

ROOMS 5-8 CHOCOLATE MONEY - DUE FRIDAY ANY UNSOLD CHOCOLATE MUST BE RETURNED IN PERFECT CONDITION

Kia Ora Tatou!

The Teacher's Collective Contract has been settled, strikes have been called off in primary schools, and we look forward to better outcomes for students across the mōtu. This is great news for all schools, and also excellent for us. As you would already have understood, our priorities here are all about offering excellent teaching programmes for each child, a focus on the Triple A Values (Attitude, Achievement and Adventure), and having excellent relationships and partnerships with our community. We are one of the lucky schools it seems, where this all works well together. But it doesn't just happen, right? It takes hard work and effort. Part of this hard work comes from the good communication we have with home: parents feel welcome in the school and at events, and KIT Books play an important part of daily communication. For any issues that crop up, times are made to come in and talk to teachers, and we regularly communicate on your child's progress. Rest assured we will also always be pro-active in coming to you to let you know of any issues too. It is a partnership between school and home that we respect and recognise as being at the heart of our success as a school. Now that the contracts have been signed off, everything goes back to normal? Well, that would ignore some of the issues we had around why teachers were asking for better pay and conditions - the teaching profession is a great profession to belong to, and possibly the most rewarding. We need to attract new people to teaching and fast. Currently we face a shortage of teachers applying for jobs. Even in great schools like ours we have few applying. As a school we must look after our teachers and keep them here, and as a school community we must promote our school as being a terrific place to work. That way when we have jobs available we may get more applications. Halcombe School is a great place to learn, grow and work. It takes a whole community to keep it that way. Kia Kaha!

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

Senior Team - Te Tikanga Marae Visit

We have had a long-standing relationship with this marae at Tokorangi, and our senior students (Rooms 5-8) will be visiting Te Tikanga next Thursday 22 June. Our last visit in 2019 seems a long time ago, so our students and staff are looking forward to spending time at the marae and renewing our connection to this special place. They will be leaving school at 9am and will be back by 11.30am. Some students will travel by bus, others by car. **If you're available to take transport - yes please, we'll need you!** This will be a rich and rewarding experience for parents too. Please fill in the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to school by Friday (this week). We are not sending home permission slips for this trip, so if you don't want your child to attend, please let us know. We are hoping our younger students will be able to visit the marae at a later date soon.

Our two Year 7-8 hockey teams have enjoyed a positive start to their season - don't they look great?





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SENIOR TEAM - TE TIKANGA MARAE TRIP TRANSPORT - THURSDAY 22 JUNE

- I am able to help with transport. I can take _____ children with seatbelts.
- My car is warranted, has a current registration, is insured, the driver is licenced, and the road user charges are up to date (if applicable).

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____