

Kia Ora Tatou!

It was interesting to see the news late last week that highlights what a political football education is. The Leader of the Opposition was busy telling us that under his government all schools would be made to do three hours each day of reading, writing and mathematics. For Halcombe parents, you may have had a chuckle to yourself - every day our children already do maths, and literacy for three hours. It is important to make sure that this also includes numeracy and literacy being applied across the curriculum - that's when kids really understand the significance and application of what they can do. All learning is important, and it is good to see leaders recognising this too. Right now the whole of the curriculum is being refreshed and made clearer, in order for teachers to have more detail about how to teach well. This is because not every school is like Halcombe School. Not every child enjoys having excellent teachers, and a strong history of doing literacy and numeracy well. Whatever happens after the election, what we do here at Halcombe will continue to be an example of excellent practice. One thing we won't do is get distracted by the political sideshow. And I'm sure this last education news will not be the last one we see as we head to the General Election.

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

### **New Teacher Meet & Greet**

Fiona vande Brink will be visiting our school tomorrow, Thursday 30th. She will spend the whole day here getting to know the children in Room 1, their routines and learning, and getting to know our school better. There will also be a time for Room 1 parents to come and meet Fiona, and for her to get to know you as well. If you would like to come to meet her, please feel free to come to the staffroom from 2.30pm. Fiona is looking forward to meeting you all too!

### **Mangaone/Makino/Stanway Bus**

Tomorrow, Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March Feilding High School teachers are on strike. This means that the morning bus for students that live on Mangaone, Makino or Stanway Roads will need to find another way to get to school. All afternoon buses will run as usual.

### **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.

### **Relationships and Sexuality Education**

Next term, all classes will take part in our Relationships and Sexuality Education Programme. We will be holding an information evening for parents of **Y5-8 students**, at 7pm next Tuesday 4 April. Note that this is the same programme we have delivered in the past. Please return the slip below if you wish to attend. If parents of Year 1-4 students have questions about this programme, please call in for a chat with your child's teacher. They can share the contents of the programme with you and help your understanding too.

### **Room 1 and 2 Noho**

Room 1 and 2 had a successful noho (overnight stay) in the hall last week. They wish to thank the parents who stayed with them, prepared their meals and joined in the programme. A special thank you for the yummy baking that was supplied by Halcombe's busy families. It was appreciated! Check the school Facebook page for photos of some of the highlights.

### **Cybersafety with Constable Sarah**

Last week, our senior classes were visited by Constable Sarah, from the Feilding police. Sarah comes along every year, and talks to the students about keeping themselves safe online. Things in the digital world are ever changing, and it's important for the students to have key messages reinforced regularly. Some key points to be aware of:

- Almost all social media apps, such as instagram, tik tok, facebook and snapchat have an age requirement of 13+. That means that none of the students at our school are eligible to use these apps (no one is 13 yet).
- Students were reminded to never talk to strangers online, or meet them in real life, and not to give out any personal details.
- It's important for our students to tell their parents or teacher if they see upsetting language, nasty pictures or if they are being bullied online.
- Cyberbullying is a huge issue in society, and something police are having to increasingly deal with. Key messages to remember are: keep the message (don't delete it), never reply, show support to someone being bullied and don't join in, and report the bullying to an adult.
- It is illegal to send messages or post material online that deliberately causes harm or emotional distress.

### Halcombe's Audit Report In the Media!

Some of you may have seen comments in the media about an Audit Report from 2020/21. This relates to a gift the school gave to our long-serving and highly effective retiring principal. At the time, the Board followed all due processes in agreeing to the gift, which was seen as being fully appropriate and good use of our funds. We continue to be grateful of the hard work and dedication of all our staff, parents and pupils, past and present. It is on the excellent efforts of past people that Halcombe stands so proud today. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to come in and talk to Alastair.

### Athletics Sports - this Friday 31 March

We have a full morning of events planned for our athletics sports being held on Friday - 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.

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



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### Relationships and Sexuality Education Information Evening

I will be attending the RSE information evening on Tuesday 4 April at 7pm.

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# WHEELS DAY & SPIDERS

Wednesday 5 April

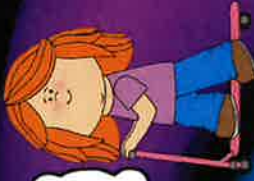
Bring your skateboards, ripsticks, scooters, drift trikes or rollerblades!

No bikes please.

We recommend wearing a helmet.



Wheels Day! Yahoo!



Ka mau te wehi! Awesome!

SPIDERS (ICECREAM AND FIZZY): \$2



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