

Kia Ora Tatou!

Last week was the first of the four senior camps. Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) is such an important part of our programme of development here at school. It helps all our pupils' overall physical, social progress, and overseas studies have found it helps academically as well. EOTC backs up and builds on our Triple A values greatly too.

EOTC is not just camps of course - it is the myriad of activities that take place here, within school grounds and the Halcombe village, as well as trips away. EOTC has the power to make stronger connections between what is learned in the classroom and the real world - something that needs to be done for older students to see relevance in what they learn.

As teachers we are grateful to our community and parents for their support of EOTC. Without the many parents who offer transport, supervision, cooking and baking and coaching, our EOTC programme would stall. Thanks to all those who are giving so generously so that ALL our kids can benefit. Our parents ROCK!

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

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). Today, 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.

Please note: unless the Room 8 students have younger siblings, their raffle tickets need to be returned this Friday 10 November.

School Clock Returns!

The original Halcombe School was situated on Kimber Street. The school was rebuilt and moved to the present site in 1941. When the old school was demolished the original school clock was bought by the Williams family and it has been in their care for 76 years. This week the Williams' family kindly donated this clock (in great working order) to the school so it could come back home. We are very grateful of this kind gift, and for the care they have given over the years to ensure it ticks away and will 'watch' over the school for a long time to come.

Pictured: Mr Rex Williams places the school clock in its rightful place.



Interschool Cross Country

Our cross country team had a very successful day out at the Interschool Cross Country in Hunterville last week. In what is a very challenging course, our team performed really well, with some of our best results ever. Congratulations to those who achieved Top 10 placings:

- Y4/5 Girls: Becky 7th, Anika 8th
- Y4/5 Boys: Josh 1st, Rylan 7th, Gus 8th
- Y6/7 Girls: Maggie L 1st, Georgia 2nd, Taylor 5th, Lucy 9th
- Y6/7 Boys: Harry 7th, Jamie 9th, Osten 10th
- Y8 Girls: Layla 2nd, Maggie T 5th
- Y8 Boys: Max 2nd, Blake 7th, Carter 8th, Campbell 10th

A massive congratulations to Maggie L for smashing a ten year old record in the Y6/7 girls race. This is a first for Halcombe School. Awesome work Maggie.

Hunterville Cross Country Team:



COMMUNITY NEWS

Halcombe Memorial Hall Exercise Options

We are so fortunate to have a variety of exercise classes available right here in Halcombe. However, we do need your support to ensure these classes are viable. Please come along and 'have a go'. All fun and a good way to meet new local people.

Boot Camp

Monday and Thursday mornings. A great way to keep up your fitness and a healthy way to start the day: 6-6.45 am. \$5 per session. Kids free. Contact Shannon Hemopo for details - 027 3696969.

Excercise based on Yoga principles

Tuesday 6.30-7.15 pm. Relax and go at your own pace. Need to bring a yoga mat. \$25 for 10 week school term or \$5 a session. Contact Barb Davies - 027 246 7749, if you'd like more information. Chris Higgie is the tutor.

DanceFit

Thursday 6.15-7.15 pm. An enjoyable, fun way to exercise. Karli demonstrates the steps, which are then put to music. A great way to exercise both brain and body! Again, relaxed and fun. \$10 per session.