

# Halcombe School



Term Three - Week 1

18 July 2023

Kia Ora Tatou!

We trust you all had a great time with your children over the last two weeks, and managed to do some interesting things together. It was a joy to come back to school yesterday to all the faces and excitement.

Term 3 is shaping up to be a busy one, with interschool events, a Science-focus for Inquiry Learning, Mathex, Jump Jam, Tech and the whole-school production of Peter Pan! There are lots of things to look forward to!

We kick off the term with two important parent events - a basic facts evening tonight in Room 8, and our compulsory 3Way-Conferences next week. We take our job of reporting to you seriously, as we work as a team, to ensure that all students are making great progress in academic, physical and social ways. These 3Way-Conferences are at the heart of this process.

During the holidays our senior students took all their exercise books home for parents to look over. Parents can see in detail what happens during each day. You can see the learning, the feedback and how well your child is working in class. Sending books home is fairly unique to our school, and we think it's important for you to see them and make comments. There are many things to be grateful for the education your kids get at Halcombe School!

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

## **Parent Information Evening - Basic Facts - TONIGHT**

We are thrilled to see the number of parents who have indicated they are coming along to our information evening tonight. It's not too late - just turn up if you'd like to learn more about how to support your child/ren with their basic facts. The session starts at 7pm, in Room 8. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Mid-Year 3-Way Conferences - NEXT WEEK**

Thank you to all those who have booked times already. If you haven't done this yet, please do so using the link below as soon as possible. Children attend these conferences too. These are times to hear about your child's learning goals for the next half of the year, and to see what progress has been made so far. We strongly believe in the importance of a partnership between whānau, students and teachers, which is why these conferences are compulsory.

- You can book your interviews online at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>.
- Use the code **uvu5w** to find **Halcombe School 3-Way Conferences**.

***Please note: we are closing early at 12.30pm, next Monday 24th July,  
for these conferences. Buses will run at this time.***

***If you have an interview time between 1pm and 3pm,  
we can supervise your child at school to wait for your early interview.***

## **Room 6 Teacher Announcement:**

As you already know Charlotte Gilchrist, is expecting her first baby later this year and is taking maternity leave. Her last day at school will be Friday 18 August. Teachers in our area (as in ALL areas of the country at present), are in short supply, BUT we have managed to get two excellent teachers, Sue Simpson and Jan Casey, to ensure that the high-quality learning continues for the rest of this year. We thank these two teachers for their continued commitment to our school and our students. Their experience and their drive to see great outcomes for kids is appreciated. Sue will be teaching in the mornings, and Jan the afternoons.

### Term 3 Assemblies and School Production Update

There will be no Friday afternoon assemblies this term. We are preparing for a school production (look out for more information about this soon), and are going to use the Friday afternoon times for singing practice! Although we will miss having our families at assemblies, the effort will be worth it when you see your kids on stage!

### Interschool Sport

We have three winter sports exchanges lined up:

- Hunterville (away) - Thursday 27 July
- South Makirikiri (home) - Wednesday 2 August
- Newbury (away) - Tuesday 8 August

A notice with all the relevant information has been sent home to those involved today.

**Reminder: We have a Teacher Only Day on Friday 20 October. School is closed this day.**

### Halcombe 'Boil Water' Notice

Many of you on the Halcombe water scheme will know that due to flooding, there is a 'boil water' notice before drinking the system's water. There are implications for our school here. Students will not be able to use our water fountains until further notice. Please encourage them to bring a named water bottle from home.

### Feilding and Stanway Bus Decisions

Since the bus routes were modified by the Ministry of Education in 2021, we have been searching for ways in which to serve our families in having a sustainable bus service for Feilding and Stanway students. This has proven to be extremely difficult, and the current buses we have in place cost a lot to run and are not sustainable into the future. We have not been able to find the right solution. Letters to affected families were sent home in KIT Books yesterday, to those who use the affected bus routes. Please ensure you have read this carefully. Feel free to contact us if you'd like to discuss the information further.



**Manchester House**  
*Te Whare O Manchester*  
Social Services Society Inc

28<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Miss Di Simpson, staff and pupils  
Halcombe School  
R D 9  
Feilding

Dear Miss Simpson, staff and pupils of Halcombe School

What a magnificent effort you undertook on our behalf with your foodbank donation which we collected this morning. Our very special thanks to everyone for the work you put into this food drive as we totally understand these things just do not happen without a considerable amount of organisation being undertaken beforehand. We hear that this handover of your foodbank collection was aligned with a "Dress in your House Colours" day and we trust the whole day was a successful one for you all.

Being aware of, and helping to assist those in need and the vulnerable within our community, is a very commendable trait or quality to develop in life as not everyone is fortunate enough to have good support around them when they need it. Currently, with the cost of living continuing to rise, Manchester House is having to assist families and individuals as they struggle to "make-ends-meet" financially. Unfortunately, many of those not coping well at the moment include senior citizens as their outgoing costs and expenses keep rising yet their incomes remain static.

Again, thank you all so very much for your considerable efforts in support of the work Manchester House does. Having good community relationships and support is essential as we all endeavour to keep our Manawatu community a safe and stable place in which to live, work and bring up families.

Sincerely

Anne Williamson  
Executive Manager  
Manchester House Social Services Society Inc