

Kia Ora Tatou!

This week the senior school are off to Te Tikanga marae. We are really grateful to our parents for coming with us and helping us with the transport (please see KIT Books for details - as always - you are wonderful!). A visit to a marae is a very special experience indeed, and we are thankful to the relationship we have had with the kaumatua and support people from Te Tikanga. Many of our pupils have not yet experienced a powhiri on a marae, and so this is an important part of our student's understanding and knowledge of what it is to be a citizen in Aotearoa.

Halcombe is in an interesting spot when it comes to engaging with local iwi - we are fortunate enough to have three iwi here. Te Tikanga marae is associated with Ngāti Tuwharetoa, and we also have Ngāti Raukawa, and Ngāti Kauwhata too. Each iwi has their own, (and also connected), tikanga, stories, and taonga.

Since coming here I have been pleased to reach out to our iwi, and be accepted by them. I am grateful to them for their care of this place and their tamariki. As we continue this journey of relationship, we recognise that iwi have a lot to offer, and that we have a lot to learn. This powhiri on Thursday is another small step we take on a journey of building positive relationships with them all.

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

BOT News

The Board of Trustees met on the 14 June and discussed the following items:

- The principal's report updated the Board of the exciting things happening at Halcombe School, exceptional student achievement, ongoing professional teacher development and upcoming events and trips.
- The Appointment committee updated the Board on progress to fill the fixed term maternity leave position in Room 6, with applications due to close.
- A Teacher Only Day was confirmed for Friday 20 October, prior to Labour Weekend.
- A property update was given, confirming drainage work between Rooms 1 and 2 and the main field will commence in the last week of the term and will be completed during the holidays.
- Design plans for the new breakout space in the junior school are underway and were discussed in detail.
- Finance, and approval of accounts for payment were authorised. The 2022 Financial Statement Audit has been completed.

PTA Lamb Fattening Scheme

Our 2023 PTA lamb fattening scheme is underway! Yesterday 180 lambs were shorn, drenched, tagged and delivered. A special thank you to our shearers, Tim Bradford, Chris Monk, Stu Addenbrooke and Tony Kendrick Shearing. Thank you to Jono Parsons from Allflex for the tags, George Bartlett for the transport, Stu Addenbrooke for the use of his facilities and all the other numerous helpers. It was great to see current student Sophie, and ex-student Lucy working in the shed too.

Thank you to all those who will be fattening those lambs up over the next few months.

Important Dates:

We encourage you to keep up with what's happening at our school via the calendar on our website. The Term 3 calendar has lots of events lined up already. There are two things you really need to know about now:

- 3 Way Conferences: July 24-26 (Week 2, Term 3). These are compulsory meetings with your child and their teacher, and an important chance to be updated on their progress. We will open parent bookings next week for this. Please note that school will finish at 12.30pm on Mon 24 July.
- Teacher Only Day: The Board has approved a Teacher Only Day on Friday, 20 October (the Friday before Labour Weekend). Teachers will be using this time to visit other schools and plan PLD into the future.

Garden Ramble: Ideas Needed:

The PTA are exploring the idea of a Halcombe Garden Ramble, where people are able to visit gardens and explore more of our community green spaces. We would appreciate your input of any possible gardens to visit. Do you know of an interesting one? A lovely one? A new garden? An established one? If you know of anyone with such a garden in the general Manawatū area, who we could contact, please can you let the office know as soon as possible?

HALCOMBE SCHOOL
SHOW THE LOVE FOR
YOUR HOUSE DAY!

Wednesday 28 June

**COME TO SCHOOL WEARING YOUR HOUSE COLOURS
TO SHOW HOW AWESOME YOUR HOUSE IS!
WEAR THE CRAZIEST, WACKIEST, MADDEST,
BADDEST COSTUME YOU CAN FIND!**

We know some people are doing it tough at the moment, and the Manchester House Food Bank is busier than ever. Team Halcombe can help! This is an awesome opportunity to show manaakitanga (kindness, support, generosity).

On Wednesday 28 June, we encourage our students to bring along an item to donate to the Food Bank. They are desperate for: toiletries (not toothbrushes), items for school lunches (eg. muesli bars) and cans of food.

Thank you for your support.