

**GYMNASTICS DISPLAY AND
WINTER SPORTS PRIZEGIVING
FRIDAY 18 AUGUST - 1.30-3pm
HALCOMBE SCHOOL HALL
ALL WELCOME**

It's Maths Week!

This is a time where we have a special focus on maths, and later this week, many of our students will be participating in a couple of fun, exciting challenges. It could be said that every week is Maths Week at Halcombe School, as our just-released information on student achievement indicates. Did you know that we have 91% of all our students At or Above the expected level in mathematics? This is an extremely strong position to be in, and we should all feel proud of that result. There are few schools around that can boast that kind of success. As parents, you will know how well your child is doing, but did you know that collectively our school does extremely well? This comes down to some amazing students, a great programme of teaching and learning, AND the work you do at home, when you pose maths problems to your child, practice the times tables, or let your child help with your household budget. We all know that this is an amazing school. The statistics just prove it.

Try this Family Ponderous Maths Question:

As I was going to St. Ives, I met a man with seven wives, Each wife had seven sacks, Each sack had seven cats, Each cat had seven kits: Kittens, cats, sacks, and wives, How many were there going to St. Ives?

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

Gymnastics Display and Winter Sports Prizegiving - NEXT FRIDAY

Over the past few weeks, our students have been working on their gymnastics skills. We are so proud of all our tamariki for the effort they have put into giving things a go, perfecting their technique and trying to improve their strength, balance and agility. Next Friday 18 August, everyone is looking forward to showing off their skills in a gymnastics display for whānau. The event starts at 1.30pm sharp. If you are going to come along, please ensure you park legally, and not on any of the grass around our school. Thank you.

Following the gymnastics display, we will have our winter sports prizegiving, where these awards will be presented:

- Dodunski Cup - most improved hockey player
- Halcombe Cup - best hockey player
- Roygard Cup - best football player
- O'Callahan Trophy - best basketball player
- Halcombe Rugby Cup - most improved rugby player
- Simpson Cup - best rugby player
- Morresy Cup - most improved netball player
- Henderson Cup - contribution to netball
- Moriarty Cup - best junior netball player
- Craine Cup - best senior netball player

Manawatū Mathex Competition

Next week, 16 of our senior students will represent our school at the Manawatū Mathex Competition. This is a highly competitive event, featuring the best mathematicians in our region. Best wishes to our teams:

Year 6: Osten, Max, Nia, and Mia.

Year 7: Spencer, Harry, Brenn and Sean.

Year 8 A: Charlie, Campbell, Isaac and Cooper.

Year 8 B: Maggie, Ben, Emma and Sophie.

Thanks to Sue for her coaching and preparation of these teams. All the best for a great outcome kids!

Social Media Update

A new social media app is making the rounds: It is called Sendit. It allows for messages to be sent anonymously when asking and answering questions. This has red flags for cyber-bullying or worse. This is another good time to search devices to protect our kids and remind them of good practices. .

NZ Secondary Schools Cycling Event

Last term a parent spoke to Alastair about this event and ways to fundraiser well. They had ideas from Tim O'Connor about making money from this event? If this was you please come and see Alastair.

Congratulations!

Well done to Ben, who has been selected for the Manawatū U14 basketball team. Ka mau te wehi Ben - awesome!

Well done to some of our senior hockey players for their participation in the recent Hockey Festival held at Feilding High School.

