

# Halcombe School



Term Four - Week 2

17 October 2023

Kia Ora Tatou!

Well, the elections have come and gone and now we are in the vacuum of still awaiting the outcome and coalition agreements. Regardless of promises made during the campaign it will all come down to who has the most votes, who is needed more than others and then compromising to bring about what our new leaders think is going to work out best for all. Isn't democracy great? I am really pleased that we live in a country where a smooth transition of power exists and every person's vote counts towards the total. What a wonderful place to be!

The thing that always keeps me positive is the old saying 'the more things change, the more things stay the same'. Whatever the educational priorities are for the new government, we will ensure that the same academic, physical and social standards and opportunities that Halcombe School is known for remain.

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

## **Baby Gilchrist has arrived!**

We celebrate the safe arrival of Charlotte and Tom Gilchrist's new son, Flynn (Charlotte has been the Room 6 teacher this year). Flynn was born on Monday 2 October and both baby and mum are doing great. Dad needs some sleep!



## **Pet Day Organisation - TOMORROW!**

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):

- 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.

## **Book Fair**

Next Tuesday 24 October our Book Fair begins! There will be an amazing range of wonderful books for you to choose from. Books are suitable for all ages and interests. The Fair also includes stationery, and is like a 'Pop Up' book shop. The Fair will be open before school from 8.30-9.00am, lunchtimes and after school from 3.00-3.30pm. EFTPOS will be available. A flyer is being sent home today with everyone.

## **Interschool Speech Competition**

Lucas, Blake and Max represented our school very well at the interschool speech competition last week. All three of these boys wrote and performed excellent speeches. The judges thought so too, with Lucas winning the Y7 competition and Max the Y8 competition. Well done!

## **Touch Rugby**

There was an error in an earlier notice about touch. It definitely starts next THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER. There is a note in KIT Books with more information today.

**Cross Country Results**

Congratulations to all our students who ran in the cross country last week. We're proud of everyone who gave 100% and didn't let those steep hills get the better of them! Awesome work! Thank you to all those who helped us make the day possible. There are some great action photos (thanks Ana!) on our Facebook page. Best wishes to those who have been selected to represent our school at the interschool cross country in Hunterville next week (forms due Friday). House points:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rimu - 30 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Matai - 29 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kauri - 17 points**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Totara - 14 points**

Top Five Finishers:

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 0-1 girls	Rose B	Marley	Rose M	Isla	Natalia
Year 0-1 boys	Richie	Freddie	Gideon	Cooper	Otis
Year 2-3 girls	Matilda	Indi	Georgie	Harmony	Lucy W
Year 2-3 boys	Lincoln	Miller	Luke	Lachie	Caden
Year 4-5 girls	Becky	Anika	Lucy G	Phoebe Link	Phoebe Lint
Year 4-5 boys	Josh	Hunter	Rylan	Gus	Louis
Year 6-7 girls	Maggie	Georgia	Taylor	Lucy C	Astasia
Year 6-7 boys	Harry	Ethan	Brock	Jamie	Osten
Year 8 girls	Paige	Maggie	Layla	Isabelle	Sophie
Year 8 boys	Max C	Carter	Campbell	Ben	Toby

<b>Halcombe School - Cross Country Records</b>			
		<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>BOYS</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>1 lap</b> 900m	<b>5.00</b> Sián Jones 2020	<b>4.39</b> Rylan Kenyon 2020
<b>Year 2-3</b>	<b>2 laps</b> 1.8km	<b>9.35</b> Becky Cudby 2022	<b>8.12</b> Joshua Addenbrooke 2020
<b>Year 4-5</b>	<b>2 laps</b> 1.8km	<b>8.13</b> Maggie Lintott 2021	<b>7.10</b> Joshua Addenbrooke 2023 <b>NEW RECORD</b>
<b>Year 6-7</b>	<b>3 laps</b> 2.7km	<b>11.18</b> Maggie Lintott 2023 <b>NEW RECORD</b>	<b>11.44</b> Sean Dawson 2022
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>3 laps</b> 2.7km	<b>11.04</b> Millie Evans 2021	<b>10.37</b> Jordan Botham 2021

Classes run each Thursday until December 7th

**Halcombe DanceFit**

Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm  
Halcombe Memorial Hall