

Kia Ora Tatou!

I hope you all had a great time yesterday, to celebrate our nation's holiday, Waitangi Day. You will have seen in online media, and on-screen that the teaching of Aotearoa-New Zealand's history is now compulsory. For some of us who have been around a while this came as a surprise. I always thought that NZ history was important and it is something that Halcombe School has been doing before. Now the whole country will be doing more of this. This is a good thing. There is a wonderfully-grounding whakatauki: 'Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua: 'I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past'. The past is central to and shapes both our present and future identity.

From our pupil's perspectives, they will be asking you about your family, how they came to be here, what's important to you and has been handed down. This is not to intrude or find out secret stuff, but to celebrate the fact that we all have arrived here, at this place in time, in many different ways. That we have different beliefs and understandings, but that together we are strong and look to the future with hope

This is all excellent learning and we hope that you as a family find out some interesting things too. Enjoy the good conversations with your children.

Have a great week.

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Totara Reserve Trip - TOMORROW

Thank you to all those who have offered to provide transport for our big trip tomorrow. You'll find a note in your child's KIT Book with details. A few reminders:

We will be leaving school at **8.50am** (don't be late), and will be back by 3pm.

Gear List:

- shorts & t-shirt (no singlets please)
- jandals/scuffs/sandals/crocs (no shoes and socks please)
- morning tea and lunch, including a drink (water only)
- warm sweatshirt
- togs and towel (girls: wear togs underneath clothes, boys: wear togs and a t-shirt)
- we encourage children to wear rash suits
- underwear/clothes to put on after swimming
- sunhat & sunblock (please ensure students come to school with sunblock on already)

Giblets

Giblets (the stick-on 'bling' for crocs) have been banned. We've had multiple problems with these already, as they fall off, get lost or picked up, and we wanted to get ahead of potential problems. Thank you for your support.

Senior Camps Coming Up

Best wishes to our senior classes for their camps next week. Room 5 and 6 are camping at school, while Room 7 and 8 are heading to the Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre. Camps are a highlight of school life at Halcombe, and we are sure our students will enjoy bonding with their classmates and teacher, having adventures and making memories. We greatly appreciate the time that our teachers and our parents are giving to these wonderful events.

Lost Property

With all the activities going on currently, (eg swimming, afternoon sports, trips, etc), we have many mix-ups with clothing. PLEASE ensure you name your child's clothes and apparel for easy identification.

Remember to check, (or remind your child to check!) the Lost Property box, outside Room4 if you lose any gear at all.

Swimming Goggles

Do you have any goggles you no longer need? Would you like to donate them to our school? We'd love to have a few spare pairs on hand to lend to students who don't have any. If you can help, please drop them into the office. Thank you in advance.

Farmers Meat Export Donation

Many thanks to our stock-owners, who through the Farmers Meat Export company have nominated our school, as part of the livestock donation programme. We have received \$218.05 to put towards PE equipment. We very much appreciate your support in this way!

Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their new LOOP website. Your books are delivered to the classroom as usual. You can still send in cash orders to the office. See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close Friday 24th February.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Saturday Music

Music education classes for children at primary and intermediate level.

8:30 am - 11:45 am
Saturday mornings.
\$130 per student per class for 2023!

Classes begin 4th March 2023.

Teaching keyboard, drums, guitar, violin, cello, clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, ukulele, choir and orchestra



To enrol: visit saturdaymusic.org.nz

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FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

12th MARCH 2023

Half Marathon & Fun Run

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Entries: www.foxtonlions.co.nz
Email: funrun@foxtonlions.co.nz
Txt: 021 490 828

Event	Price	Start Time
Half Marathon Walk	\$40.00	7.00am
Half Marathon Run	\$40.00	8.00am
10K Walk or Run	\$20.00	9.00am
5K Walk or Run	\$10.00	9.30am
5K Primary School Challenge	\$5.00	9.30am

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Feilding United Football Club

Junior Open Day

Have a child aged 4 years to 13 years (2010 -2019) keen to try football or come back as a returning player?

Keep a eye out on our **FEILDING UNITED AFC JUNIORS** page for a registration form (still to come)

or come to our open registration day on March 25th at 10am till midday at the Feilding United Club rooms.

No need to sign up on the day, if your child/ren wants to see what football is about first!

FEE'S ARE

FIRST KICKS (BORN 2019-2017)- \$45

7TH GRADE -13TH GRADE (BORN 2018-2010) -\$75

If fee's need to be paid off please contact Ross on 02040007482 or email feildingunitedjuniors@gmail.com to make arrangements. Fee's are to be made in full by the second game in May!