

Halcombe School



Term One - Week 8

21 March 2023

Kia Ora Tatou!

What an exciting week ahead (as most weeks are!) Today we head off with children to deliver the goodies to Tinui School - see below. The feedback from the school is quite overwhelming. We don't know how good we have it here, until you hear some of the stories of people's lives being turned upside down by events outside their control. Rest assured that the Halcombe School community has really come to the party to help another rural community.

Last Thursday was the Teachers Strike, and I want to thank parents for the way they supported our teachers in their action - we appreciate it greatly. The government has initiated some more meetings to bargain with the teachers union, to try to get some agreement. Teachers do not enjoy striking, and we hope last week's action is the last of it.

This week I am going over the Overall Teacher Judgements (OTJs), relating to children's achievement in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. My initial overview for this time of year is looking very positive. Our pupils are already showing how well they are achieving across the board. I am really impressed by the teachers' analysis of their children's results, and how they are catering for the needs of pupils.

Overall our students achieve very well, and those who need more help receive it in class and out - we have excellent Teacher Aides who are funded by the Board, who work alongside groups and individuals, supporting their learning and working closely with the classroom teacher. We also have outside agencies who work with our school, supporting learners, and trying hard to ensure good outcomes too.

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Tinui School Fundraiser Update

Our swimathon raised an incredible \$13,310 for Tinui School. We are blown away by the response to this event, and feel very grateful to be part of a community which is so supportive and willing to help out people who have been through a really tough time. Thank you Team Halcombe.

We will be transferring \$5,600 into the Tinui School bank account, for them to spend as they wish. We understand this money will be put towards a new playground. After liaising with the staff at Tinui School, and finding out what they need and want, we have spent the remaining \$7,700 on the following things:

- four sets of novels for senior readers
- two large portable whiteboards
- ten basketballs
- ten giant tennis balls
- a fuel voucher for the six staff members
- a care package for each student, containing letters from our kids, two moro bars, a mini rugby ball and a high bounce ball
- ten skateboards and ten helmets
- two skateboard ramps

The Hurricanes have donated a signed jersey that we will give away to one of their students. Thank you to New World Feilding for giving us a special deal on the moro bars, and Steve from OnBoard Skate School who helped us to organise the purchase and delivery of the skateboarding gear.

Today a group of 20 of our students have traveled to Tinui School to deliver these goodies. Oh, and they took Mrs Kool and her ice-cream truck with them.

PTA Meeting Update

We had a very good meeting last week, with many new interested parents coming along too. The PTA is the enjoyable fundraising arm of the school, and they do both very well. Our next meeting will be early next term, Wednesday 3 May.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Eight times a year the Board of Trustees meets to receive reports and monitor expenditure. Our next meeting is THIS Wednesday, in the staffroom.

Netball

We have had 12 Y3-4 students sign up to play netball - too many for one team, and not enough for two. We'd love to be able to field two teams, so are hoping four more students might be able to sign up. Please let Di know tomorrow if you'd like your child to play.

Tough Kids

Good luck to 110 tough kids who are heading off to this event on Friday. Full details can be found in KIT Books.

Recent Results - AMAZING!

Manawatū Interschool Triathlon

What a day our triathlon team had at the Manawatū Interschool Triathlon last week. We had 32 students who ran, biked and swam as fast as their little legs could carry them! The best part was seeing our kids cheering each other on - so awesome! We have had some excellent results too:

- Y5 Boys: 1st - Josh, 2nd - Gus, 7th - Hunter
- Y6 Girls: 1st - Lucy
- Y7 Girls: 1st - Maggie, 2nd - Georgia, 9th - Taylor
- Y8 Girls: 4th - Sophie
- Y8 Boys: 2nd - Max, 9th - Carter

Feilding Interschool Swimming: Our swimming team had an incredible night at the pool for the Feilding Interschool Swimming Champs last night. We are so proud of the team for the way they conducted themselves, and supported each other, and those from other schools. The results are nothing short of remarkable. We believe that we are the first school in the history of the event, to make it a clean sweep - Halcombe won every single event. Congratulations all round.

- Penhey Cup (based on technique): 1st - Finn, 2nd - Esther
- Y5-6 100m Freestyle Girls: 1st - Esther, 2nd - Lucy
- Y5-6 100m Freestyle Boys: 1st - Finn, 5th - Josh, 6th - Gus
- Y7-8 100m Freestyle Girls: 1st - Maggie, 3rd - Sophie
- Y7-8 100m Freestyle Boys: 1st - Max, 4th - Ben, 6th - Toby
- Fairs Cup: Y5-6 Relay - winners
- P and T Doe Cup: Y7-8 Intermediate Relay - winners
- Country Schools Relay - winners

New Record: Congratulations to Sophie, who has set an incredible new record in long jump - 4.62m. She was the existing record holder, but managed to break her own record by a whopping 29cm. Great work Sophie!

Athletics Sports - next Friday 31 March

We have a full morning of events planned for our athletics sports being held next Friday 31 March - check out the timetable for what's happening and when. We welcome all parents and whānau to come along and watch. Please remember not to park on yellow lines, or the grass verges. Thank you.

HALCOMBE SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS							
	Room 1 & 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6	Room 7	Room 8
9.10-9.25	shot put	tug of war	discus	fun games	hurdles	long jump	high jump
9.25-9.40	high jump	shot put	tug of war	discus	fun games	hurdles	long jump
9.40-9.55	long jump	high jump	shot put	tug of war	discus	fun games	hurdles
9.55-10.10	hurdles	long jump	high jump	shot put	tug of war	discus	fun games
10.10-10.25	fun games	hurdles	long jump	high jump	shot put	tug of war	discus
10.25-10.40	discus	fun games	hurdles	long jump	high jump	shot put	tug of war
10.40-10.55	tug of war	discus	fun games	hurdles	long jump	high jump	shot put
10.55-11.15	BREAK						
11.15-12.45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● final of the 100m - Athletics Champs● sprint races x2 for all students● final of the 400m● house relays● presentation of athletics trophies and 400m cups						