

WOOD RAFFLE - TICKETS DUE FRIDAY

RAFFLE DRAWN NEXT MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER

IF YOU HAVE UNSOLD TICKETS AT HOME AND DON'T INTEND TO SELL THEM, PLEASE RETURN THEM TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE PEOPLE WAITING TO SELL MORE TICKETS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Kia Ora Tatou!

We are nearing the formation of our next government and I expect that there may well be changes in education with a new set of policies being delivered. There may well be some very good things coming our way and wouldn't it be good to see more consistency between schools in supporting learning for all our students across the country? As I have said before, I am very proud of the school we have here, the opportunities afforded to our pupils and the high-quality outcomes that we have achieved together.

The teachers and I are going over our latest achievement data today. I am expecting the end of year results to be very pleasing. We are fortunate in our school to have high quality teachers and programmes, but also parents who are so supportive and students who know how to learn and want to do well. I'll be letting you all know the end-of-year results before the close of school this year.

Maybe the new Minister of Education can come to visit Halcombe School to see the success we have, and how it can be emulated elsewhere! That might be a good start.

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

Reporting to Parents on Progress

Teachers are in the middle of putting together the end of year reports that will go home to all parents on December 8th. These reports have been refined over the years and need to be read in conjunction with all the other ways we let children and parents know how pupils are progressing. We have plenty of assessments to keep a track of your child's progress. As well as the end of year report, please remember that we also report to you in the following ways:

- personal learning support meetings during the year
- sending home exercise books each term - with teacher comments and feedback (these are possibly the MOST useful thing for parents!)
- 3-Way Conferences - where learning goals and progress are shared in detail, including ways to support at home

The end of year reports are designed to be a summary report of where your child is at now. If a grandparent asks, 'Is that it?' in response to the brevity of these EOY reports, just pull out all the other information that you receive as a parent. They should take great comfort in the fact that each child knows more about their learning than they did as a child!

Yummy Stickers

Thank you so much to all those who have been collecting yummy stickers over the past year. Our school has earned \$584 worth of sports gear - amazing! Start collecting stickers and labels from the apple bags again.... now! Send these along to the office whenever you like. Thank you to Paula for managing this for us.

2024 Classes:

A reminder that 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 before final decisions are made.

Golf

A reminder that there is no golf at Hawkestone tomorrow.

Chicken Pox

We are aware that we have some instances of Chicken Pox in our school, in both the junior and senior school. It's just one of those things each generation goes through.

Manawatū Agricultural Club - Group Finals

We had a group of students compete in the Manawatū Agricultural Club group finals on Saturday. Well done to James, Isabelle and Arden who won the cup for Team of 3 Leading Calves. No one from Halcombe School has ever won this cup, so well done! Other Top placings were:

Lamb Leading:

Y1-2 – Campbell 5th

Y7-8 - Taylor 5th

Lamb Care & Attention:

Y1-2 – Campbell 3rd

Y1-2 – Moss 5th

Pet Diary:

Y7 – Jonty 5th



We also had placings in the Lamb and Pet Diary sections this year. Well done to all who competed and to the families who supported their child and animal.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A promotional poster for the 2023 Palmerston North Brick Show. The top half features a large white wind turbine and several green LEGO buildings against a blue sky. The text '2023 Palmerston North Brick Show' is prominently displayed in white on a green background. Below this, it says 'Two days of amazing LEGO® displays and interactive activities'. The bottom section is a dark blue banner with white text: '25th Nov 9am - 5pm', '26th Nov 9am - 4pm', and '\$5 Entry EFTPOS Available'. Below the banner, it says 'Fly Palmy Arena 61 Pascal Street'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'Presented by: WELL LUG', 'Sponsored by: GO Media TOYWORLD', and 'Supporting: PALMERSTON NORTH COUNCIL'. A red banner at the very bottom says 'Get Tickets at www.well-lug.nz/tickets'.

I Tri'd the Tri Series
KIDS TRIATHLON
 For Kids 4-12 Years

Manawatu & TRC Toyota
 Register at www.triclub.co.nz

WIN SPORTS GEAR OF YOUR CHOICE FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Manawatu Triathlon Club wants to reward schools with the best student participation numbers in the upcoming "Manawatu and TRC Toyota I Tri'd the Tri Series 2024" for kids 4-12 yrs. Prizes of sports vouchers will be presented to the winning schools. *Note the winning schools will be determined by taking into account roll size & numbers of students taking part. There will be prizes for different categories of schools.

PRE-ENTER ONLINE BY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024
PAY ONLY \$25



FIVE EVENT DATES

- Mon 12th FEB 2024
- Mon 19th FEB 2024
- Mon 26th FEB 2024
- Mon 5th MAR 2024
- Mon 11th MAR 2024

KIDS TRIATHLON

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<p>COURSE DISTANCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-6 years 300m run / 500m cycle / 1 length swim in teaching pool 7 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 25m swim 8-9 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 50m swim 10-12 years 1.5k run / 3k cycle / 100m swim <p>EVENT LOCATION Skoglund Park and Freyberg Community Pool Palmerston North</p> <p>HOW TO ENTER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the entry & consent form waiver by the 9th February Enter online at triclub.co.nz 2. Register on race day from 4:30pm (First race 5:20pm) <p>We must receive full payment and signed Parent's/Legal Guardian's consent form waiver to complete your registration.</p>	<p>ENTRY FEES Before 9th Feb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual child (all 5 events) \$25 OR - Family of 3 or more (all 5 events) \$75 - Club members Free (only if you pre-register by 9th Feb) <p>ENTRY FEES After 9th Feb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual child \$30 OR - Family of 3 or more \$90 <p>https://www.triclub.co.nz/events/2024-i-trid-the-tri-series https://www.facebook.com/Palmy-I-Tri-d-the-Tri-Series-165002316882588/</p> <p>GOT A QUESTION? To find out more please call Andy or Lenka (021 0349989) or Deb (027 439 3951)</p>
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