

# Halcombe School



Term Four - Week 1

10 October 2023

Kia Ora Tatou!

Welcome back to a busy term of learning, development and progress, and a lot of fun! It was great to see the kids back yesterday, ready to go and enthusiastic for what the term might hold. Looking at the calendar, I am looking forward to seeing the opportunities our pupils are provided with to see them grow and be challenged.

The first big challenge is the Cross Country on Friday, and I am looking forward to seeing our parents and grandparents coming along, cheering and supporting. With the soft ground it will be a great day for everyone! We're expecting the bog to be very boggy! Then we have Pet Day - one of the highlights of the year I think. Again we are very fortunate to have our parents and local farming businesses supporting us by supplying judges and advice. This year we have bigger numbers of calves than for previous years, which is great.

After that we are on to senior class camps to Sixtus Lodge, Napier and Turangi, and our awesome FUN DAY way after that. And amongst it all, we continue to have very focussed and determined learning every day - we never let up and expect the best for our students. I am glad that we really live and breathe our Triple A Values of Attitude, Achievement and Adventure here. Let's have an awesome Term 4 together!

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

## Term 4 Information

- The calendar is filling up fast, so be sure to check out what's happening via our school website.
- No more pie warmer lunches.
- Students need to continue to bring a full, named water bottle every day.
- Hats are compulsory in Term 4. Hats need to have a wide brim, and the drawcords need to be removed. Make sure they are named too please.
- There is a Teacher's Only Day next Friday 20 October. School will be closed. School is also closed the following Monday 23 October for Labour Day.
- The last day of the 2023 school year will be Thursday 14 December. School finishes at 12.30pm.

## Pet Day Organisation - Wednesday 18 October

Pet Day is one of our most well-attended and lovely events, and a time when we celebrate our rural roots. We look forward to having a great day next week. Here's all you need to know (or be reminded of):

- Pet Day Diaries: some pupils like to present a diary, sharing their journey with their beloved pet. Please have diaries to the office by next Monday 16 October. They will be marked by Ministry of Education personnel.
- Children with pets arrive at school no later than 8.45am and must be ready for judging at 9am. They must stay with their pets out on the field. Judging will begin at 9.00am and should be finished by 10.30am.
- All pets must be under control at all times.
- Lamb and calf rings will be next to the hedge.
- Dogs will be in the ring closest to Room 1. They must stay on a leash at all times, and stay with the child.
- The kid goat ring will be next to the dogs.
- All other pets will be on the field at the playground end of the sprint track (note this change in location).
- Children need to be in charge of their pets - not parents.
- Each class will present two indoor exhibits which have been made at school. You will be able to view the exhibits in the hall after 9.30am.
- There will be a sausage sizzle at Pet Day - \$2. Whānau can buy one from 9.30am, but the students will have theirs after morning tea. No pre-ordering, just bring your money on the day.
- The annual Halcombe School Gumboot Throwing Champs will be held on the field during Pet Day too.
- Please ensure you have parked legally, and not on the neighbour's front lawn.
- PET DAY WILL BE HELD RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE.

## Golf @ Hawkestone

A reminder that golf starts tomorrow, Wednesday 11 October. Everyone needs to be at Hawkestone, ready to go, by 3.30pm. Please refer to information (dated 22 August) in KIT Books for more details. If anyone gets a hole in one, it's Mr Schaw's shout.

### Interschool Speech Competition

Good luck to Max, Blake and Lucas who will be representing our school at the interschool speech competition tomorrow night. The topic? 'New Zealand would be more awesome if....' All three of these boys have written excellent speeches, and we wish them all the best.

### Board of Trustees Update:

Our last Board meeting covered the following:

- We have lots of property and equipment projects in the pipeline, with some already on the go which is exciting.
- Everyone is looking forward to the school camps and the health and safety procedures for each have been reviewed and approved by the Board.
- We agreed that the start date next year will be Wednesday 31 January.
- A big thanks from the Board to all involved in the production. It was wonderful to see our kids shine!

### Peter Pan Photos & Video

Thank you to Jonathan Oak (photos) and Craig Jamieson (video) for capturing our production of Peter Pan. We're so lucky to have these records of our show. Links to both the photos and video can be found on our school Facebook page.

### Some Reminders:

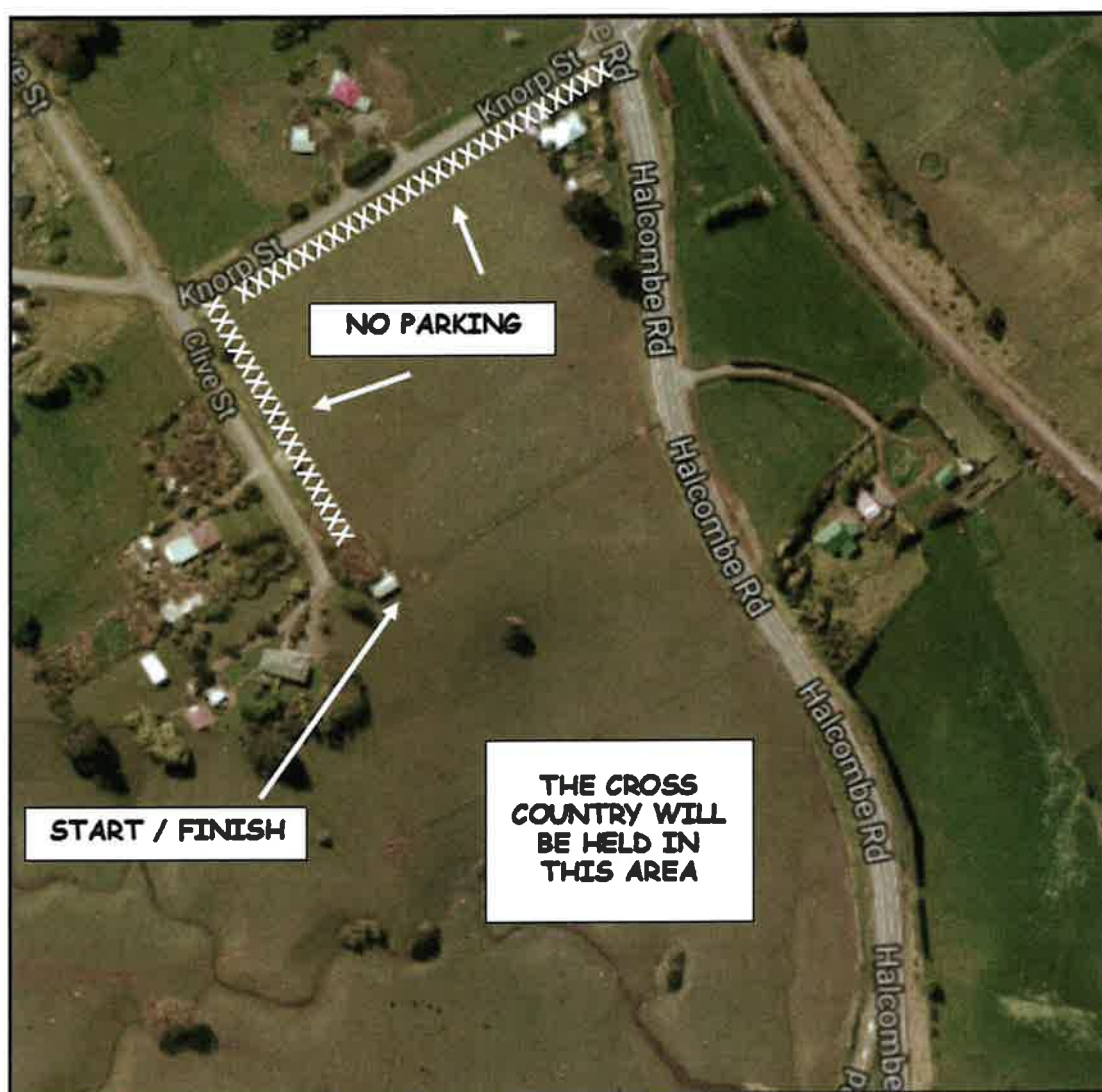
- no nail polish or makeup
- a single plain stud may be worn in each ear
- no other jewellery may be worn, other than a taonga
- long hair must be tied back
- no mullets, rats tails, mohawks, stripes, zig zags etc

And Remember to VOTE this Saturday. Halcombe School Hall is a Voting Booth! Polls open at 9am and close at 7pm!

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO KAURI - INTERHOUSE KI O RAHI CHAMPIONS**







### Cross Country - Friday 13 October 2023

1. The Cross Country will be run in the paddocks indicated - the best cross country track in Aotearoa!
2. Students will walk to the course, leaving school at 12.15pm. They will need to bring warm clothes, footwear, a sunhat and a named waterbottle. Shorts (not long pants) must be worn.
3. There is no practice run at the course this year.
4. Parking will be available at school and on the northern end of Clive Street. **Please do not park on Knorp Street, or on the southern end of Clive Street.**
5. There is a great viewing area for parents near the start/finish line. There will be no seating available. You are welcome to bring your own.
6. The course will probably be muddy, boggy, slippery and there will be some prickles!
7. The students may run in shoes or bare feet - whatever they are most comfortable with. Their shoes will get muddy.
8. Parents will not be able to enter the area where the students are seated.
9. **All students will return to school after the Cross Country.** Parents are welcome to take their children home from there. Just make sure you have told Paula about any changes to bus arrangements.
10. The Top 5 finishers in the Y4-8 races may be selected for the interschool cross country event being held at Hunterville on Friday 27 October.
11. Any cancellation will be made by 11.30am. Please check our website or Facebook page for details.

#### ***Order of races, which start shortly after 12.30pm is as follows:***

- Years 6 & 7: running approx. 2.7km
- Year 8: running approx. 2.7km
- Years 0 & 1: running approx. 900m
- Years 2 & 3: running approx. 1.8km
- Years 4 & 5: running approx. 1.8km