

Halcombe School



Term Three - Week 6

22 August 2023

Kia Ora Tatou!

Well, it seems the silly-season is upon us, where politicians come up with brilliant ideas, and suddenly become experts on education once again. From my seat, I am quite amused seeing which party is going to come up with the silliest idea. They may not seem like silly ideas when presented in the news, but in truth they are:

Last week it was banning cell-phones in schools (we don't allow cell phones to be used during class hours).

The week before it was refreshing the curriculum (this is already underway and not new);

Before that it was a mandate to have one hour of literacy and one hour of mathematics (we already do this!);

and this week it is the idea that all schools will teach Financial Literacy (already part of the maths curriculum, but also part of a parents responsibility too?)

Why is it that education is such a political football? There are many reasons:

The government spends the second-largest amount of money on Education, and so accountability is high; politicians feel they ARE experts because they were students once-upon-a-time; turning back the clock to the 1950s means we'd all be better off; and Education is just an easy target.

I do love democracy! And the thing about democracy is that it relies on ALL of us to think about what is being said. This election year when you hear the latest idea, have a think and research what's behind it all. Then you can vote in an educated way!

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Welcome to Mrs Simpson and Mrs Casey!

Mrs Simpson and Mrs Casey have made their return to Halcombe School, and are teaching in Room 6 for the rest of the year. Welcome back Sue and Jan!

Drinking Water Issues:

Thank you for responding to the request to send your children with full water bottles. Just a reminder that if they use all their water, we have top-up water available easily for them. They can use the water on the library verandah.

Cough Lollies:

Please note that we do not allow cough lollies to be brought to school. If your child needs them then they really ought to be kept at home. Cough lollies are a form of medication and one issue we have is them being scoffed. Kids aren't great at self-medicating!

PTA Meeting:

Our next meeting is tomorrow night, Wednesday, 23rd August, at 7pm in the staffroom. We'd love to see you there.

Touch Rugby

Today forms have gone home to all the students in Y1-8 who have indicated they would like to play touch next term. If your child has not brought home a notice, and you'd like them to play, please send them to the office to collect a form. Forms and money are due on Friday.

WELL DONE TO OUR TEAMS WHO COMPETED IN THE MANAWATŪ MATHEx COMPETITION LAST WEEK



YEAR 6



YEAR 7



YEAR 8 B



YEAR 8 A

COMMUNITY NEWS

Stanway Pony Club

First Rally of Season will be Wed 6th September @ Westwind Equestrian 4.00pm - 6.00pm. All welcome. Please call Jessica (Secretary) on 027 2622181 or email charm132@hotmail.com for more info.



Sunday Sept 10th

**Victoria Esplanade
Palmerston North**

**Enter Online Only
www.ibike4kids.co.nz**

A fun event for kids who love being out on their bikes

Let's fill the board!

The Halcombe Community Trust has raised a significant amount of money to upgrade the community tennis courts to a multi sport facility with lights that can be used by our entire community! However to call it GAME, SET, MATCH we need to fill the final row!

Calling all businesses, families and individuals, get your name on the SUPPORTERS BOARD and be part of the team!

There are four levels of plaques to choose from:

Platinum = \$500

Gold = \$250

Silver = \$100

Bronze = \$50

Email: Halcombecommunitytrust@gmail.com to claim your spot!

