

Kia Ora Tatou!

Well, Sunday has come and gone, and the world continues to revolve. However, after a loss as big as the Rugby World Cup, I feel it is moving more slowly than normal! Like past losses, our country seems to feel this intensely. This is a good time to be great role models for our kids.

So many of our pupils are involved in sports, cultural and art activities. When things don't go our way we need to show respect and perseverance. We also need to show resilience. At school, anytime things don't go a child's way, we try hard to spend time and coach them through it. This is in line with our school's Triple A Values: Attitude being a big part of it. It is great that all our kids want to do their best and strive to do so, but when the going gets tough, and the result goes against us it is important to guide our children through the tough times.

As parents, it is one of our duties to prepare our kids from a young age to cope, and help them understand an outcome, or why a result wasn't what they wanted. And it's important that we help them move on. If a score doesn't go their way, if they don't get into a class they thought they might, if they have a falling out with their friend - we need to guide them, keep positive and help them get past it. That way we can help all our children to develop these important Triple A values of Attitude, Achievement and keep their sense of Adventure too.

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

Camps Begin!

Room 5 is off to Sixtus Lodge today, heading off on an outdoors adventure. Residential camps are great ways of developing social and physical skills, and allow our kids to shine in different, practical ways. We love running these camps, and they are such an important part of our school. Many thanks to the teachers who embrace the organisation, the responsibility and the running of camps for our kids. We are all grateful. We are always very lucky to have parents take time off their normal week, to help our teachers and students too. Halcombe parents rock!

Firewood Raffle:

We have recently had a generous donation of firewood from the Morresey family. John, a Halcombe local who recently passed away, ran a firewood business, and his family want to give back to the community he loved. We are running a raffle, where there will be three draws. Each winner will receive a 6x4 trailer load of firewood (mix of gum, pine and macrocarpa). Next week, one raffle book per family will be sent home with the newsletter (ten tickets, \$1 each). If you do not wish to sell any tickets, please return the book to school the following day. We have a short turnaround, with sold ticket stubs due back at school by the end of the following week, Friday 17 November. The winning tickets will be drawn on Monday 20 November. We are able to deliver the firewood in the Halcombe-Feilding region. Any money raised will be put towards outdoor learning opportunities. Thank you for your support.

Enrolments and Classes for 2024

As normal, families will be emailed details of 2024 class placements in the week leading up to the beginning of the school year. The classes are likely to be:

- Room 1: New Entrant/Year 1
- Room 2: Year 1 & 2
- Room 3: Year 2 & 3
- Room 4: Year 3 & 4
- Room 5: Year 4 & 5
- Room 6: Year 5 & 6
- Room 7: Year 6 & 7
- Room 8: Year 7 & 8

If you have any comments you wish to make about your child's placement in a class for next year - ***please come in and see Alastair now***, if you haven't done so already. Although I make no promises about placement, I am interested in having your insights.

New Teacher in 2024:

We are pleased to announce, after a big search, that we have appointed Amy Baldacchino to join our staff as a teacher for next year, in Room 6. Amy is currently teaching in Kumeu and is very much looking forward to the move.

Touch Rugby

A reminder that the Year 5-6 students don't have any touch games this week. The draw has come home with everyone else today.

Thank You - Local Foods NZ and ANZCO

We have received some incredibly generous donations ahead of our senior camps. We sure are lucky to have such awesome people around us, who support our school and love to see our kids experiencing lots of awesome opportunities. This food will be feeding around 150 people over the next few weeks. Thank you to Local Foods NZ and ANZCO. Legends!

Local Foods NZ have donated 30 dozen eggs. These will be used for scrambled eggs for breakfast at our camps. Yum!

ANZCO have donated 240 beef patties. These will be used in the world-famous Halcombe School burgers. Yum!



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