

Halcombe School



Term Three - Week 8

5 September 2023

Kia Ora Tatou!

Has Spring truly Sprung? Let's hope so - the kids need to get out and about and enjoy the playground and field much more than they have been.

This week I wanted to give a shout out to a special group of staff members: our Support Staff!

Our Teacher Aides (or Learning Assistants is a better term), are such a terrific team. Nothing is too hard for them, and they go above and beyond each day. Their main task is to support small groups and individuals in their learning. They do this with a quiet determination, and they work with our teachers so well. Seeing them in action you become aware of the strong relationships they form with their charges. As well as this, they do so many tasks that add value to our school - washing, costumes, resource tidying, organising uniforms - you name it they do it.

Paula Stace in the office is an extreme organiser! She knows everyone, has processes galore, and she has patience in spades, (especially when the latest sore arm, cut toe, lost tooth and headache turns up!) Nothing ever seems too much trouble - even when she cannot speak! We would be lost without her.

Alan Martin keeps the grounds in check, cleaned, tidy, and as well maintained. He cleans the rooms each day and does so with a song on his lips (most days!) He takes a great deal of pride in what he does.

Halcombe School is fortunate to have these people in our children's lives. As a team they are cheerful and go the extra distance. Once a year there is a national Support Staff week, but perhaps we should celebrate these people every week! If you see them around this week, please give them a pat on the back and a 'thank-you'.

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

PETER PAN PRODUCTION UPDATE:

Dates:

Peter Pan rehearsals are in full swing, and the excitement is growing! We have three performances we are holding on:

- Wednesday 20th September: 12pm (matinee)
- Wednesday 20th September, 6pm (evening)
- Thursday 21st September: 6pm (evening)

A reminder that all children are expected to attend all three performances.

Ticket Sales:

Tickets are now on sale from the office, for \$5 a ticket. We are limiting ticket sales to four per family at first (first in first served - general admission), so that everyone has enough time to get organised. If there are any tickets left late next week, we will offer them openly. We invite parents with pre-schoolers to come to the matinee performance free of charge (and at a time where they will feel fresher).

Costumes

Thank you to those who have organised these already, and brought them to school. Keep them rolling in please.

Thank you!

We have received lots of help from lots of different people recently, especially helping us to get our scenery sorted! Thanks to Ben, Chris and Peter for constructing our secondary stage, and Fritha, Claire, Vicky, Cindy and Eris for their incredible scenery painting skills. We can't wait for you to see it.

2024 Planning

We are starting to do initial plans for classes for 2024 already! We start by making sure we know what our current students are doing next year. We try to balance our roll between 190-205, and this enables us to have the staff we have and the many opportunities this brings. We need to know if you are likely to be moving away from Halcombe, and if this might affect your child's attendance at our school. Please either email, or phone the office to let us know now.

Halcombe White vs Halcombe Red

Good luck to some of our Y5-6 netballers, who will be facing each other in the final of the Feilding Saturday Morning Netball competition on Saturday. Go Halcombe!

Senior Technology

Our Y7-8 students have thoroughly enjoyed their Tech classes this year. They have learned so many new skills, and have made some really awesome things. Thank you to our clever teachers who have taught woodwork, cooking, art, sewing and CO2 cars - Gary, Maria, Fritha, Vanessa and Di. The final session for Tech will be on Friday. Be sure to look out for displays of the students' work at Pet Day next term.

Pet Day

Pet Day is Wednesday 18th October. It is a day where we celebrate the rural heritage that has been handed down to us. All students are involved in some way, through our indoor exhibits, and of course, many children bring a pet to school. All the information you need about entries and the entry form is below. Entries close Wednesday 20th September.



Term 4 Registrations Open Now!

Starting Sunday October 8th 2023

Sunday Sessions		
Yrs 1/2	mini	9am - 9:45am
Yrs 3/4	junior	10am - 10:45am
Yrs 5/6	pro	11am - 12:30pm
Yrs 7/8	all star	1pm - 2:30pm

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Look at this great block shot played by Levi at hockey last night - nice Levi!

