

Halcombe School



Term One - Week 10

4 April 2023

Kia Ora Tatou!

The end of term already? I find it hard to believe that a quarter of the year has passed. We have been talking about this as a staff too - where are our kids achieving, against expectation? Who are the ones that need more support in class? Which families can we help to get their tamariki up to speed? We have a strong focus on achievement and progress here at Halcombe. Having a quarter of the year go by already makes us more focussed on using the time we have to do our best to see all pupils succeed. These coming holidays are what we call non-contact times. Yes, the teachers have a break (we all need it!), but they will also be beavering away, and planning for some great learning and events in Term 2. We hope you all enjoy your time with your kids too. Just come back to school in one piece!

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Farewell Jan Casey

This Thursday we farewell Jan Casey, who has been teaching full time in Rm1 this year. We are grateful to Jan for the fine start she has given her students, and for her contribution to our team. She will be missed. We are having a low-key farewell assembly for Jan this Thursday at 2.40pm on the front courts (or hall if wet). Parents are welcome to come and join us too!

Relationships and Sexuality Education

As you know, Relationships and Sexuality Education is planned for every class in Term 2. We have a clear and fun curriculum around this. If you are interested, feel free to come to our parent meeting, for parents of Year 5-8 pupils, tonight at 7pm in Room 8. Coming to this is a good way to understand and get support for your crucial role too.

Board of Trustees News

With the first term of the school calendar year coming to an end, the School Board of Trustees are pleased to see many achievements made both in and out of the classroom:

- Three way conferences were a success and it was great to have the students leading these. These conferences are purposeful in setting clear objectives and goals for both teachers and students.
- Various school building projects have been completed around the school: Archgolla over the Room 1 deck, roof/guttering maintenance and painting around the school.
- Drainage is planned to commence in the near future to alleviate flooding issues between Rooms 1 and 2, along with the north eastern corner of the playing fields being drained. It is also exciting to have the design process underway for a new breakout area between Rooms 3 and 4, which will add a much needed extra teaching and resource space.
- With regards to buses, a working group has been formed to brainstorm ways of alleviating the extra costs involved in running some of the bus routes. This is a group consisting of both parents and Board representatives.

Reminder: Teacher Only Day - Monday 24 April

As we have stated in the newsletter before, we have a scheduled Teacher Only Day on Monday 24th April (day before ANZAC Day). On this day the staff are travelling to Te Tikanga Marae, for a powhiri and introduction to the marae, so we can plan our whole school marae visit in Week 2 of next term.

Year 7 & 8 Technology - Soft Materials

Do you have any old pieces of fabric, buttons and/or cotton that you no longer need? If so, then the Year 7 and 8 students would love to make use of it for sewing during technology time during Terms 2 and 3! Any donations of materials will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you. Vanessa Wasley.

Athletics Sports

Congratulations to our 2023 athletics champions:

- Eric Judd Cup - Girls 400m - Maggie
- Ian Fergusson Cup - Boys 400m - Max
- Parsons Trophy - Girls Athletics Champ - Sophie
- Humphrey Cup - Boys Athletics Champ - Max
- Junior House Relay - Kauri
- Senior House Relay - Kauri

The house points have been collated for this event too:

1st: Rimu (189 points), 2nd: Kauri (186 points), 3rd: Totara (153 points), 4th: Matai (127 points).

End of Term

- School finishes at 3pm this Thursday 6 April.
- The first day back after the holidays is Wednesday 26 April.

Wheels Day and Spider Day - TOMORROW!

We are looking forward to a wheelie awesome day tomorrow. Please see the advertisement for more details. Wheels can be taken to the back netball court before school (or the hall if it's wet).

Hats

Students will bring their hats home on Thursday. Hats do not need to be worn next term.

Senior Exercise Books

One of the best ways of keeping up to date with how your child is getting on at school, is by having a good look at their exercise books. The students in Rooms 5-8 will be bringing their books home on Thursday, for you to read through over the holidays. Each book contains a comment box, where we'd like you to make a positive comment to your child. Thanks in advance.

Term 2 Calendar

The calendar is filling up for next term already. Please keep up to date with what's on our calendar, which can be accessed through our school website. The calendar is updated regularly.

Halcombe School ANZAC Service

For the first time since 2012, ANZAC Day is not in the school holidays. We are very much looking forward to having a special service at school to commemorate this important event. As well as having a guest speaker, the service will be mainly student lead, with traditional poems, the reading of the Roll of Honour, and the playing of the Last Post. We hope to see you there.

Pie Warmer Lunches

It's that time of year again.... time to get the pie warmers out! These will be operational from the beginning of Term 2.

Sophie - Nice Work!

Last week Sophie was away representing our school and competing in a series of events in Wanaka. We are super proud of her achievements, in really tough and freezing conditions: NZ Schools Open Water Swim - 3rd U13, NZ Schools Aquathon - 3rd U13, NZ Schools Triathlon Champs - 5th U13. In other news, Sophie broke the school record for discus recently too!

Interschool Athletics Celebration

Yesterday we had a team of 48 students attend the Feilding Interschool Athletics Champs. It was awesome to see our crew cheering each other on, celebrating some great wins and enjoying the competition with other schools. We are very proud of our team. We had a number of standout performances, and the following students came first in their events:

- Junior Girls: Becky - 800m
- Junior Boys: Finn - long jump, 100m, 800m, Xavier - shot put, Louis - discus
- Senior Girls: Tory - high jump, Sophie - long jump (new record), shot put, discus, 100m, Maggie - 800m
- Senior Boys: Max - discus, 800m (new record)

Interschool Athletics Team





Halcombe School
ANZAC SERVICE
 Wednesday 26 April 2023
 2.20pm
 All welcome.

*Students are welcome to bring flowers,
 or a wreath to lay at our Memorial Arch.*



WHEELS DAY & SPIDERS

Wednesday 5 April

**Bring your skateboards, ripsticks, scooters,
 drift trikes or rollerblades!**
No bikes please.
We recommend wearing a helmet.



SPIDERS (ICECREAM AND FIZZY): \$2
CASH ONLY.
NO PRE-ORDERING -
JUST BUY YOUR SPIDER ON THE DAY!



FEILDING SCHOOL HOLIDAY SKATEBOARD PROGRAMME

MANFIELD RACEWAY EVENTS CENTRE (INDOORS),
 59 SOUTH ST, FEILDING

WED APRIL 19TH FROM 10AM - 12PM

FREE EQUIPMENT HIRE OR BRING YOUR OWN

BOOK & PAY ONLINE AT: WWW.ONBOARDSKATE.ORG.NZ



- These organisations will be there on the day:
- Te Wakahuia/SmokeFree
 - Rural Support Trust
 - NZ Police
 - Neighbourhood Support
 - The Glob - Rural Health Caravan
 - Community Law
 - Hato Hone St Johns
 - Hospice
 - Supporting Families in Mental Illness
 - Women's Refuge
 - Stroke Central
 - Manawatu Rural Support Service
 - Easie Living
 - Te Manawa
 - Digits
 - Farmstrong
 - Kereru Essential Oils
 - Age Concern
 - Your Life by Design
 - Manchester House Social Services
 - Youthline

Northern Manawatū Rural Expo 2023

Health & Wellbeing focus

Hosted by Manawatū Rural Support Service and supported by a wide range of community services. There will be a variety of organisations there available to speak with. Come along and have those in-person conversations that are so much better than online or over the phone! There will be free giveaways, interactive displays and engaging speakers.

Guest speakers include:

Hospice - speaker to be confirmed

Rae Frear - Your Life by Design - Rae is a life coach/counsellor/personal image consultant.

Pauline Cooper - Hato Hone St John - Pauline will be giving advice on CPR and the defibrillator.

Where - Āpiti Community Hall

When - May 18th, 2023

What time - 10:30am - 12:30pm. Followed by a partially-subsidised lunch for attendees and stall holders at the popular Āpiti Tavern.

RSVP by May 11th (essential for catering)

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