

Halcombe School



Term Three - Week 2

25 July 2023

Kia Ora Tatou!

Thanks to all those who came out on a chilly night last Tuesday to our maths Basic Facts evening. We had twenty parents come and enjoy hearing about how they can make learning and memorising basic facts fun, how they can support the mastery of basic facts, and how well we are doing as a school in maths. Evenings like this are not held often, but they are an excellent way to find ideas, hear about the mysteries of learning, and find support from other parents. If you didn't make it, don't worry - we will run other evenings occasionally, as we see a need and desire. Make sure you come. The evening was fun, there was plenty of laughter, some good take-away resources, and some deeply felt competition! Current reigning champion parent of the seven times tables is Peter A (we expect vets to be clever, right?!)

This week we have our second 3-Way Conferences for 2023. This is a very important opportunity for you to learn about how your child is getting on at school, both academically and socially. We know the children are very excited and have been looking forward to sharing their learning with their parents.

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

Interschool Sport

Good luck to the 63 students travelling to Hunterville School on Thursday for a winter sports exchange. We hope you show those Hunterville kids how it's done!

We want to recognise and give a shout out to Simon and the team at All Climate HVAC (a business specialising in custom commercial and high-end residential heating, ventilation and air conditioning). Simon's company has generously offered to cover the cost of our buses to Newbury School for our interschool exchange in a couple of weeks - that's an \$800 gift. We are so lucky to have people like this in our community who are willing to support our students and whānau.



Netball

Congratulations to our Senior A netball team for their promotion to Division 1 in the Manawatū Intermediate (Year 7-8) Competition. This is a significant achievement and means our team is among the top six teams in the region. Not bad! Best wishes to Maggie, Sophie, Tory, Katie, Emma, Layla, Ben, Scania, and Max for the rest of the season.

Train Safety Week

The week of 7-13 August is Train Safety Week, and there will be a national campaign highlighting the need to be aware of trains, tracks, and the right way to obey the signals. This is a good chance for you to talk about how your driving around train tracks changes, how children should be aware and think about trains, especially given the main trunk line is right through our village. If you want some good information to help you as a family, please go to the TrackSafe website or click [HERE](#).

NZ Cycling Competition & Fundraiser:

During the next holidays, on the 24th September, the NZ Secondary Schools National Cycling Championships are being held here again. This will affect a few of the roads in this area, and there will be HEAPS of people from around the country descending on our school. They will be using our grounds and hall, and it's a great chance for our PTA to raise some funds from people outside our area. We will be asking for a rotation of volunteers at some point. Please highlight this in your diaries. Someone in our school talked to Alastair about this earlier this year, but he's forgotten who it was - was it you? If so he is keen to talk to you again about your ideas! Please come and say hi, or send an email. Thank you!

Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their LOOP website or cash at the office. See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close 4 August.

Ngā Tau Mīharo ^{©The} Incredible Years[®] Parenting Programme

Incredible Years is a **14 week** programme for parents who have a child between **3 to under 8 years old** and find some of their child's behaviour a real challenge. Parents gain confidence and start to enjoy parenting, grow a positive relationship with their child while in an understanding and relaxed group!

Learn effective strategies to support your child in:

- Strengthening social skills, self-control & problem solving skills
- Gaining emotional awareness, self-esteem & confidence
- School successes e.g. reading & social readiness
- Decreasing challenging behaviours

Start Dates/Times:

Friday 11th August 2023 @ 9.30am- noon in Feilding

Contact

Parentline Manawatu or
MOE for more information
and/or for a referral form

0800 432 6459



A Halcombe Playcentre fundraiser

Halcombe Winter Market

July 30th 2023

9am - 12pm

Halcombe community Hall

Gold coin
donation for
Entry



New, homemade and
preloved stalls



Refreshments
available.
Cash only

Only outdoor stalls left available
\$15 each



We recently won a fantastic prize of \$500 worth of sports gear courtesy of Jess and the team at Nutrinza. We'll be sure to put this gear to good use! Thank you Nutrinza (and Totally Vets) for your support.

