES FOR THE YEAR AT 12.30pm
ON WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER. BUSES WILL RUN AT THAT TIME.**

Kia Ora Tatou,

The year is not over yet, but there is a feeling of expectation and celebration in people's thoughts and actions. At this time of year everything is moving so fast, with full days and deadlines to meet. In thinking about this annual situation it is a good time to reflect on having a restful holiday with whānau, with friends, relaxing and enjoying each other in the moments you have.

Let's remember that one of the messages for Christmas is not about having stuff, but about relationships, connections, and that some of the best things in life are free.

There's plenty on offer over the holidays for free activities that you can spend with your loved ones. I hope that you all take time to go for a walk, to a beach, a river, the bush, go bike riding (I have a free kids bike if you need it - and I need to get rid of it!), read a book, play a game, enjoy the sun (safely!). At this time it's good to remember that it's best to spend time, not spend a lot of money. Celebrating the students achievements at prizegiving is one of the highlights of the year. We hope to see you all at these events, so you can connect with the whole Halcombe Whānau, celebrate your child and their friends, and remember some of the events that have made this place so special. See you there!

Have a great week,
Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Junior Prizegiving

- Monday 12 December, starting at 1.30pm sharp. Will run through until approx. 2.30pm.
- For the students in Rooms 1/2/3/4.
- Parents and whānau are welcome to attend.
- Students can go home once prizegiving has finished.
- Please park legally, and not on the neighbour's lawn.

Senior Prizegiving

- Tuesday 13 December, starting at 7pm sharp. Will finish at approx. 8.45pm.
- For the students in Rooms 5/6/7/8.
- Students need to be seated by 6.55pm. Leave yourself plenty of time to get sorted - school is a busy place at that time.
- Parents and whānau are welcome to attend, though please be mindful of how many people you bring. Space is limited, and priority needs to be given to our Year 8 students.
- This event is not suitable for toddlers, if they stray from parents, or provide a distraction. Please be mindful of the focus on our school pupils.
- Please park legally, and not on the neighbour's lawn. Parking is available on both the front and back netball courts.

Farewell Barb and Kate!

For the past few years, Mrs Davies and Mrs Shannon have worked on Fridays in Room 1. This is drawing to a close at the end of this year. Barb and Kate have been tremendous long-term supporters of our school, and our tamariki have really benefited from their wisdom, expertise and sense of fun. We extend our best wishes to both Barb and Kate.

Water Safety

These holidays when you go to the beach, river, or pool please use them as teachable moments: Notice the safety signs and reinforce them, swim between the flags, and talk to your children about respecting the water, and water safety rules, as well as what to do if they get into difficulty in water. Water confidence and skill is such an important New Zealand attitude to have.

Reports

Reports are coming home on Friday, along with student exercise books. We trust that over the year you have had plenty of good information on the progress and achievement of your child. Enjoy reading these with your child and reflecting on what areas need more practice, and how you can support your child in 2023.

Sports Uniforms

Other than uniforms that are being used for netball and touch, all other school uniforms should now be back at school. We have good systems in place to ensure our gear is returned, but if we've missed something, please return this to school now.

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

FUN DAY FRIDAY is happening this week! 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, with a break between 10.30-11.30am.

HALCOMBE COMMUNITY NATIVITY PLAY 2022



Two nights only.
Thursday 15th December 6pm
Friday 16th December 6pm*



(*Note: very limited tickets are available to the Friday performance)

~ Bring along a plate for a shared supper afterwards ~

This is a free community event however **bookings are essential** as the hall capacity is limited.

To book, email nativityplay2022@gmail.com

As part of the Nativity Play, we will also be collecting donations of gifts and non-perishable food for a local initiative called 10th Reindeer. 10th Reindeer is run by a local person and for the last 7 years has provided gifts to families in need in the Manawatu. If you would like to bring along a gift or food item, please contact Chloe on 027 8701166 or by email Caddychloe@gmail.com, as there are children/young people of specific ages that 10th Reindeer are wanting to provide gifts for

Last week, Room 8 did some work around proverbs. They were given the first part of well known proverbs, and had to finish the sentence. There are some interesting results!

Strike while...

- the person is defenceless
- you can
- it's hot
- running
- no one is watching

You can lead a horse to water...

- but you can't lead water to a horse
- and drown it
- but not into sunshine
- with water
- but you can't lead a horse to land
- but you can't lead a horse to food

Better the devil you know than...

- yourself
- God
- your angry mum
- an angel
- a witch
- Satan himself

Curiosity killed the...

- intelligent
- vibes
- dinosaurs
- internet

The bigger they are...

- the stronger they are
- the better

Let sleeping dogs...

- sleep peacefully

There is no time like...

- summer time
- tomorrow
- home time

Silence is...

- better than yelling
- quiet
- priceless
- never good

Love makes the world...

- lovely
- crazy

A bird in the hand is worth...

- one penny
- more than a bird in the foot
- more than gold
- more than a bird in the wild
- millions
- \$1

A friend in need is a...

- BFF
- homeless person
- mentally unstable friend
- beggar

A woman's work...

- a man's work
- is better than a man's
- great
- underpaid
- is worth a man's

Two heads are...

- weird
- like two birds

Bad news travels...

- through ears

Beggars can't be...

- givers
- rich

Don't count your chickens...

- eggs
- but you should look at them
- feathers
- because they'll die
- count your blessings instead

Don't put all your eggs...

- in your mouth
- on the floor

Honesty is the...

- best cure
- truth
- Triple A Values
- key to love