

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

Kia Ora Tatou!

At last week's Board of Trustees meeting we tabled and discussed the latest Achievement Report, which highlights how well all our students are doing in reading, writing and mathematics. As parents you will have been informed by how well your own children are doing against our expectations, but when we look at the whole picture, we see just how effective our teaching and learning programme is here. These results are worth celebrating as a school community.

As at the end of July, we had:

- *93% of all our pupils reading at, or above our expectations!*
- *89% of all our pupils writing at, or above expectation!*
- *91% of all our pupils understand and do maths at or above our expectations!*

These expectations are against the national curriculum for each year level, and are pretty exceptional. As a school and as a Board we are very much encouraged by them, as a strong indication that the whole team here is effective and that our learning is top notch.

We know that these results are reflective of a lot of hard work and effort in class, but also the work you do at home. We encourage you to keep doing this. Together Halcombe School is a great team!

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

Mrs Gilchrist's Last week

Charlotte's last day is on Friday. We celebrate this last week with her, and look forward to the time when we get to say "Hi" to her new baby! Best wishes to Charlotte and Tom for the arrival of Baby Gilchrist. Have a great last week Room 6!

Drinking Water Issues:

As you already know the Halcombe Water Scheme is still on a 'Boil Water' notice, and is likely to remain this way for months to come. We have tried different ways of ensuring that the water our kids drink from the fountains is clean and up to standard, but costs for this are very high. We have to close the water fountains and ask that every child continues to bring the full water bottle from home each day. We will have a supply of water that they can fill up on from the office on request, if they use all theirs. This will help us keep costs lower and still ensure our kids are getting plenty of water for their brains and body. The Board is investigating more long-term solutions with the Ministry of Education. We will let you know the outcome of this.

PTA Meeting:

It has been a little while since our last meeting, so it is good timing for us to meet next Wednesday, 23rd August, at 7pm in the staffroom. We will have updates on things happening, and requests from the teachers for resources.

Board of Trustees Update:

- The highlight of last week's BOT meeting was reading and discussing the Halcombe School mid-year maths, reading and writing achievement report. Well done to everyone who works together to produce such great results; the students themselves, their parents, and the teaching staff and support staff. You all play a pivotal role in these results. Thank you.
- Discussion began around the start and finish dates for next year.
- The BOT approved the Annual Audit report for 2022 and the reviewed policies for Personnel and Reporting Abuse.

Gymnastics Display and Winter Sports Prizegiving - 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. This 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

Production Costumes

By now nearly everyone has a note in the KIT Books detailing what costume they need to organise for the production (other than Sophie, Taylor, Finn, Liam, Cooper B and Paige). Please let us know if you're having trouble with any of the items required - we'll be able to help. We're also on the lookout for a dog costume, or dog onesie - approx. size 10-12 ish, kids size.

Check out this great work by Mrs Linklater and Mrs Williams, who are busy preparing the scenery for Peter Pan! Thank you Fritha and Claire - keep up the awesome mahi.

