

Halcombe School



Term One - Week 3

14 February 2023

Kia Ora Tatou!

Many thanks to all who came with us last week to the Big Day Out at Totara Reserve. It was a fantastic day together and served the purpose of building connections between pupils and adults very well. We appreciate the time our parents gave us to transport and supervise - especially those who braved the river's coldness!

This week we (were supposed to) have the senior classes on beginning of year camps - Rooms 5 and 6 within school, and Rooms 7 and 8 away. These camps build on the class atmosphere and relationships. They allow new children to get to know the others well, and for the class to really dig deep into the talents and character of each other to appreciate the variety in each classroom. They also allow teachers to get to know their pupils (and the parents going) much better. Next week we have the Junior Team going off to Mt Lees Reserve - to learn about its ecosystem, but also to build connections between them too.

All these events make up some of the things Halcombe School is well-known for - strong relationships, and rich learning opportunities. I really thank the teachers for their motivation and commitment to our pupils, but also the continued support from our families, who value these things too. The best schools are those where the school and home are on the same page and ensure that both play their part in making sure our kids get the best possible learning. Halcombe School rocks!

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

Buses:

Due to the senior class camps happening this week, and after school sports needs, it is one of the hardest jobs for Paula to ensure the right kids are on the bus, or being picked up by parents after camp. A note for parents of these pupils, that **we assume they are on the bus UNLESS you tell us otherwise**. All bus pupils are being reminded to report to Mr Schaw in the bus line, and we will make sure they get to the right place. Thanks for letting Paula know in advance!

Camp Update:

Last night the Room 8 made an unexpected return to school, due to the rising river conditions. We applaud the decision for the safety and well-being of the kids and adults. Room 7's camp to Kawhatau has been cancelled. We're working on a Plan B - look out for a note in KIT Books later today. Room 8 Parents: many thanks for keeping your child at home on Tuesday after their late night return - very sensible.

School Invoices

School invoices are being sent home today. Payment is due by Friday 17th March.

Contact Information and Digital Citizenship Agreements

These forms are being sent home today for every family. Please check all details and the contact information and update if necessary. Each student needs a new digital citizenship agreement. BOTH these forms are due back by Friday 24th February.

Big Events Coming

We hope you have been keeping an eye on our calendar, via the school website. We have a very busy couple of months ahead of us, with lots of exciting events planned. Keep a close eye on the newsletter and school Facebook page for updates and more information as each of these events comes closer. For many of these events, we will be relying on help from parents and caregivers, and there are lots of opportunities to be involved and support our kids.

- Week 3 13-17 February Room 5 and 6 camps - school
- Week 4 20-24 February Room 7 and 7 camps - Sixtus Lodge
- 23 February Junior Team trip to Mount Lees Reserve
- Week 5 1 March Halcombe School Triathlon (all students participate in this)
- Week 6 6-8 March Three-Way Conferences (all families involved)
- 8 March Senior Swimming Sports (Makino Pool)
- 10 March Junior Swimming Sports (school pool)
- Week 7 17 March Swimathon and Mini School Gala - 4.30-7.30pm
- 15 March Interschool Triathlon
- Week 8 24 March Tough Kids (at Mount Biggs School)
- Week 9 28 March Y5-6 Rippa Rugby Tournament
- 30 March Y7-8 Rippa Rugby Tournament
- 31 March Halcombe School Athletics Sports
- Week 10 3 April Feilding Interschool Athletics
- 4 April Parent Information Evening (Relationships & Sexuality Education)
- 5 April Wheels Day

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