

# Halcombe School



Term Two - Week 2

2 May 2023

Kia Ora Tatou!

I was on the phone today to a prospective parent, who was asking what Halcombe School is like. Amongst many of the really positive things about our school, I told her of the connection we have with our families. I think this is true for all the activities that happen in the school, and in our community too.

The community ANZAC Day service here in Halcombe was a wonderful time of reflection and remembrance - what a positive, connecting and warm event it was. This was my first village ANZAC here and I was blown away. The level of detail, involvement, enactment, and information was really good. I especially liked the roll-call - a special thing to remember these individuals who gave everything they had for their country.

Our school service was equally as good, with the Year 8 students giving speeches and reciting poems, a special speaker to tell us what serving others is all about, and a piper who played the bag pipes for us. It was relevant, interesting, fun and educational. Wonderful!

Our first school assembly was held on Friday. Again, a wonderful time to be together - whakawhānaungatanga - building connections, celebrating together and just enjoying each other's company to support our kids! This school rocks! What we have is special - let's keep working hard at keeping it that way.

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

## Charlotte Gilchrist Baby News

It is with great fanfare and celebration that we congratulate Charlotte and Tom Gilchrist, who are expecting their first baby in September! This is wonderful news for this young family and we wish them all the best for their preparations to welcome their new child. Room 6 children were very excited to hear the news this afternoon too. The Board will be setting up an appointment committee to ensure learning continues after Mrs Gilchrist takes maternity leave. In the meantime, please feel free to pass on your congratulations to Charlotte in person.

## Welcome Mrs van den Brink:

It's been a great start to the term in Room 1, and last week we welcomed Fiona van den Brink to our staff. Fiona has already been making her mark, establishing great relationships and supporting all we do here. It's great to have you on board Fiona! All the best for the next 20 years here!

## Attendance:

Currently there is a lot of energy, and thought being given to student absenteeism at schools in New Zealand. It seems there are some growing bad habits developing around the country. If a child tends to have a Friday off, it's not too long before they have missed a term's worth of learning, plus they develop habits that will be seen for years to come. Sometimes it is necessary for kids to be away: sports or cultural representation, dancing exams, sickness or medical follow-ups, dentist visits, and bereavement. These are all justified absences. What we do need to be thinking of in the future, are the long weekends and holidays during term-time as these are not justified absences. Halcombe enjoys high rates of attendance and this helps our academic, social and physical achievements greatly! We are grateful to our parents who make sure their children are ready for school everyday. Well done and keep it up.

## Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) Begins

Please feel free to come and talk to your child's teacher about what they are covering and when, so you can support your child at home, and be prepared yourself.

## Sports - Term 2

We have a very busy term ahead with the start of winter sport. We have two Y7-8 hockey teams, six Y3-8 netball teams, one Y7-8 basketball team and one Y7-8 table tennis team. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help coach and manage our teams: Lucinda Dodunski, Jeff Lane, Chris Monk, Sarah Norman, Sacha Paranihi, Sarah Tunnicliffe, Kassie Pene, Fritha Linklater, Rosie Aitken, Tamsyn Grant, Rach McLaughlin, Hannah Stewart and Di Simpson. We really appreciate your support. Best wishes to all our teams, and those involved in other sports, for a successful season.

## 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 12th May.

### Pie Warmers

Many students enjoyed a hot lunch last week. We have three pie warmers that are used to heat up food - very popular on cold days!

- lunches need to be wrapped securely in tinfoil, or put in small tin foil trays.
- lunches need to be **CLEARLY** named with a vivid marker and with a room number.
- if you're making lunches for the freezer, name them before putting them in - vivid doesn't work on cold tinfoil.
- children put their lunches in the pie warmers when they arrive at school (after they have put their bags away).

### Feilding High School Open Day

FAHS will be holding its Open Day on Wednesday 21 June 2023. Principal Nathan Stewart will be visiting our Year eight pupils at some point just before this. More information will be sent as soon as we have it to our Year Eight parents.

### Student Sporting Success!

Jamie has represented Manawatū in tennis, in the prestigious No 1's Junior Team Rep Tournament. It was held in Wellington last weekend and Jamie's team played against other central North Island regional teams. Manawatu came 3rd which is a very good result. Congratulations Jamie on your selection and playing!

### PTA Meeting

The next meeting is next week - Wednesday 10 May, at 7pm in the staffroom. All are welcome. Please bring along your awesome fundraising ideas to support our students!

### Sewing Fabric

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated fabric, buttons, cotton and other treasures for technology lessons. We are grateful for your donations and looking forward to creating some wonderful pieces.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Pink Lippy and Pink Ribbon Campaign

Can you help? As part of our campaign this year we are needing the following:

- Brownie Ingredients - Flour, Sugar, Baking Powder, Eggs, Vanilla Essence, Cocoa, Butter
- 100g (approx) jars with lids
- Coconut Oil
- Spot Prizes
- Raffle Prizes

Anyone donating to this worthwhile event can drop these things off at the school office.

**EVER GREEN FUN DAY**

SUN 7 MAY  
12PM - 2PM

CET ARENA,  
PALMERSTON NORTH  
CET TURF & FIELD 3

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!**

SKILLS & DRILLS WITH TURBOS  
& CYCLONES PLAYERS - PLUS A  
CHANCE TO MEET OUR NEW COACHES!

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY  
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MANAWATU RUGBY

# FUNDRAISING FOR NZ CANCER FOUNDATIONS



## BREWS AND BROWNIES

\$20

Take the opportunity to treat the lovely ladies in your life.

75 Willoughby Street, Halcombe  
14 May 2023  
10am - 12pm



Ticket includes:  
1 x Regular coffee  
1 x Homemade brownie  
Mystery gift  
Craft Activity for the kids

## HOT WHEELS IN HALCOMBE

Help us get the wheels rolling. Bring your hot wheels along to the Halcombe Domain.

14 May 2023  
10am - 12pm



RSVP today as car spaces are limited.  
Gold coin per car entry fee.

## HALCOMBE GIVES CANCER THE BOOT

\$20

Join us at the Halcombe Tavern.

27 May 2023  
7pm onwards  
R18+

Ticket includes a complimentary glass of bubbles or beer on entry.



For tickets email [pinklippyandgumboots@gmail.com](mailto:pinklippyandgumboots@gmail.com) or contact us via our Facebook page @pinklippyandgumboots

HIRE A *Housewife*



**Hire a Housewife and Pink Lippy & Gumboots are proud to bring "PAMPER PAPER BAGS" for Cancer patients.**

**Pink Lippy & Gumboots** is a local Pink Ribbon fundraising group passionate about supporting women on their cancer journey. This initiative is as an opportunity to provide pampering products for women going through cancer treatment.

***If you would like to donate, place the items in the paper bag and we will deliver them!***

The following are some ideas of what you might like to put in the paper bags...  
Magazines, chocolate, beauty products such as hand cream and face masks, word finds, crosswords, playing cards, nail Polish, body scrub, lip balms, lip gloss, fluffy socks, gloves, beanies, scented candles, vouchers or similar items.

You may also like to include a message of support with your donation.

If you are interested in supporting and following our campaign, follow:  
**pink lippy & gumboots** on Instagram or email [pinklippyandgumboots@gmail.com](mailto:pinklippyandgumboots@gmail.com)

**DROP OFF POINTS:**

Hire a Housewife Depot  
4 Awa St, Feilding

Halcombe School  
30 Monteith St, Halcombe

That Little Shop in Bulls  
81 High St, Bulls

Country Chic Boutique  
3 High St, Marton

Hire a Housewife clients Leave donations for collection at the next service